

# What's New This Week?

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Dear Parents

First of all I would like to wish you all a very happy Foundation Day! Today's celebrations began with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Father Frank during which we thanked God for New Hall and all the many gifts and blessings we have at school. This was then followed by an exciting show and workshop for each year group led by the percussion group 'Shake, Rattle and Roll'.



## ISI Inspection

Commencing next week, the ISI will be undertaking an independent inspection of New Hall School. As you will know from the letter sent home on Tuesday, all parents and pupils have the opportunity to respond to a questionnaire, for which the deadline is Sunday 10 October. If you have not received information about this, please contact Reception over the weekend who will be able to forward you the link. We would encourage as many of you as possible to complete the form.

## National Book Week

Book Week has seen a fantastic focus on reading with the pupils visiting our well-stocked library with their sets, classes or individually at lunch times. Boxes of Roald Dahl books have added to the resources in the Learning Development Department, Year 3,4 and 5 and it is good to see the famous storyteller inspiring so many of our young readers.

Classes have enjoyed the books of a special author or genre ranging from Nick Butterworth and Fairy Tales to Michael Morpurgo and Michelle Magorian.

Poetry featured in our Harvest Festivals on Tuesday and especially on National Poetry Day - the corridors echoed with pupils reciting and sharing poetry together. One Y5 pupil said, "We brought in our own poetry books and anthologies and had a really great time reading lots of interesting poems together!"

We very much hope that this week's focus on literacy will continue to inspire our young readers and writers throughout the year as they enjoy a rich diet of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

Thank you to all our parents for their continued support hearing their children read at home and sharing books together.

## Harvest Festival

This week, two Harvest Festivals took place in the Preparatory School. Foundation and Key Stage 1 delighted us with beautifully read poems, wonderful singing and some marvellous dancing from the children in Reception. Meanwhile Key Stage 2 also shared with us their many talents which included thoughtful Harvest songs reminding us that we should always be thankful for the food we have, and comical poems with a Harvest theme. We were proud to sing 'Fields of Harvest' which was composed and arranged by Lucy Greenwood in Year 6. Thank you to all those who donated so generously to the Harvest food appeal and towards the travel costs of the boxes; in total we raised a fantastic £207.00. Also, thank you to Mrs Roe, Mrs Romhany, Miss Hunter and Miss Harkes for all their help in organising these events.

## National Schools' Fire Safety Week

### Essex Fire Department Visit

On Wednesday, we were delighted to have a visit from the Essex Fire Department to help us celebrate Fire Safety Week. We learnt some important facts about keeping safe if we are faced with a fire at home. We discussed the importance of having a fire plan at home and encourage you to talk to your children about what they should do in the event of a fire at home. We were also given the opportunity to look at a fire truck and ask questions.

### Coin Trail

Well done to the School Council whose first fundraiser raised £198.00 for The Fire Fighters Charity. They would

like to thank all the children who brought along a gold coin to contribute to the coin trail which they used to create their fire truck. Lauren Underwood (6S) and James Fraser (6S) presented the fire truck to the Essex Fire Department.



### Parents' Evening

#### Monday 11 and Wednesday 13 October 2010

A reminder that there will be no clubs after school on Monday 11 and Wednesday 13 October due to Parents' Evening taking place, although, peripatetic music, dance (on Monday only), golf and tennis lessons will still take place. Foundation and Key Stage 1 pupils will have their normal After School Care in Pre-Reception and Beaulieu but please be aware that it does become very busy on these occasions.

Key Stage 2 pupils can be collected from 3.30pm. After 3.30pm, all remaining KS2 pupils will be supervised in the Eaton Theatre in the Senior School until 6.00pm. Please collect your child **directly from the Eaton Theatre** between 3.45pm and 6.00pm.

Please ensure that your child has been collected by 6.00pm.

### Theatre Company Visit



On Friday 1 October, Year 6 and Year 7 pupils were invited to the Eaton Theatre to watch the Flying Theatre Company perform the play 'Les Trois Mousquetaires', a comic adventure of 'The Three Musketeers'. The performance was excellent and although it was all in French it was easy to understand. The performance included circus tricks, balancing acts, juggling, miming and illusions. One of the illusions involved one of the Three Musketeers putting

their head into a box which swords were pushed through. The whole audience was included in the show by shouting their motto: 'Un pour tous et tous pour un!' There was also a song and dance routine which got everyone singing along. At the end, we were all on our feet because it was so fantastic!

*By Holly May (6A)*

### 6S Class Assembly

As part of the Year 6's topic 'Is it right to fight?', 6S presented their class assembly about World War 2 and how times are very different now from when their grandparents grew up. We watched some scenes from London during the Blitz and enjoyed viewing the wonderful artwork 6S had created of the London skyline during the Blitz. We also learnt that technology and lifestyles are changing so much that many of the jobs for us, when we grow up, have not even been created yet. They taught us about effective learning skills such as persistence, cooperation, striving for accuracy and being independent. They pupils sang a beautiful song 'When I grow up' and reminded us that we can do whatever we want as long as we have passion, we are courageous and we are true to ourselves. Thank you to Mrs Smith and the children for their hard work and to the parents who came along to support them.



### Pupil School Development Plan

At the beginning of this term, Mrs Conrad visited every class from Year 1-Year 6 and discussed with the pupils the strengths and areas of development for our school. She collated their thoughts with those identified by staff and governors and this has resulted in the creation of a Pupil School Development Plan which will be sent home with every pupil today. We hope you will find this an informative and useful document that will strengthen our home/school partnership and enable us all to work together to make the Preparatory School the very best that it can be.

### Teacher of the Year 2010

Nominate one of your teachers for the Teacher of the Year Award for the chance to win £1,000 worth of classroom furniture for the school. The winning teacher will also win a pampering session plus dinner including accommodation at Prested Hall in Colchester. If you would like to nominate your teacher you should write to the Essex Chronicle Newspaper saying in less than 50 words why you think your teacher deserves to win. You must include the teacher's name and the name of the school as well as

your name, address, and telephone number. Nominations are to be sent to: Teacher of the Year nominations, Essex Chronicle, Westway, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 3BE or by email to maria.jane@essnmedia.co.uk. Entries must be submitted by Friday 29 October.

### Golden Book Awards

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

6A	Emily Brignell Charlotte Brooke-Walder	6S	Cerys Dunmow Rhiannon Hollis Harry Phelps
5F	Abby Beaumont. Aleisha Moore Sian Redmond	5T	Chloe Elsom Laura Hedges Katriya Levine Finlay Ramjane
4D	Jadon Barnes Ethan Doyle Daniel James Eloise Winsor	4R	Luke Harding Aaron Stone Mikhaela Twimasi Eden Waite
3H	Amelia August Ciaran Chambers Emily Conrad	3M	Ben Hutton-Penman Charlotte Ray Daisy Theakston Isabella Warren
2H	Nicole Barnes Oliver Clayden Akshadha Nikam Niamh Wright	2P	Jake Bain Emma Barrett Annabel Napper Alexia Panayiotou
2R	Daisie Elsom Erin Heffernan Jacob Pullum Apollo Wilkins	1G	Alexandra Gibbon Felicity Jeffrey Oliver King Arthur Owens
1M	Tyler Tombs Tor-William Fisher	RG	Isabella Basile Toby Brown Madeleine Jeffrey Harry Turnbull
RU	Kyan Bailey Isobel Haresnape Benjamin Okakah Christopher Stewart	PR	Theodore Coker James Coxon Thomas Harrison Hamza Saeed

### Extra-curricular clubs

#### Gymnastics

Please note that gymnastic club on Monday 11 October at 8.00am, will be in PE 2 in the Senior School and not in the sports hall.

### Sport

#### Parking Notice

All parents must park on the matting area behind Preparatory School when they come to watch any fixture.

### Football

#### U11 A v Elm Green School

The team started well and were ahead at half time 1-0. Into the second half as New Hall tried to pass the ball around, the driving wind and rain made it difficult to control the ball. Elm Green increased their pressure and played forward several long probing balls towards the goal. The New Hall defence were unprepared for this and conceded 3 goals. In spite of the loss, Mr Searle was pleased with the cohesion of the team and willingness to create openings.

#### U11 B v Elm Green School

Strong Elm Green players forced the New Hall defenders to work hard. It was the movement of the players without the ball that caused the most problems, as they ran into spaces between the defenders. Charles Young and Scott Taylor made some excellent saves as the Elm Green strikers had some good shots on goal. Unfortunately, on 3 occasions the New Hall defenders deflected a ball being crossed into their own goal. There were some positive moves forwards as Tom Durkan and Zak Ramjane linked up passes to provide the New Hall boys with a consolation goal.

### Rugby

Please note that there are U11 Rugby fixtures on Sunday 14 and 21 November. One will be held at Old Buckenham Hall School and the other at Brentwood School. There have been some clashes with football club fixtures, this is therefore an advanced warning so that parents are able to diarise.

#### U9 v Widford Lodge School

The game was a keenly contested affair with lots of good tackles by both teams. New Hall conceded the first 2 tries when the Widford Lodge scrum half picked the ball up and darted into the space on the 'blind-side' to score. As the game progressed, New Hall showed excellent structure, with Toby Warren ensuring the back line were well lined up in anticipation of receiving the ball. Ralph Carroll was unlucky not to score just before the break as he tackled into touch inches from the line. Into the second half the intensity increased by New Hall, with players making sure they were driving the Widford Lodge team backwards. Aidan Turner-Wallace and Aaron Stone made a crunching double hit tackle in the corner to prevent the Widford Lodge scrum half adding to his total. Sam Jones and John Barber made more good runs and were rewarded by scoring 2 good tries. Aaron Stone also scored a great team try as the ball was passed along the back line. New Hall finished the game in the ascendancy and will be keen to continue this progress in the next fixture.

### Riding

#### Riding Meeting & Social

Last Monday evening, New Hall held their annual riding meeting and social. This was a great opportunity for riders within the school to meet and to become familiar with other team members and riders. Speeches were given by Michael Paveley, the Director of Riding and by Annabel Schwier the Riding Captain. New members of the team were introduced and information was given about upcoming events. New Hall's NSEA Inter-School Dressage

Competition takes place at Towerland Park this weekend. We wish the riders every success.

### Events

#### 5F Class Assembly

Parents of children in 5F are warmly invited to attend a class assembly on Thursday 11 November at 8.50am in the Preparatory School Hall. Tea and coffee will be served in Beaulieu from 8.30am.

#### Christmas Fayre

The NHPA are looking for volunteers to help organise and run a Christmas Fayre in the Preparatory School. Please contact Annette Cotton on 07766 696 929 if you have any free time to donate to this wonderful event for the children. Unfortunately, the Fayre will be unable to take place unless Annette has a "dedicated workforce" behind her.

### Policy Update

Please note that the following policies have recently been updated and are now available on the website, along with the Child Protection Policy:

- Behaviour Policy
- Senior School Code of Conduct
- Preparatory School Code of Conduct
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Anti-Cyberbullying Policy

### Lost Property

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Hannah Bellamy (4R) named blazer with bronze music medal
- Dominic Bellamy - named navy tracksuit bottoms
- Joshua Notley (2H) - named blazer & hat
- Zak Ramjane (5F) - tracksuit top
- Daniel James (4D) - named P.E bag & kit

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

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.

## BRAIN CHALLENGE

### Brain Challenge Number 4 Solution

Anagram Arrangements

AER- How many different arrangements of the three letters are there? How many are real words? *6 ways and 3 real words (are, ear and era).*

OPST- How many different arrangements of the four letters can be found? How many of them are real words? *24 ways and 6 real words (opts, post, pots, stop, spot, tops)*

Well done to Lucy Greenwood (6S) for the first correct answer. Well done also to James McBurney (2R), Molly Reynolds (3H), Annabelle Harle (4D) and Angus Jones (3M) who nearly achieved full marks.

### And the next challenge:

Glancing at the reflection of grandfather's clock in the mirror, John went out when he thought it was half past ten and returned when he thought it was a quarter to nine the same day.

How many MINUTES was he really out for?

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
Sun 10 Oct	9.30am	U11 Rugby Colts Festival
Mon 11 Oct	4.30pm - 7.30pm	Parents' Evening
Tue 12 Oct	3.00pm	U11 Netball (Home)
Wed 13 Oct	2.30pm - 4.30pm	U11 & U10 Rugby v Old Buckenham Hall School (Away)
	4.30pm - 7.30pm	Parents' Evening
Thu 14 Oct	3.00pm	Years 4, 5, & 6 Cross Country- (Away at Chelmer Park)
Fri 15 Oct	2.00pm - 3.00pm	U11 & U10 Girls Hockey v Chigwell (Home)
	4.00pm - 5.30pm	U11 & U10 Rugby v Bishop's Stortford School (Away)
Mon 18 Oct	3.30pm	U11 A & B Hockey (Home)
Thu 11 Nov	8.50am	5F Class Assembly

### Prayer Corner

This week we pray for:

*Mrs Morris' father, Gaetano Ferrigano, who sadly passed away this week - may he rest in peace.*

Father God, we are very sad when someone we love dies. Help us to know that they are happy with you and waiting to welcome us.

Amen

*We pray for everyone in our school family as we prepare for next week's inspection:*

God, you know we can only do our best.

God, you know we can only give our all.

God, you know how hard we are working.

God, we know that you will help and guide us.

Amen