

What's Green This Week?

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Dear Parents

This week, as you know, has been "Green Week" and pupils and staff have been involved in a wide range of engaging and educational eco activities thanks to the hard work of Mrs Pope.

Green Week has been a wonderful opportunity for pupils to learn more about how they can look after the beautiful world God has given us. The message we have all come away with this week is, that each one of us is responsible for protecting the precious gift that is creation from global warming and that even the little things we do can make a big difference.

Golden Book Awards

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

6R	Harry Clements Finley Haynes Poppy Lawrence Aimee Young	6H	Grace Carroll Marco Choi Felix Fardell Cameron Griffiths
6A	Rebecca Crass Isabelle Sinnott Roland Smith Sophie Thomson	5D	Charlotte Brooke-Walder Scott Taylor Jasmine Turner-Maynard
5F	George Cronin Lucy Greenwood Benedict Stotesbury Lauren Underwood	4P	Laura Hedges Ellie Macarthur Isobel Moyler Jamie Norman
4H	Joseph Beddoe Cameron Clarke Benjamin Notley James Thomson	3M	Jadon Barnes Annabelle Harle Daniel James
3R	John Barber Luke Harding Aaron Stone	2S	Molly Brignell Cameron Searle Shravan Sharma
2I	Sophie Carter Ben Hutton-Penman Amber Whitehorne	1B	Harry Corney Ellen Thompson Adam Warne Apollo Wilkins
1M	Brenna Doyle Robyn Moody	1G	Jack Cooper Libby Murray Annabel Napper
RL	Oliver King Sacha Oxlade-Creswell Jennifer Thomas	RU	Benjamin Buckland Oluwafisayo Jaiyesimi Tyler Tombs Freddie Warn
PR	Sourish Sharma	PR	Coco Wilkins

3R Assembly

On Thursday, 3R entertained us with their very own "Who Wants to be a Millionaire"? Luke Harding and his many friends scooped the million pounds as they used the facts they had learnt about Celts, Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings to answer all the questions correctly. Well done to them all.



3M Assembly

Parents of children in 3M are warmly invited to attend a class assembly on Thursday 25 February at 8.50am in the Preparatory School Hall. Tea and coffee will be served in Beaulieu from 8.30am.

Green Week

A BIG thank you to all the parents and children who have bought in old clothes, mobile phones and printer cartridges this week, it was very much appreciated. We will continue to collect these items and the boxes will remain in the shed by the Preparatory School playground.

Every printer cartridge and mobile phone recycled raises money to help the RNIB continue the vital work they do helping two million people in the UK affected by sight loss to rebuild their lives.



Well done also to the children and staff who managed to lift share, walk or cycle this week. Your efforts will have helped to cut down the pollution to our environment. Remember "every little helps"!



Rubbish Collection

On Wednesday, all of Year 4 went on a "litter pick" around both the Preparatory and Senior Schools. We didn't think we would find much, but we found a lot of litter and we filled a bin bag!



It was good fun and we felt we were doing a good thing when we did it. Please remember not to drop litter, put it in the bins!

By Nicola Jackson, 4P

Dress in Green Friday!

The children and staff all looked fantastic today in their green outfits. The money we have raised will be going towards Operation Noah which is a Christian organisation that provides focus and leadership in response to the growing threat of catastrophic climate change endangering all of God's creation. The money will help the campaign achieve the goal of sustainable, low emission lifestyles and ensure the future of all life on the planet.

The children really enjoyed listening to Mark Dowd from Operation Noah on Monday, who was full on energy even after cycling from Chelmsford Station!



Recycling Report

On Thursday, 6A were privileged to have Emma from the Essex County Waste Education Team visit us. We started out by talking about the landfills and how they are effecting our environment. We discussed how global warming is becoming a huge problem. We learned there are many things we can do to help, such as reduce, reuse and recycle our waste. At the end of our final session we had a mini quiz. We passed so we received a ruler made out of a recycled CD case!

After break we had brilliant fun making mobiles out of colourful milk bottle tops. They turned out to be amazing. This taught us a valuable lesson about reusing items to create something new. We would like to say a BIG thank you to Emma, who made recycling fun!

By Elena Holt and Anya Dziejewski, 6A

NHVS Eco Competition

To mark the end of Green Week, we have asked the children if they would like to enter an Eco Fashion Competition. Class teachers have given the children a template which they should use to design an eco-friendly outfit. They should label their design with the materials that they would like to be used. There will be one winner from each class and then an overall winner will be selected from these. The overall winner will have their outfit made and then they will have the fantastic opportunity (if they wish!) to model the outfit at the NHVS Fashion Show which is taking place on Wednesday 17 March at 7.00pm - 9.00pm in the North Room in the Senior School. The deadline for the designs is Monday 22 February and they should be handed in to your child's class teacher. We are asking for a £1.00 donation for the NHVS which will help to fund a holiday for children less fortunate.

Swimming Lessons

Please could you ensure that, if your child is unable to attend their weekly swimming lesson, a letter is received by the class teacher. Children who are in school without a swimming kit or note will be supplied with a swimming kit by the School Nurse.

Shoebboxes

Thank you for all the wonderful shoebboxes that we have received and as a result, we now have a huge supply! We would now request small cardboard boxes e.g. toothpaste boxes, and cardboard tubes.

Stratford & East London Music Festival

The Infant and Year 5 & 6 Choir attended the Stratford & East London Music Festival on Monday and Tuesday this week.



Infant Choir

Congratulations to both choirs on winning their classes, the Infant Choir won "The Cantori Vocal Ensemble Trophy for Infant Choirs" with a Commended and the Year 5 & 6 Choir won "The Daisy Wykes Cup for Junior School Choirs" with a Distinction.



Year 5 & 6 Choir

Year 6 Poem

Below is a poem written by the Year 6 children in Mrs Hanson's English Set about animals in captivity:

Oh Bear,
His downhearted eyes.
Fuming bear's ears standing back,
Distressed bear, raised fur, angry.
Tormented, tortured, troubled, sorrowful heart,
Yearning to be free,
Restricted like a bird in a cage.
Cruel man lashing at the distressed bear,
Inflicting brutal beatings
Driven to prance like a puppet on strings
Please, please set him free.

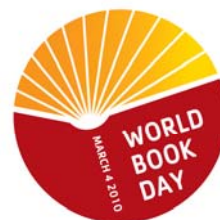
Pick-Up Reminder

We would just like to clarify that pupils finishing activities at 5.30pm will be taken to the playground for collection. Any pupils still in school after 5.30pm will be taken to the After School Club and should be collected from Beaulieu via the Preparatory School playground.

World Book Day

Thursday 4 March 2010 is World Book Day. The Preparatory School will have a selection of books on sale suitable for children of all ages. All children are invited to

dress up as a character from their favourite book for a £1.00 donation to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society charity.



www.worldbookday.com

Please could you ensure that your forms are returned to Mrs Harris as soon as possible.

Jack Trelawny Book Orders

Please could you ensure that all orders for Jack Trelawny's books are received in the Preparatory School Office by Wednesday 24 February.

Music

Please note that Mrs Greenwood will not be teaching on Friday 26 February.

Please note that Mr Corby's music lessons will be cancelled on Monday 22 February.

Noah's Flood Tickets

Tickets for Noah's Flood on 4, 5 & 6 March are now on sale and are priced at £10.00 or £5.00 for concessions. For further information and the purchase of tickets please ring either 01277 265288 or 07757 411996 or via email on noyesfludde@dworsfold.myzen.co.uk.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Examination Preparation Club

On Tuesday 23 February the Examination Preparation Club will be cancelled as Miss Rivers will be involved in the Year 6 PGL meeting.

Years 5 & 6 Photography Club

On Tuesday 23 February the Year 5 & 6 Photography Club will be cancelled as Mr McIntosh will be involved in the Year 6 PGL meeting.

Year 5 & 6 Design & Technology Club

On Thursday 25 February, the Year 5 & 6 Design & Technology Club will be cancelled due to a Senior School Parents' Evening.

Sport

Year 5 Netball Rally

The Year 5 Netball Rally will be taking place on Friday 5 March. Please be aware that due to the number of players taking part, congestion is likely to occur in the car parks up until 5.15pm.

U11 National Schools Tournament

The U11 rugby squad set off early on a Sunday morning for the re-scheduled National Schools tournament. On arrival, the boys began a thorough warm-up, showing good determination and technique for passing and contact skills. The first team we played was Hoe Bridge School from

Surrey. Despite the lack of size in the forwards, the opposition had 2 centres with power and pace. New Hall boys were rather shell shocked in the first half, with the speed at which the ball was being passed around. This led to a few missed tackles allowing their backs to run in the first 2 tries of the game. Into the second half an improved performance put more pressure on the opposition, but New Hall were unable to match the opposition.

The second game was against another big prep school, KCS Junior, from Wimbledon. A large pack of forwards meant this was going to be another hard match. From the kick off James Berry was forced into making a great tackle as the KCS prop attempted to bulldoze his way towards the New Hall line. This inspired the rest of the boys to become much more aggressive, with Harry Morgan, William Baird and Cameron Griffiths all making excellent contributions. The KCS worked well defensively, and put pressure onto New Hall when the backs had the ball. It was from this pressure that they made progress up the field to score. The second half continued with the same attritional play, unfortunately William Baird was injured following making a tackle, and then receiving a boot between his shoulder blades.

Into the last game New Hall played local rivals Holmwood House. Good work and pressure tackling in the centres from Gregory Oxlade and Sam Spilsbury led to the opposition finding it difficult to mount a cohesive attack. After the break, Holmwood House scored following a quick break after being awarded a penalty, with New Hall boys not being aware as the ball was being played. The determination not to lose then set in. A fantastic team effort and forward determination resulted in a driving maul up towards and then tantalizingly over the Holmwood House try line. Then in the last seconds of the game, the forwards again made a decisive break for the line, with Harry Morgan appearing from the bottom of the pile of players having scored a hard earned equalizer.

Despite not progressing in the competition, it gave the boys an understanding of the requirement to work as cohesive units – forwards and backs. It also highlighted the work on handling that is needed under pressure situations.

Year 5 Netball vs Perse School

On Friday 5 February, the Year 5 netball team played against the Perse School. It was a good game but ended with a score of 7-2 to Perse. We had a brilliant defence from Aisling Dinan and Charlotte Parker. Georgina Mead played very well as Goal Keeper, blocking many goals and Emily Brignell and Holly May showed some very good passing throughout the game. It was all thanks to Anya Dziejewski and myself for scoring one goal each. With freezing conditions and a blizzard of hail last week, we were happy to have sunshine. Perse School had some excellent players and their passing was even better. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Shiner for putting a lot of effort into this. There was a lot of teamwork from the girls and I'd just like to say well done to the team.

By Tara Durkan

Travel

There is a prospective parent from the Bishop's Stortford area who is looking for a daily car share to/from New Hall for September 2010. Please contact Mrs G Phillips, Travel Secretary, on 01245 467 588 if you can help.

There are currently spaces available on the Gt Warley Taxibus and the Burnham/Latchingdon/Maldon/Danbury coach service. Please contact Mrs G Phillips, Travel Secretary, on 01245 467 588 if you are interested in a space.

Uniform Shop

School Fleece

The Uniform Shop now have a full range of sizes available in the Preparatory School fleece.

Yours sincerely

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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 l.brignell@newhallschool.co.uk

Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Mon 15 Feb - Fri 19 Feb		HALF TERM
Wed 24 Feb		National Sing Up Day
Wed 24 Feb	2.00pm	Essex Regional Quiz Championships
Wed 24 Feb	3.15pm	U9 Football vs FKS
Wed 24 Feb	3.15pm	U9 Netball vs FKS
Thurs 25 Feb	8.50am	3M Assembly
Thurs 25 Feb	3.00pm	U11 Hockey vs Felsted
Fri 26 Feb	11.30am	5F visit to the Europa Centre
Fri 26 Feb	3.30pm	U10/U11 Rugby vs Brentwood School
Sat 27 Feb	9.15am	U11 Hockey vs St Hughes



Prayer Corner

We pray for Hannah, Benjamin, Holly and Joshua Notley's Great-Grandmother who is ill in hospital.

Dear Lord

You made a beautiful world for us to live in.
 Forgive us when we harm the things
 you created for us to enjoy – the fresh streams
 and rivers, the trees and green fields.
 Help us to preserve and protect everything you
 made and to stop those who
 selfishly destroy it.

Amen