

# What's New This Week?

Preparatory School

New Hall School, Chelmsford



Founded, 1642

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents

Issue No 172  
Friday 8 April 2011

## Final Assembly

This morning, we held our final assembly of the term during which we celebrated the various sporting, musical and academic successes of our pupils. The Speakman Cup was awarded to Maiia Tolia-Shah for her outstanding contribution to the life of the school.; pupils sang a number of songs from their Easter concerts and we were delighted that Mrs Bettell-Higgins was able to join us so that we could thank her for all that she has done for the school over the last two and a half years - we wish her all the best for the future.

Our assembly ended with some reflections on the Stations of the Cross, following the final moments in Jesus' life, so that we could all remember the real meaning of Easter. Father Patrick Shanahan, a visiting priest, then gave everyone a special Easter blessing.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone in our school community a very joyful Easter. May God bless you all during the coming holy days when the Church celebrates the mystery of the dying and rising of Jesus our Saviour.



## Staff Announcement

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Hedditch-Grey, our Pre-Reception Manager, who will sadly be leaving us due to personal circumstances. Mrs White will be Acting Pre-Reception Manager until a replacement is found.

We keep in our prayers Miss Ullmer, whose father died unexpectedly at the beginning of the week.

## Time for Tea?



Inspired by their chalk pastel drawings from earlier in the term, Year 5 pupils worked on sketches to design their own teapots. Following a lively demonstration from Jackie Kilpin, our visiting artist, they have spent the last few weeks creating imaginative teapots out of clay. Fashioning shapes from fruits to cupcakes, many challenges have been faced learning how to add patterns, detail in relief or moulding a spout and handle that will actually stay on the pot! Painted in carefully chosen and mixed hues, and all glazed over, teapots are ready to take home just in time for Easter.



*One of the many beautiful tea pots made by Year 5 pupils*

To complete their focus on Fairtrade within the Creative Curriculum studies this term, Year 5 pupils rolled up their sleeves to hone their DT skills making shortbread cookies using as many Fairtrade products as possible. Preceded by writing instructions in their English lesson, they ensured that all the correct utensils and ingredients were correctly assembled, with instructions in good chronological order for them to follow their mouth-watering recipes as they

worked together in Beaulieu. Many thanks to: Mr Fannon for purchasing the ingredients and selecting some extra special toppings and flavours! Mrs Reynolds for all the aprons, bowls and baking trays; Mrs Evans for her amazing 'Ready-Steady-Cook' demonstration and to Mrs Morris for her patient help weighing out ingredients with us, and helping at the sink!...and to all the kitchen staff for allowing us to use Beaulieu and for popping the cookies in the oven, so that they could bake in time for the children to take home for tea.



#### Year 4 Trip to the Science Museum

On Tuesday, Year 4 classes visited the Science Museum, to consolidate their knowledge of Space. Their first experience was a ride on the simulator, which, in the children's words, gave them "the ultimate experience of landing on the Moon". Moving seats enabled pupils to imagine the bumpy surface of the Moon and they landed back on Earth with a splash, as they were sprayed with water! The children were able to roam around the Space area, looking at actual artefacts and rockets that have been used in journeys to Outer Space. They also made good use of interactive games in order to launch satellites and visit other planets. The 3D film at the I-Max cinema was, quite literally, out of this world! Pupils watched as astronauts repaired the Hubble telescope and they were also able to observe new stars being born.



#### Freshwater Theatre Company visit Year 6

To conclude their topic on Rivers, Year 6 took part in various drama activities led by a member of the Freshwater Theatre Company. During the morning, they created a

'human water cycle', took an imaginative journey down the River Thames and debated the importance of clean water. The children really enjoyed this very creative and thought-provoking workshop which helped to reinforce the work they had covered in class.



#### Music

##### ABRSM Examination Results

Congratulations to the pupils who achieved the following in their ABRSM Music Examinations:

##### Alto Sax

Abby Fowler	Grade 1	Merit
-------------	---------	-------

##### Cello

Grace Key	Grade 2	Pass
Toby Warren	Grade 1	Pass

##### Clarinet

Imogen Coker	Grade 2	Pass
--------------	---------	------

##### Guitar

Nicola Jackson	Grade 1	Merit
----------------	---------	-------

##### Piano

John Barber	Grade 1	Pass
Yan Tung Chan	Grade 1	Distinction
Imogen Coker	Grade 2	Pass
Emily Conrad	Prep Test	Pass
Rhiannon Hollis	Prep Test	Pass
Thomas Hughes	Prep Test	Pass
Holly May	Grade 2	Pass
Molly Reynolds	Prep Test	Pass

##### Singing

Sian Redmond	Grade 1	Pass
Mikhaela Twimasi	Prep Test	Pass

##### Violin

Emily Brignell	Grade 3	Pass
Rebecca Jeffrey	Grade 1	Pass
Sophia Turnbull	Grade 1	Pass

##### Theory

Lucy Greenwood	Grade 4	Distinction
----------------	---------	-------------

## Golden Book Awards

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

6A	Daisy Clover Grace Key Charles Mabbutt Scott Taylor	6S	Daisy Adams Imogen Coker James Fraser Lucy Greenwood
5F	Joseph August Ellena Collett Megan Cotton Benjamin Notley Charles Young	5T	Tom Durkan Ella Gaskin Cameron Lee Ellie Macarthur
4D	Katherine Barber Darcy Courtney-Cook Mia Ramage Aidan Sherlock	4R	Aaron Stone Charlotte Underwood
3H	Amelia August Joseph Murphy Georgia Tombs	3M	Sophie Carter Maximus Lawes Ellie Law Darcie Macarthur Amber Whitehorne
2H	Eloise Barber Brenna Doyle Ana Cristina Mead Niamh Wright	2P	Ravit Dewan Sophie Hughes Oliver Warn
2R	Maddi Bullen Maisie Cussen Erin Heffernan Sylvie Smith	1G	Zak Dennison Alexandra Gibbon Isabelle Maze Anna-Maria Romero Poppy Theakston
1M	Harry Harle Evie Fisher-Cook Zarah Okakah	RG	Toby Brown Madeleine Jeffrey Finlay Meyer-Melville Anish Nikam
RU	Benjamin Okakah Isabella Sidwell Ina Vaeremans	PR	Elisha Burns Isabella Corney Thomas Harrison Harry McLaren Oluwatosin Jonathan Osaba

## Sport

### Sailing

We are delighted to announce that New Hall is now a member of the National School Sailing Association (NSSA).

### Tennis

The Preparatory School Saturday Tennis Classes commence on Saturday 30 April. There are still spaces left in the

following New Hall Saturday Tennis Classes for the Trinity Term:

Pre-Reception 9.15-10.00am  
Reception 10.00-10.45am  
Years 1 and 2 10.45-11.00am  
Years 3 and 4 11.30am-12.15pm

If you would like to reserve a place, please e-mail Mr Bennett - a.bennett@newhallschool.co.uk.

## Travel Information

### School Coaches and Minibus Services on Open Day

This is a reminder that school coaches and minibus services will operate on Open Day, Monday 2 May 2011 at the normal morning times but with an early departure from school in the afternoon at 4.30pm.

## Forthcoming Events

### A Day with Chris Walker

New Hall is delighted to be hosting a day with internationally renowned composer, Chris Walker, on Saturday 30 April. The event, which is organised by the Diocese of Brentwood, is open to anyone who enjoys singing, parish music leaders, instrumentalists and catechists. The day will be an opportunity to learn new works by Chris Walker and all are welcome to attend. A booking form is available for download from the New Hall website. The cost is £10 for adults and free of charge to New Hall students.

### Sports Day

A Cricket Match and a Rounders Match will be taking place after Sports Day (Friday 1 July). Both games are open to mums and dads. If you would like to take part, please e-mail Kevin Searle on k.searle@newhallschool.co.uk.

## Notices

### Clubs

#### Year 4 ESB Club

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

### 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:

- Conall Hornett (5F) - named school coat
- Nicola Jackson (5T) - named hockey stick & gum shield in a bag
- Isobel Moyler (5T) - black patent shoes (size 4)

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 the first week back we will be operating 'Week 1'.

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](mailto:c.tayler@newhallschool.co.uk).

### *Prayer Corner*

#### *This week we pray for:*

Mr Barber, grandfather of Eloise & Callum, who is very ill at this time

Miss Ullmer and her family as they mourn the loss of her father

*Heavenly Father,  
Jesus your Son dies upon the cross to make up for  
the bad things people have done.  
Help us to praise him and thank him for ever and  
ever.*



## **BRAIN CHALLENGE**

### **Brain Challenge Number 22 Solution**

The Masters family are moving to a new house. They have a dog, a cat and a mouse. They can't leave the dog alone with the cat because the dog chases the cat if no one is watching. They can't leave the cat and the mouse together because...well you know what would happen if they did!

How can the Masters family get all three pets to their new house? Let's assume that they have only one car or van and they can only transport one pet at a time.

*They take the cat to the new house, leaving the dog and mouse in the old house. They return to the old house and take the mouse to the new house. They take the cat back to the old house, leave it there and take the dog to the new house. Then they return to the old house for the cat.*

Congratulations to the following pupils who answered correctly: James McBurney (2R), Zoe Dunmow (4R) and Lucy Greenwood (6S).

### **And the next challenge:**

#### **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?

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**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
Wed 27 Apr		Term begins
Thu 28 Apr	3.30-6.30pm	U9 Boys Cricket v Brentwood Preparatory School (Away)
Fri 29 Apr		Royal Wedding Bank Holiday
Sat 30 Apr	2.00-5.00pm	Years 5 & 6 Boys and Girls Tennis Competition
Mon 2 May	8.40-3.25pm	Open Day
Mon 2 – Fri 6 May		Year 6 Trip to PGL Liddington
Wed 4 May	4.30-5.30pm	e-safety Talk to Preparatory School Parents
Thu 5 May	2.15-4.15pm	U9 Girls Rounders v Widford Lodge School (Away)
	2.15-5.30pm	U9 Boys Cricket v Widford Lodge School (Away)
Fri 6 May	2.45-4.45pm	U10 Boys Cricket v Widford Lodge School (Home)
	2.45-6.00pm	U9 Boys & Girls Tennis v Brentwood Preparatory School (Away)
Sat 7 May	2.00-5.00pm	Years 3-4 Tennis Competition (Home)
Mon 9 May	3.30-6.15pm	U11 Boys & Girls Tennis v Felsted Preparatory School (Away)
Wed 11 May	9.00-10.00am	Preparatory School May Procession



# 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

[www.newhallschool.co.uk](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk)

Founded 1642



New Hall School

# Own a Pony Day

at Runningwell Equestrian Centre



**Monday 11 April from 9.30am-3.30pm**

Spend the day at Runningwell Equestrian Centre,  
where you will be given your own  
pony for the day.

The day will be packed with fun  
activities where you will learn  
how to care for your pony and  
includes a riding lesson.

Open to New Hall students  
and those joining us in Year 7,  
September 2011.

The day fee of £50.00 includes all  
activities. All levels catered for.

Please bring a packed lunch.  
Alternatively, food may be purchased  
from the cafe.



For more details please contact Runningwell Equestrian Centre  
on 01268 711 221 or [info@runningwell.co.uk](mailto:info@runningwell.co.uk).

Runningwell Equestrian Centre, Warren Road, Rettenlon Common, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 8DG

[www.newhallschool.co.uk](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk)



**DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD**

*The Departments for Liturgical Music & Adult Religious Education*

A day with

## CHRISTOPHER WALKER

SATURDAY 30 APRIL 2011

10.00AM - 4.00PM

AT NEW HALL SCHOOL, CHELMSFORD

**FOR PARISH MUSICIANS, CATECHISTS,  
SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS.**

EXPLORE NEW RESOURCES & MUSIC  
WITH A FOCUS ON THE NEW  
MASS TEXTS.

COST £10 PER PERSON

FOR BOOKING & FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

01277 265 255 OR 01277 265 288

[arefm@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:arefm@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or [music@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:music@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

BOOKING ESSENTIAL FOR THIS WORKSHOP

Christopher Walker is an internationally known lecturer, composer and conductor whose works encompass music for Children's Liturgy of the Word plus a wealth of material for all liturgical celebrations. Born and educated in England, Christopher is presently residing in Los Angeles, where he is combining the roles of music lecturer and director of music and worship. He is also a member of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate.

