

# What's New This Week?

Preparatory School

New Hall School, Chelmsford



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Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents

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## First Holy Communion



On Monday, we had a special assembly to celebrate the fact that 10 children in our school family have recently made their First Holy Communion. We remembered and thanked God for the gift of the Eucharist which Jesus passed onto us at the Last Supper. We pray especially for these children and ask God to bless them as they grow in their faith:

Felix Ruiz  
Angus Jones  
Kieran Scully  
Isabella Warren  
Maximus Lawes

Emily Conrad  
Toby Warren  
Matthew Jones  
Florence Lawes  
Yan Tung Chan

## Head Girl & Head Boy

Congratulations to Nicola Jackson and Joseph Beddoe on their new appointments as Head Girl and Head Boy from September 2011.



## RG Class Assembly

On Thursday, RG treated us to a 'bee' themed assembly. The children displayed some bees they had made and spoke about some facts they had learnt. The class recited a poem and acted out some jobs that bees have. We found out that the lazy drone bees were all boys who barely managed to stay awake! The 'waggle' dance was performed very well, the children spoke clearly and loudly and Mrs Conrad could not believe it was their first assembly! Well done RG.



## FS & KS1 Celebration of Achievement

We look forward to welcoming you to our Foundation Stage Celebration of Achievement on Wednesday 29 June and our Key Stage 1 Celebration of Achievement on Thursday 30 June both in the Eaton Theatre.

## Café Francaise



On Thursday 16 June, New Hall Preparatory School held its very first French café. The Preparatory School Hall was beautifully decorated in the colours of the French flag complementing the French theme. Key Stage 2 pupils waited on their families speaking in French while French music played in the background. Some children were wearing berets and stripy tops and there was even a French maid and a waiter who was sporting a moustache!

Hannah Greenland in 3M played 'Alouette' on the piano and Lucy Greenwood and Imogen Coker in 6S played 'Frère Jacques' on the piano and the clarinet.



*'J'ai beaucoup aimé le café (I loved the café). Ma partie préférée était de parler français (My favourite part was speaking French)*  
Fleur Wharton 3M

*'The French café was excellent! It was fun serving people. I had a pain au chocolat and half a croissant'* Lara Clark 4R

*'I loved being a waiter!'* Cameron Clarke 5F

*'It was a great opportunity to practise our French vocabulary and spend time with our parents'* Holly May 6A



We managed to raise £130.00 towards our sister school in the Congo which is fantastic. So, many thanks to all the families and friends who came to support us and special thanks to Mrs De Souza, Mrs Baird and all the parents and staff who helped at the café. Well done to Madame MacLeod for organising this event and congratulations to all those parents who had a go at ordering their food in French. Quel succès!

#### Year 6 Young Lifesavers' Award

Next week, the Year 6 classes will be taking part in the Young Lifesavers' Award. This is a wonderful chance for the pupils to learn about basic first aid, develop their leadership skills and initiative. 6S will be participating on Tuesday 28 June and 6A will be participating on Wednesday 29 June. Please ensure all pupils come to school in their PE kits on these days.

#### Golden Book Awards

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

6A	All 6A	6S	All 6S
5F	Joseph Beddoe Megan Cotton Cameron Meechan Aleisha Moore	5T	Ella Gaskin Nicola Jackson Finlay Ramjane Shehzad Siddiqi Thomas Spilsbury
4D	Darcy Courtney-Cook Grace Murray Mia Ramage	4R	Ralph Carroll Zoe Dunmow Samuel Jones Holly Notley Ella Phelps
3H	Ellena Harvey Joseph Murphy Kieran Scully Cameron Searle	3M	Ben Hutton-Penman Fleur Smith Fleur Wharton Poppy Yates
2H	Akshadha Nikam Joshua Notley Danielle Sirett William Wakeman	2P	Emma Barrett Libby Murray Szara Shahril-Rauz Verity Winsor
2R	Daisie Elsom Apollo Wilkins	1G	Oliver King Sophie Kingston Anna Maria Romero Poppy Theakston
1M	Asha Oedra Megan Scott	RG	Katie Bateman Rebecca Bentinck Niamh Westwood Coco Wilkins
RU	Amelie Collins Ralph Courtney-Cook Isobel Haresnape Louisa Napper	PR	Edward Doran Felicity Doran

#### Recital Assembly

Thank you to Fleur Wharton (3M) and Sian Redmond (5F) for playing the piano and singing so beautifully in assembly this morning.

#### Drop-In Sessions

On Monday 4 July, we will be holding our drop-in sessions from 2.30pm - 4.30pm. This will give you an opportunity to visit your child's current teacher and classroom and also to visit your child's teacher for next year. Newly appointed staff members will not be present as they have already met parents and pupils during the course of this week.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

### Junior Choir

Please note that Junior Choir has now finished for the Trinity Term. Those, members of the Junior Choir singing at Miss Ullmer's wedding will be having extra rehearsals which will be advised in due course.

### Tennis

There will be no group tennis for Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 on Friday 1 July and no tennis team lesson for Year 5 & 6 on Tuesday 28 June.

### Year 3&4 Football

Please note that Year 3&4 Football has been cancelled next week.

### Years 3 - 5 Netball

There will be no further Year 3 - 5 netball this term.

### Dance Lessons

There will be no dance lessons with Mrs Molina on Monday 27, Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 June due to the Generations Dance Show.

## Dance

### Dance Examinations

Congratulations to the following pupils for passing their Tap Examinations:

#### Primary Tap

Molly Brignell	Distinction
Olivia Buckland	Distinction
Isabella Warren	Distinction
Akshadha Nikam	Distinction
Brenna Doyle	Distinction
Oriana Farrell	Distinction
Danielle Sirett	Distinction
Daisie Elsom	Distinction
Felicity Jeffrey	Merit
Ellen Thompson	Distinction
Ellena Harvey	Distinction
Mia Southgate	Distinction
Liberty Bates	Distinction
Helen Burnett	Merit
Benjamin La Rocca	Distinction
Charlotte Ray	Merit
Molly Reynolds	Distinction

#### Grade 1

Lucy Greenwood	Merit
Holly May	Distinction
Georgina Mead	Distinction
Imogen Coker	Merit
Aisling Dinan	Merit
Lauren Underwood	Merit
Rebecca Meer	Merit
Nicola Jackson	Distinction
Ella Gaskin	Distinction

### Saturday Dance School show

The Saturday Dance School show scheduled for Saturday 2 July has been cancelled.

## Sports Day

Sports Day will be taking place on Friday 1 July 2011. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school PE kit: black skort/shorts, white polo tops, white socks, tracksuit, sun hat and water bottle.

Below is the timetable for the day:

9.15am - 10.30am	Key Stage 2 Athletic Events Session 1
9.30am - 10.30am	Foundation Stage Races
10.30am - 11.45am	Key Stage 1 Races
10.45am - 12.00pm	Key Stage 2 Athletic Events Session 2
12.00pm - 1.00pm	Lunch
1.15pm - 2.30pm	'Spider' Events in House Teams
2.30pm - 3.00pm	Key Stage 2 sprint races
3.00pm	Presentations

## Sport

### Swimming

#### Mid Essex Primary Schools Swimming Association Gala

St Cedd's	New Hall Preparatory School
Great Totham	Newland Spring A

On Saturday, we took part in the MEPSSA gala. Jonathan Murphy swam exceptionally well in the individual freestyle gaining 1<sup>st</sup> place with a time of 23:36 and a distance of 33.7 metres. Next up, Lucy Greenwood showed off her beautiful swimming skills gaining 1<sup>st</sup> place with a time of 22:83. In the back crawl, Cameron Meechan gained 2<sup>nd</sup> place after a very close race which was down to the judge's decision on the touch. Tara Durkan gained 1<sup>st</sup> place with a time of 28:66 which is a very fast time for back crawl. In the last individual race, the breaststroke, Cameron Meechan was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with a time of 33:82 and Chloe Elsom was placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thomas Spilsbury started the Medley Race with back crawl giving us a huge advantage by touching 5 metres before the others. Harry Phelps's breaststroke was next and he touched 2<sup>nd</sup> followed by Gregory Oxlade, swimming freestyle, bringing the team into 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall. Aisling Dinan started the Medley Race with back crawl followed by Tara Durkan swimming breaststroke and finally Megan Cotton swimming freestyle gaining them a 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

In the Boys' Freestyle Relays, Thomas Spilsbury touched first on his length, Gregory Oxlade touched 1<sup>st</sup>, Harry Phelps kept the squad in 1<sup>st</sup> place and Jonathan Murphy finishing 1<sup>st</sup> which placed New Hall 1<sup>st</sup> with a time of 1:44:92. In the Girls' Freestyle Relay, the team gained 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall with a time of 1:53.36 with the squad consisting of Lucy Greenwood, Megan Cotton, Chloe Elsom and Aisling Dinan.

Congratulations to all members of the swimming team as they swam with their hearts and gave everything.

## Swimming Lessons

Please will all children in Key Stage 2 bring in a pair of shorts and a t-shirt for life-saving activities in their swimming lessons until the end of term.

### *Triathlon*

New Hall School was buzzing with over 196 athletes queuing up to register for this annual event. We all experienced the joy of seeing so many new competitors and elites take to the fields to cycle the 1,000 metre laps. The wind hammered in their faces, making it a difficult bike course with an uphill loop. Luckily, the rain stayed away during the 600m lap running course. The support was great with everybody cheering the athletes on. The races finally coming to a halt at 12.30pm when the last Junior, 18 years of age, raced through to 'bleep' the timing-chip mat.

The first stage of the triathlon saw the swimming pool packed with parents encouraging the swimmers before the athletes raced over to the transition area to collect their bikes and helmets. This year, we incorporated a racking system that stabilise the bikes against as the strong wind. New Hall athletes really enjoyed their races, with some experiencing it for the first time and this has resulted in many wanting to join up and train for future events. Each New Hall athlete raced with much determination and we were all very proud to watch them gain their medals and achieve podium places.

Thank you all for making New Hall Triathlon another successful event!

Benjamin Spilsbury	9 <sup>th</sup> in Tristars non-club
Nicola Jackson	18 <sup>th</sup> in TriStar 1 non-club
Olivia Fenton	20 <sup>th</sup> in TriStar 1 non-club
Elizabeth Murphy	7 <sup>th</sup> in TriStar 1 non-club
Eloise Winsor	14 <sup>th</sup> in TriStar 1 non-club
William Banks	16 <sup>th</sup> in TriStar 1 non-club
Jamie Norman	7 <sup>th</sup> in TriStar 1 non-club
John Barber	4 <sup>th</sup> in TriStar 1 non-club
Tom Durkan	13 <sup>th</sup> in TriStar 1 non-club
Joseph Beddoe	12 <sup>th</sup> in TriStar 1 non-club
Cameron Meechan	9 <sup>th</sup> in TriStar 1 non-club
Aaron Stone	1 <sup>st</sup> in TriStar 1 Club
Lucy Greenwood	7 <sup>th</sup> in TriStar 2 non-club
Thomas Spilsbury	4 <sup>th</sup> in TriStar 2 non-club

### *Cricket*

#### *U9 v Bishops Stortford A&B*

New Hall boys travelled to Bishop Stortford College for the penultimate game of the season playing 'terrier style cricket'. The 'B' team coached by Mr Duncan improved their bowling, and made some strong shots when batting. The new recruits, Aidan Sherlock, William Banks, Maximus Lawes and Samuel Jones all contributed to the team performance. Unfortunately, more work is needed by the fielders to make sure they limit opposition scores. The team lost by 20 runs.

The 'A' team, captained by Matthew Cook, batted first. Aaron Stone and Aidan Turner-Wallace began a little tentatively, but began to gauge the speed of the bowling in their last over. James Holt and John Barber added more valuable runs to the total by hitting 4 boundaries between them in the allotted 3 overs. Matthew Cook and Ralph Carroll showed some good running and also some nice shot play, particularly on the off side. The highlight was a towering '6' scored in the final over by Matthew Cook.

Toby Warren and Maxwell Lynn were a little more conservative, and missed out on a few potential runs with indecision on the calls. The last pair, Joseph Murphy and Cameron Searle, batted well and made 21 runs in their 3 overs. In reply, Bishop Stortford made a steady start, and were gifted too many extras in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overs before Ralph Carroll and Matthew Cook showed some accurate line and length deliveries. A very strong 3<sup>rd</sup> batting pair from the opposition managed to score an impressive 25 runs in their overs, with some sharp running and good calling. This put the pressure on into the last few overs with New Hall needing some wickets. A good catch by Joseph Murphy and James Holt left the game close until the last 2 overs when New Hall were unable to take the crucial wickets needed. Eventually, Bishop Stortford won by 19 runs.

### *Tennis*

On Saturday, the Year 3 & 4 Preparatory School Tennis Tournament took place. Even though the weather was looking very dubious, it was great to see a total of sixteen players ready to battle it out on the court. The tournament started off in a 'round robin' format with the boys and girls in separate boxes. After some excellent tennis being played throughout, the quarter finalists were decided and the top two girls, Olivia Buckland and Katherine Barber were mixed in with the boys. As the tournament had now reached the knockout stages it was Ralph Carroll and Joseph Murphy who made it through to the final both winning their semi-finals in three hard-fought sets. The final was fiercely contested with Ralph Carroll coming out on top in yet another three setter!



### **Uniform Shop**

#### *Opening Times*

The Uniform Shop is open throughout the summer holidays. If you wish to avoid the queue, the Uniform Shop now offers an appointment service during the holiday period, which is available to new and current students.

#### *Duffle Coat*

To avoid disappointment, the Uniform Shop is now taking orders for the winter duffle coat.

#### *Uniform Reservation/Order Service*

The Uniform Shop currently holds a number of paid/unpaid order requests. Any unpaid orders that have not been collected by Monday 27 June will be returned to stock.

#### *Sunhats*

The Uniform Shop have plenty of sunhats available to purchase.

#### *Hockey/Rugby Tops*

The Uniform Shop is now taking pre-orders for the reversible hockey/rugby top.

Please contact Debbie Edwards by telephone on 01245 236 114 regarding uniform.

#### **Notices**

##### *Sainsburys' Active Kids and Tesco For Schools Vouchers 2011*

We have now finished collecting the Tesco's For Schools vouchers and thank you for diligently sending them in. The order has been placed and we are looking forward to receiving the items during the summer.

We are still collecting the Sainsburys' Active Kids vouchers. Please hand them into the Preparatory School Office by Friday 24 June..

##### *Opro Mouthguards*

Opro Mouthguard leaflets are coming home with pupils in Years 2-5 today. Mouthguards are required for every Key Stage 2 child in September for their PE & Games lessons. Therefore, if you would like an Opro Mouthguard, please complete the form and return to the Preparatory School Office by Friday 1 July 2011. Please do not include payment as the cost will be added to your end of term account. The fitting of the mouthguards will take place in early September.

##### *Senior School*

Do you have any unwanted Tiffany packaging/boxes? The Senior School would very much appreciate them to decorate the Year 13 Leavers' Dinner.

##### *Lost Property*

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Erin Heffernan (2R) - named school hat
- Maxwell Lynn (4D) - named black shorts and named school jumper

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 4'.

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 [l.brignell@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:l.brignell@newhallschool.co.uk)

## **BRAIN CHALLENGE**

### **Brain Challenge Number 28 Solution:**

A river!

We had 13 winners who made the Tuesday morning deadline : Samuel Maddison Yr 1, John Barber Yr 4, Lucy Barrett Yr 4, Callum Westwood Yr 4, Darcy Courtney-Cook Yr 4, Holly Notley Yr 4, Lara Clark Yr 4, Finlay Ramjane Yr 5, Thomas Spilsbury Yr 5, Zak Ramjane Yr 5, Tom Durkan Yr 5, James Thomson Yr 5, Lucy Greenwood Yr 6.

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

That lawyer is my brother testified the accountant. But the lawyer testified he did not have a brother. Who is lying?

Parents please refrain from doing these for the pupils. Also, sharing answers in the playground is not allowed.

Please write your answer on a piece of paper with your name and class on it. Please hand in to Mr Shah in the Preparatory School Science Lab by Tuesday morning at the latest.



### ***Prayer Corner***

This week we pray for:

Ellen Thompson's godmother who is receiving treatment for cancer

Cameron Clarke's grandparents, Mr & Mrs Dady who are unwell after a car accident

*Having celebrated Fathers' Day last Sunday we pray Especially this week for all fathers in our school community*

Loving God you give us life.

You nurture and guide us and ask us to call you father. Bless our fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, priests, friends and other men who have helped to father us. Modelling their care on your own unchanging love and protection.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Mon 27 June	1.00pm - 5.00pm	U9/U11 Boys' & Girls' Tennis v Bishops Stortford College (A)
	5.00pm	Generations Dance Show at the Civic Theatre
Tues 28 June		Year 6 Young Life Savers Award
	3.45pm - 5.30pm	U10A/U10 Boys' Cricket v St Faiths (H)
	7.30pm	Generations Dance Show at the Civic Theatre
Wed 29 June		Year 6 Young Life Savers Award
	8.45am - 3.30pm	Year 4 Trip to Kentwell Hall
	9.00am	Foundation Stage Celebration of Achievement
	7.30pm	Generations Dance Show at the Civic Theatre
Thurs 30 June	9.00am	Key Stage 1 Celebration of Achievement
	3.45pm - 5.15pm	U9 Boys' Cricket v St Cedd's (H)
Fri 1 July	9.15am	Preparatory School Sports Day
Mon 4 July	9.15am	Reserve Sports Day
	2.30pm	Parents Drop-in Session
Tues 5 July		Year 4 ESB Examinations
	4.00pm - 6.00pm	U9/U11 Boys' & Girls' Tennis v Brentwood Ursuline School (H)
Wed 6 July	3.45pm - 5.30om	U10 Boys' Cricket v St Cedds School (H)
	3.45om - 4.45pm	U10 Girls' Rounders v St Cedds School (H)
	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' Mass
Thurs 7 July	6.45pm	Key Stage 2 Prizegiving
Fri 8 July		End of Term

New Hall Dance School Presents

# GENERATIONS



Monday 27 June at 5.00pm  
Tuesday 28 June &  
Wednesday 29 June at 7.30pm  
at the  
**Civic Theatre, Chelmsford**

Tickets £8.50 & £5.00 (Conc.)  
available on 01245 606505 or on  
[www.chelmsford.gov.uk](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk)

**A fabulous and fun-filled dance show, taking you through the ages, featuring students from New Hall School**



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## New Hall School

# Dance & Theatre Summer School



Monday 15 - Wednesday 17 August 2011  
10.00am - 4.00pm

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

## Fundraising for the Congo



### CONGRATULATIONS

To date, we have raised over £4,875.00

A big thank you to everyone who attended the School Disco on Friday night. The pupils had lots of fun dancing, and very much enjoyed the 'fruit kebabs' that were made especially by the School Councillors. In total, from the disco tickets and the profit from the refreshments, we raised £1,113.00!



Congratulations to all the staff who 'Trek'ed for the Congo' on Saturday. The track was muddy, there was a down pour, and plenty of vines to battle through; however, everyone crossed the finish line successfully! Well done to all the walkers. The School Council are very proud of you!



After a fabulous Congo week, we now move our attention to collecting the sponsorship money. Please bring in your sponsorship forms and money this week. If you have not already done so, please could you send this in on Monday 27 June, so we can finalise our total.

We will be counting up the money and we hope to announce next week if we have reached or exceeded our target of £6,000.00.

Once again, the School Council, Mrs Smith and Miss Hunter would like to thank all the Preparatory School staff for their support last week during Congo week, and also to the pupils and parents for your enthusiasm, support and generosity in raising so much money for our sister school in the Congo.



### MRS SMITH AND MISS HUNTER ARE OFF TO AFRICA!

After an amazing effort during Congo Week, Mrs Smith and Miss Hunter were inspired and moved by the plight of the children in the Congo, and they discussed with Sister Moira the possibility of visiting our sister school. However, this area is very volatile and not safe enough for them to visit. Instead, during the Summer holiday they will be travelling to Ghana, SW Africa, to work with children in the hilly Kwahu South District of Ghana. Nkawkaw is the nearest town of any size and has the main access road to the bigger towns of Accra and Kumasi. They will be working with children in day nurseries and in the summer schools in the nearby villages. We look forward to hearing about their adventure.





**NHVS CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY APPEAL**  
**11 - 18 July 2011**

24 New Hall students will be remaining in school for the first week of the summer holidays to play host to 20 children, aged between 6 and 8. The children come from the Tottenham and Leyton areas of London and 4 children from a primary school in Chelmsford.

The children are selected by their school on the basis that they are living under stressed conditions and would not expect to have a holiday.

During the week we have a very full timetable for the children including outings to Colchester Zoo, Adventure Island and Madison Heights. The children swim most days, take part in art sessions, baking, donkey rides - just continuous fun.

We would be grateful for any donation you can make towards the holiday. We particularly need:

- Cakes
- Biscuits
- Bottles of Squash for teatime
- Cartons of drinks & bottles of water to take with us on our trips
- Any unwanted summer clothing, footwear or rain wear for children aged between 6 and 8, we can put them to good use
- Small monetary contributions for fruit & daily purchases
- Any unwanted toys such as Board Games, Barbies, Puzzles, Soft Teddies plus any outdoor toys e.g. Swing Ball, Space Hoppers etc.

Any contributions can be left at the Preparatory School Office and marked for NHVS with your name and child's class

If you would like more information about the week please contact Rebecca Leslie via the NHVS office ext 283 (please leave a message if the office is unmanned) or email [nhvs@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:nhvs@newhallschool.co.uk)

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ANY CONTRIBUTIONS YOU ARE ABLE TO MAKE**

**NEW HALL R.D.A.**  
**CARIBBEAN BALL**  
**FRIDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**  
**7PM -12:30AM**  
**BLACK TIE**

**TICKET PRICE £50** to include: welcome cocktail, three course meal & table wine, with live music and entertainment.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM  
**DONNA BARBER**  
**07720850047**  
[donna.e.barber@btinternet.com](mailto:donna.e.barber@btinternet.com)

**PONTLANDS PARK**  
WEST HANNINGFIELD RD  
GREAT BADDOW, CHELMSFORD  
CM2 8HR

**KIM BAIRD**  
**07736061473**  
[kim@graysinnnews.com](mailto:kim@graysinnnews.com)

**Proceeds to go to Riding for the Disabled Association, run by students from New Hall, with volunteer adults. All money raised goes directly to fund the rides for the disabled which are provided "at cost" by Rawreth Equestrian Centre.**