

What's New This Week?

Preparatory School

New Hall School, Chelmsford



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Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new term! I hope you enjoyed the Easter break and the extended Bank Holiday weekends. I am sure that you, like me, enjoyed the festivities of the Royal Wedding celebrations and join me in wishing Prince William and Princess Catherine every blessing as they begin their life together as a married couple.

Open Day/Teddy Bears' Picnic

Once again, our Open Day proved to be a great success with around 40 families visiting the Preparatory School. Visitors were extremely impressed by our outstanding facilities and the excellent inspection report we received from ISI recently. Your children were a credit to you and we received many comments about the maturity, manners and behaviour of our pupils, particularly the Year 4 and 5 tour guides. If you have any friends who are interested in their children joining the Preparatory School in Pre-Reception, the next opportunity to look around the school is on Saturday 11 June from 2.00pm-5.00pm at our Teddy Bears' Picnic (please see below for further details). It is recommended that children are registered for Pre-Reception as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as places are filling up fast for the next few academic years.

May Procession

May is the month traditionally associated with Mary the mother of Jesus. We hope that many of you will join us for our May Procession this Wednesday 11 May beginning at 9.00am in the School Hall. Children are invited to bring in a flower to place in the Grotto during the procession.

Year 6 PGL Visit

Today we welcome back Year 6 from their residential activity week with PGL. They have had a fantastic time and we look forward to hearing more about their adventures in next week's newsletter.

Internet Safety

Thank you to all those parents who attended our e-safety workshop on Wednesday evening. It was an extremely informative presentation which helped us to recognise the potential dangers of the internet and gave us valuable tips as to how to deal with them. If you would like a handout from the presentation, please contact the School Office.

With e-safety in mind, could we please remind parents of Year 6 pupils that photographs of children from their visit to PGL this week should not find their way onto any social networking sites such as Facebook and Bebo. Owning an account before the age of 13 is prohibited by these websites themselves, as previously communicated in our newsletter. Parents are politely requested to ensure this is enforced at home.

Pizza Making

Pupils in Year 1 have enjoyed studying their topic of 'World Kitchens' and used the internet to find out about traditional food eaten in different countries around the world. This research has given pupils the opportunity to follow recipes for instruction work in English as well as carry out activities involving data handling and weighing in Mathematics. All in all, it has been a positive cross-curricular learning experience for the children. They have loved making and tasting food from as far afield as China, France, India and most recently, pizzas from Italy!



English Speaking Board (ESB) Examination Results

Congratulations to the Year 5 pupils below who achieved the following in their ESB Examinations:

Cameron Clarke	Distinction
Ellena Collett	Distinction
Megan Cotton	Distinction
Olivia Fenton	Merit Plus (endorsed)
Luke Freestone	Distinction
Thomas Hughes	Distinction
Cameron Meechan	Distinction
Oliver Robins	Merit Plus (endorsed)
Layla Sammour	Distinction
James Thomson	Merit Plus (endorsed)

Charity

Fundraising Walk

On 16 April, my dad and I went on a 6 ½ mile walk in London to raise money for 'Unlock', a charity which supports churches working with unemployed people in less fortunate areas. This year we started at Barbican tube station, walked to Holborn Viaduct, and then answered Question 20 on the walk quiz. We then walked to City Temple church and on to Smithfield for Question 19. The route of the walk passed St Paul's Cathedral, St Magnus the Martyr Church and Southwark Cathedral. There were

hundreds of people on the walk from all over the country and Dad and I raised over £200.00 for 'Unlock'. We were happy to finish as we were quite tired but we both really enjoyed the experience. *By Hannah Greenland (3M).*



Walk for Life

Mrs Rudgley, Mrs Paton-Smith, Mrs Waite & Mrs Wilshire will be taking part in the Walk for Life on 15 May in Chelmsford to fundraise for the Farleigh Hospice. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Senior School Reception.

Class Photographs

Class photographs are taking place on Thursday 12 May 2011. Please ensure that your child is wearing smart school uniform on this day. Pupils from Reception to Year 6 will need to wear their blazers.

Education in Personal Relationships

A reminder that our information evening for Year 5 & 6 parents regarding education in personal relationships, will be taking place on Wednesday 11 May at 7.00pm in the Preparatory School Hall. This is an important part of your child's development and we hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

Music

Instrument Taster Sessions

If your child is interested in learning an orchestral instrument, there will be taster sessions to give them the opportunity to try out various instruments before commencing lessons. Mr Easener will be demonstrating brass instruments i.e. the trumpet, the trombone and the French horn, every Wednesday lunchtime at 12.00noon for the next few weeks. Mrs Roe will be demonstrating woodwind instruments i.e. the flute, the clarinet, the saxophone, the oboe and the bassoon. Please contact Mrs Roe if your child is interested in attending one of these sessions.

If you would like your child to commence lessons in their chosen instrument, request forms can be obtained from Mrs Warren by e-mail to a.warren@newhallschool.co.uk or by contacting the Preparatory School Office.

Golden Book Awards

Congratulations to the following children who were entered into the Golden Book this week:

5F	Willow Gwyn-Williams Zak Ramjane Layla Sammour	5T	Holly Haslam Nicola Jackson Isabella King Edward Lerwill Isobel Moyler
4D	Sarah Coxon Jack Daly Daniel James James Wong	4R	Lara Clark Rebecca Jeffrey Eden Waite Callum Westwood
3H	Freya Adams Molly Brignell Aamish Ibrahim Cameron Searle Georgia Tombs	3M	Isabella Warren Poppy Yates
2H	Lucy Bateman Oliver Clayden Lilianne McCorry Joshua Notley	2P	Jake Bain Rosie Bullen Georgina Gundle Oliver Warn
2R	Jake Adams Madison Knight Ellen Thompson India Gwyn-Williams	1G	Alexandra Gibbon Arthur Owens Sacha Oxlade-Creswell Eva Ramage
1M	Roseanna Clements Tor-William Fisher Isabelle Harrison Tyler Tombs	RG	Connor Brown Isabella Chapman Lily Ulyatt Niamh Westwood
RU	Kyan Bailey Elisabeth Dalby Anna Dunk Ina Vaeremans	PR	William Maze John McBurney Genevieve Rogers Hamza Saeed

Sport

Swimming

Swimathon 2011

William Banks (4R) completed the 2011 Swimathon during the Easter Holidays. He completed the 5000m swim in 2 hours and 45 seconds. William has raised £813.00 for Marie Curie Cancer Care and he would like to thank all the parents who have sponsored him.

Triathlon

The New Hall Junior Triathlon will be taking place on Sunday 19 June. This is a fantastic event and there are still spaces left for those who wish to compete, so please encourage your children, and visit www.entrycentral.com to complete an application form.

Sailing

Well done to Benjamin Hutton-Penman (3M), Ella Phelps (4R) and Lucy Greenwood (6S) who took part in the annual Corinthian Otters Easter Egg Regatta over the Bank Holiday weekend.



Tennis

The annual New Hall Preparatory School Year 5 and 6 tennis tournament was held last Saturday. A fun afternoon was had by all and excellent tennis was played throughout. There were some keenly contested matches in the group stages, and, as the tournament reached the knockout stage, Gregory Oxlade and Jonathan Barber reached the finals. Despite both players demonstrating superb tennis skills, Gregory Oxlade won the title.

Years 3 & 4 Tennis Competition

Please note that the competition due to take place on Saturday 7 May 2011 has been rescheduled for Saturday 14 May 2011.

Kids Inspire Stall

Kids Inspire has asked us to publicise their market stall in the Chelmsford covered market which will help the charity to fundraise. Volunteers are needed to help on the stall, for a couple of hours on a Thursday. Donations of good quality bric a brac would also be gratefully received. If you would like to help, please contact Maryon or Nicola on 01245 265 511 ext. 234.

Appeal for Teddy Bears!

We will shortly be hosting an event for those considering entry into New Hall Preparatory School and are in need of some teddy bears! If you have any teddy bears which are no longer needed or used, they would be most gratefully received by the Preparatory School Office or the Senior School Reception.

Notices

Clubs

Year 4 ESB Club

Please note that the Year 4 ESB Club will start on Thursday 12 May 2011.

Junior Choir & Year 5 and 6 Choir

Please may we remind parents that it is essential for children to attend all choir rehearsals if we are to maintain the high standards for which we have a reputation.

Treble Recorder Club

A treble recorder club for beginners will be starting on Tuesday 10 May at 12.30pm. Please see Mrs Roe if your child would like to learn the treble recorder with Mrs Greenwood.

Year 4 Recorder Ensemble Group

A reminder that the Year 4 Recorder Ensemble Group meets every Monday at 8.00am.

Sainsburys' Active Kids and Tesco For Schools Vouchers 2011

Once again, we will be collecting the Sainsburys' Active Kids and Tesco's For Schools vouchers. The collection boxes are located in the Preparatory School Reception area.

Lost Property

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Liberty Bates (3H) - named school blazer
- Isobel Moyler (5T) - named cardigan
- Sian Redmond (5F) - named blazer & tracksuit

Could all parents please check names on uniform items. If any of these items are found, please hand in to the School Office.

Menu

Please be advised that next week we will be operating 'Week 2'.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Conrad

Mrs S H Conrad

HEADTEACHER

What's New This Week? is issued every Friday during the school term. If you have any news which you would like published in an edition of *What's New This Week?*, please email c.tayler@newhallschool.co.uk.

Prayer Corner

We pray for Prince William and Princess Catherine and all those who have married recently; the God may bless them as they begin the next stage of their journey as a married couple together.

In this month of May, we ask Mary to pray for any worries or concerns that we may have at this time.



BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 23 Solution

Bottleneck

Put a coin in a bottle and then stop the opening with a cork. How can you get the coin out of the bottle without pulling the cork out or breaking the bottle?

Push the cork into the bottle and release the coin!

Congratulations to Lucy Greenwood (6S) who answered correctly.

And the next challenge:

Coast to coast (lateral thinking)

Train A and Train B are crossing the United States from coast to coast, over 3000 miles of railroad track. Train A is going from East to West at 80 miles per hour and train B is going from West to East at 90 miles per hour. Which train will be closer to the west coast when they meet?

(Hint: you don't have to do any Maths to get the answer. Just use your head!)

Answers on a piece of paper (with your name and class teacher) to Mr Shah in the Science Lab. Parents please refrain from participating! First pupil to submit the correct answer wins a prize.

Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Mon 9 May	9.00am-1.00pm	Year 1 Medicals
	3.30-6.15pm	U11 Boys' & Girls' Tennis v Felsted Preparatory School (Away)
Wed 11 May	9.00am-1.00pm	Year 1 Medicals
	9.00-9.40am	Preparatory School May Procession
Thur 12 May	All Day	Preparatory School Class Photographs
	10.00-11.00am	Year 3 Fire Safety Talk
	3.30-5.30pm	U9 Boys' Cricket v St Margaret's Preparatory School (Home)
	3.30-5.00pm	U9 Girls' Rounders v St Margaret's Preparatory School (Home)
Fri 13 May	9.00am-1.00pm	Year 1 Medicals
	3.30-5.30pm	U11 Boys' Cricket v St Cedd's Preparatory School (Home)
	3.00-5.30pm	U8/U9 Running at Melbourne Park
	3.00-4.00pm	U11 Girls' Rounders v St Cedd's Preparatory School (Home)
Mon 16 May	9.00-3.00pm	Year 5 Egyptian Day
	9.00 - 1.00pm	Year 1 Medicals
	3.30-5.00pm	U9 Boys' & Girls' Tennis v Holmwood House (Home)
Tues 17 May	9.00-3.00pm	Year 3 Ancient Greek Day
Wed 18 May	9.00-10.00am	Parents' Forum
	4.00-5.00pm	Reception Introductory Meeting (Intake 2011)
Thur 19 May	All Day	2011 IAPS Inter-School Sailing Regatta
Fri 20 May	2.45-5.30pm	U11 Boys' & Girls' Tennis v Brentwood Preparatory School (Away)

Join us for a

Teddy Bears' Picnic

at New Hall School, Chelmsford
on Saturday 11 June 2011
from 2.00pm-5.00pm

for families considering entry to Pre-Reception from 2012

Activities include:
 Music & Storytelling
 Meet Beaulieu Bear
 & your local Policeman
 Soft Play Area
 and much much more ...

Bring a picnic and your favourite Teddy!

For more information contact Mrs Gill O'Riley on 01245 467 588 or
g.oriley@newhallschool.co.uk or sign up online at
www.newhallschool.co.uk

New Hall School, The Avenue, Boreham, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 3HS



Singing the Mass

Music for the New Order

Saturday 11 June 2011
at New Hall School
10.00am -12.00 noon

With Director of Music,
Andrew Fardell

An opportunity to try out the music
that is set for the new liturgy

Open to anyone in parishes and
schools that has an interest in
music and liturgy

Entry is free. Contact Mrs G Phillips on
g.phillips@newhallschool.co.uk, 01245 467 588
or New Hall School, The Avenue, Boreham,
Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 3HS

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PARENTS' ROUNDERS MATCH

1 July 2011, 4.00pm, New Hall School



If you would like to play contact Kevin Searle on
k.searle@newhallschool.co.uk

*This event will be after sports day so timing is approximate.
Any standard is welcome. This is a fun event!*

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Key Stage One Vs Key Stage Two

PARENTS' CRICKET MATCH

1 July 2011, 4.00pm, New Hall School



If you would like to play contact Kevin Searle on
k.searle@newhallschool.co.uk

*This event will be after sports day so timing is approximate.
We will play for a couple of hours - any standard is welcome.
This is a fun event!*

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Sunday 19 June 2011

First wave starts at 9.30am - Timing chips will be used

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For more information contact Wendy Staines on 01245 236100 or visit

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