

The Rydes Hill Times

... our newsletter
keeping parents in touch



Letter from the Headmistress

Dear Parents

The last two Saturdays have been busy with major events at Rydes Hill. Thank you to Mrs Jo Smith and Mrs Morris for organising an exciting 14 school Netball Tournament, hosted at Rydes Hill. Many parents commented to me on how well paced it was and well run. Thank you also to the following teachers and parents for their help: Mrs Carol Smith, First Aid, Chef Jane, Mrs Ellis and Mrs Bookham for the delicious home-made cakes and refreshments for 160 children and their parents, Mrs Beaven, Mrs Bryson, Mrs Forbes and Mrs F for helping with the scoring, Grace for helping with messages and scoring and, of course, Mr Halling. The girls showed great team spirit and the weather stayed dry for a morning that was very memorable. Many congratulations to Holy Cross Preparatory School for winning the tournament with some stunning playing. Congratulations also to Mrs Kathleen Hayes, Headmistress of Holy Cross, who is also a dedicated governor here at Rydes Hill.

On Saturday 30th January, Rydes Hill was transformed with an Ice Skating Rink with music in the Hall! Every session was fully booked and there were smiling faces all day. The Dining Hall was festooned with pink and blue checked flags and a delicious array of food, including hot dogs and also yummy cakes sold in aid of the Rainbow Trust Charity, led by Mrs M.

A huge thank you to Mrs C and the Friends for thinking of such an original event and organising it so professionally. Thank you to Mrs C, Chairman of Friends, Mrs N, Deputy Chairman and all the committee, including: Mrs B, Mrs Br, Mrs Br, Mrs H, Ms J, Mrs M, Mrs R, Mr & Mrs S, Mrs V and Mrs V together with many other parents who kindly helped on the day. This week we are also celebrating the success of our Form One girls in their Entrance Exams for Senior

Schools. Full details will follow, but in addition to the many offers the girls received, we are also delighted to announce that three pupils have gained scholarships: Georgina was awarded an academic scholarship to St Teresa's, Sophie won a sports scholarship to Prior's Field and Grace gained a drama scholarship to Prior's Field. Well done everyone! Thank you also to all the teachers for their hard work.

Thank you to Mrs Ruth S for kindly giving a fascinating re-enactment of a Passover meal, using Hebrew, for the Form One girls as part of their RE studies for this term.

From Wednesday to Friday this week, Form One and Higher Preparatory have been on a three-day residential trip to Hooke Court to learn about Tudors for their History project.

Finally, thank you to Mr D, father of Laura, for kindly making the super wooden steps for a number of classrooms.

Wishing you all a happy weekend.

God bless,

Mrs Stephanie Bell M.A. (Oxon)

Beanie Hats

As more cold weather is predicted, you will be pleased to know that more Beanie Hats have arrived into the School Uniform Shop. These are priced very competitively at £5 each. Orders can be left with Mrs Carol Smith in the School Office if you would like one.

Netball Tournament



The annual U10 Rydes Hill netball tournament took place on Saturday 23rd January. It was a splendid morning with over 160 competitors taking part. The standard of the competition was very high and many of the spectators lost their voices as they cheered for their daughters and schools.

Well done to the following teams for making it through to the semi-finals: Hoe Bridge, Holy Cross, Barrow Hills and Halstead Prep.

Congratulations to Holy Cross for beating Hoe Bridge by one point in the final, which was a very close match indeed.

Thank you to Sophia Robson for stepping in to play for the U10 team at the last minute.

Thank you also to all of the following for helping make the morning run smoothly and efficiently: Mrs Beaven, Mrs Bookham, Mrs Bryson, Grace, Chef Jane, Mrs Ellis, Mrs F, Mrs Forbes, Mrs Morris, Mrs C Smith and, as always, Mr Halling.

Mrs Jo Smith
Head of Games

Yellow Moon

Many thanks to all the parents who purchased items from the Yellow Moon catalogues before Christmas. Total sales were £811.79 and the School has received a cheque in the sum of £66.53.

Mrs L B
Thank you to Mrs B

Week Beginning 8th Feb

Mon 8th	LP & MP visit the Tate Britain
Tues 9th	U11 Netball (A&B) -v- Queen Eleanor's (Home) 4:00pm
	Parent Consultations 6:00pm - 9:00pm (LT - F1)
Weds 10th	U11 Netball Tournament at Duke of Kent 2:00pm
Thurs 11th	Coffee Morning 8:30am, F1 parents
	LT Assembly 10:15am
	Parent Consultations 4:00pm-6:00pm (N & KG) 5:00pm - 8:00pm (LT - F1)
Fri 12th	Open Morning 10:00am - 12noon (prospective parents only)
	Cake Sale 3:15pm (UT)
Fri 15-19	HALF TERM
Week Beginning 22nd Feb	
Mon 22nd	Mass 9:15am (Parents welcome, refreshments served afterwards in the Dining Hall)

Ice Skating at Rydes Hill



Photographs of the Friends Ice Skating Day:
Above: Mrs H and Chairman, Mrs C
Right: Deputy Chairman, Mrs N with her daughters
Below: Ice Skaters having fun!
Bottom: Mrs S, Mrs W and Mrs C helping with refreshments in the Dining Hall.



Netball Tournament at Rydes Hill



The Rydes Hill Team with Mrs Morris



Winners: Holy Cross Preparatory School and
Runners-Up: Hoe Bridge

Form One Passover Meal



Silver Book

Week ending 15th January

Excellent Work

Jacob
Katie
Libby
Taya
Coco
Rebecca
Grace

Excellent Conduct

Charlotte
Ciara
Oliver
Isabella
Fionnuala
Hannah
Rebecca

Music Award

Edward for super singing in music lessons this week

PE Award

Ellie for helpfulness in the PE Lesson

French Award

Ferdie for hard work in the French lesson



Week ending 22nd January

Excellent Work

Lilly
Evie
Olivia
Duha
Thea
Catriona
Sally

Excellent Conduct

Holly
Maria-Luisa
Justin
Abby
Rebecca
Altea
Grace

Music Award

Natasha for working hard in her cello lesson and for her enthusiasm for orchestra

PE Award

Mayuri for her efforts in health-related fitness

French Award

Lois for her hard work in the lesson

Special Girdle

Giada for achievement in her spelling.

Week ending 29th January

Excellent Work

Dominic
Eloise
Issie
Sofia
Alice
Molly
Mona

Excellent Conduct

Maisy
Charlotte
Alicia
Evie
Alexandra
Beate
Sophie

Music Award

Isobel for excellent violin playing in her lesson this week

PE Award

Altea for very good defending in a hockey match

French Award

Fionnuala for special effort with her French homework

Special Girdle

Sophia for playing in the U10 Netball Tournament at the last minute

House Points

Week ending 15th January 2010

CAMPION	102
GERALD	123
PATRICIA	105
PETER	97

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

Week ending 22nd January 2010

CAMPION	120
GERALD	153
PATRICIA	156
PETER	219

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

Week ending 29th January 2010

CAMPION	104
GERALD	88
PATRICIA	83
PETER	94

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

Thought for the Week

Catholic Saints are holy people who lived extraordinary lives. Each Saint the Church honours responded to God's invitation to use his or her unique gifts. God calls each one of us to be a Saint. St Paul teaches us how to love, as follows:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things"
1 Corinthians 13:4-7

CHILDREN'S SECTION



5th January
Lauren
Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday To:

February

2nd	Sara
6th	Thalia
6th	Duha
14th	Isabella
	Lauren
16th	Francesca
21st	Georgia