

# The Rydes Hill Times

... our weekly newsletter keeping parents in touch



## Letter from the Headmistress

## Olympic Gymnast Visits Rydes Hill

<b>Week beginning 5th Oct</b>	
Mon 5th	Cross-Country at St Catherine's (LP-F1) 4:00—5:15pm
Tue 6th	Individual School Photographs
Thur 8th	U11(A) Netball –v– St Catherine's (Home) 4:15pm
Fri 9th	Coffee Morning 8:30am (Kindergarten parents)
	Harvest Assembly 10:00am
Sat 10th	U10(A) & U11(A) Netball Tournament at King Edward's (AM)
<b>Week beginning 12th Oct</b>	
Mon 12th & Wed 14th	Parent Consultation Meetings (Kindergarten—Higher Preparatory)
Tue 13th	U10(A) Netball –v– St Hilary's (Away) 4:15pm
Thur 15th	Whole School Photograph
Fri 16th	Coffee Morning 8:30am (LT parents)
	Form One visit to Dapdune Wharf
	Cake Sale 3:15pm (HP)
Mon 19th—Fri 30th	HALF TERM

Dear Parents,  
We were delighted to welcome British Olympic gymnast Danny Lawrence to Rydes Hill this week for a spectacular display and a workshop with the children, kindly arranged for us by teacher Mrs Di Morris.

This week we celebrated Mass on the feast day of St Therese of Lisieux, 1st October. We enjoyed Mrs Forbes' orchestra accompaniment and the readings by Form One. Our prayers incorporated the School Mission Statement, which is printed on the back page of the School Calendar of Events and summed up by: "In our School we will try to follow Jesus' example, wherever we are".

We were pleased that the boys took part in a football tournament at Aldro last week, and our netball players had fun at matches at St Teresa's last week and at home vs Queen Eleanor's this week.

It was a great pleasure to meet many of the Nursery mothers at the Nursery coffee morning this week and we all hope you feel welcome as part of the Rydes Hill community.

A reminder that individual school photographs take place next week on Tues 5th October. Sibling photos are also taken, and proofs are sent home for you to decide whether you wish to purchase any.

This week marked the exciting first meeting of the Friends committee, ably led by name removed, and we are delighted with all their exciting plans for the coming academic year. Thank you to names removed for the super 3-page Friends update,

attached to this newsletter. What a fantastic start!

As you know, Friday 9th October is our Harvest Festival Assembly at 10am. This is being led by Lower Preparatory and all parents are welcome. We are combining this with a mufti day in autumn colours. All the children are asked to bring dried or tinned food or other items from the list below for the homeless, Project 5, and Footsteps in Guildford, during the course of the week and if possible before Friday (so that all your kind donations can be made into a display on the stage).

At the assembly the Chairman of Footsteps, Mr Richard Beeston, who has been involved with the homeless in Guildford for over 18 years, will be talking to the children as well. Every year these charities are extremely grateful for anything you send. As well as any dried or tinned food (not pasta, but we are told that soup, tinned beans and tinned fruit are very popular) they have asked for: Blankets, duvets, woolly hats, scarves, gloves, and shampoo. Thank you for supporting the homeless in Guildford and reminding the children that Friday is a mufti day and they are allowed to wear home clothes incorporating the autumnal theme.

I look forward to seeing the Preparatory class girls at our Open Day tomorrow morning.

God bless,

*Stephanie Bell*

Mrs S. Bell M.A. (Oxon)

All the children spent an inspiring morning on Tuesday participating in a range of gymnastic and fitness activities with international gymnast and member of the Olympic 2012 team Danny Lawrence. Danny is only 25 but, having been representing Great Britain since 1999, has a vast amount of international experience. He has been in three World Championships and also competed in the European Championships in 2006. Danny is now one of the country's most experienced members of the Men's Team.

All the children performed specific fitness activities at individual stations for one minute. The challenge was to do as many repetitions as possible on each activity.

The morning culminated in a fantastic demonstration of gymnastic moves by Danny which was thoroughly enjoyed, not only by the children, who were enthralled, but by all the teachers and other adults in the school!

A huge thank you to Mrs Di Morris for arranging this inspirational event for the children.

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## Olympic gymnast photos

The children clapped as Danny Lawrence did seven back flips, one after another, down the length of the Hall!



All the children were given a thorough gymnastics workout during their session with Danny, as seen below.



Below: Danny Lawrence poses with the Upper Transition Class after the talk and demonstration.



## Sports News

### Football Festival

Lower Transition and Upper Transition boys went to Aldro School in Shackleford last week to play in a Football Festival. This involved a little bit of football coaching from the Aldro PE teachers followed by five football matches against various schools from the local area.

The weather was superb! The atmosphere was great! There was a sea of colourful shirts playing football across four pitches; all with supporting spectators cheering for their team or child.

Our Rydes Hill team worked hard despite the heat of the strong sun shining on them all afternoon.

Player of the tournament has to go to Barney for scoring a penalty against Aldro in the last match of the afternoon. Well done to all boys for taking part and playing so well.

—Mrs J Smith



## Letters from Rydeshillians

I was delighted to receive two long letters from former Rydes Hill girls now in Year 8 at St Catherine's School, Bramley.

Rose and Susannah wrote to tell me how much they were doing at their senior school, their favourite subjects, and also sent some messages to their former teachers as follows:

Susannah –

"Thank you very much for my time at Rydes Hill. I am now in my second year at St Catherine's and doing well thanks to Rydes Hill. Miss Boyle sorted out my handwriting, most of my spelling and started my keen interest in reading. Mrs Smith helped me in Art and prepared me for my Entrance exams (well done on the baby to Mrs Smith!). Mrs Rowson helped me with my Mathematics and Science.

"Boarding has been great, you meet new people and do week-

end activities. It's good fun. I'm still sailing, now Stage 4 and in the sailing team."

Rose wrote a poem about Rydes Hill—

"Rydes Hill, Rydes Hill,  
Always in my heart,  
Rydes Hill, Rydes Hill,  
I miss every part.

The best preparatory,  
I have to say,  
It's a wonderful school  
in every way.

Rydes Hill, Rydes Hill,  
Always in my heart,  
Rydes Hill, Rydes Hill,  
I miss every part."

We were so thrilled to hear from the girls and thought you would enjoy these excerpts too!

—Mrs Bell

## Cherry Tree Cottage



Taking advantage of the good weather this week, the children have been having fun playing in Cherry Tree Cottage during Stay and Play, as seen to the left and below left!

Below right: pupils at Stay and Play enjoy their tea-time snacks.



## Congratulations!

To Mr and Mrs (removed) on the birth of their new daughter on September 27th, a little sister to Scarlett in Kindergarten!

To Mr Rob Wilson, one of our superb peripatetic music teachers, on his marriage to Victoria in August. We all wish you a long and happy marriage.

# CHILDREN'S SECTION

## Silver Book

Week ending 18th September 2009

Excellent Work

Rosa  
Eloise  
Izzy  
Stephanie  
Sofia  
Catriona  
Ellie

Excellent Conduct

Georgia  
Carmen  
Grace  
Giada  
Alexandra  
Hannah  
Georgia

Music Award

Abi for commitment to playing the Guitar

PE Award

Ellie for outstanding play in a Netball Match

French Award

Edward for counting to ten in French

Special Girdle

Mona for kindness and friendliness to the Nursery children

Week ending 25th September 2009

Excellent Work

Lilly  
Anastasia  
Alicija  
Isabella  
Isabelle  
Lucy  
Lucy

Excellent Conduct

Maisy  
Phoebe  
Charlotte  
Duha  
Rebecca  
Hanna  
Lucy

Music Award

Cecilia for a great contribution to the Orchestra

PE Award

Beate for excellent gymnastics

French Award

Thrinethra for hard work in the lesson

Special Girdles

Giovanna for settling in so well although English is not her first language

## House Points

Week ending 18th September 2009

CAMPION	100
GERALD	111
PATRICIA	134
PETER	140

Winning House: **PETER**  
Well done everyone!

Week ending 25th September 2009

CAMPION	143
GERALD	175
PATRICIA	166
PETER	189

Winning House: **PETER**  
Well done everyone!

## Thought for the Week



"I can prove my love by scattering flowers,  
and these flowers are every little sacrifice,  
every glance and word,  
and the doing of the least actions, for love.  
I rejoice to be little because only children,  
and those who are like them,  
will be admitted to the heavenly banquet."



—St Therese of Lisieux in her book *The Story of a Soul*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

**September**

20th Georgina

21st Tamsin

22nd Holly

26th Thrinethra

Alexandra

30th Amelia

Isabella

**October**

1st Lauren

2nd Fabio

4th Hannah

Anvi

6th Chresten

Olivia

8th Dominic

Fabio

9th Lucas

