

The Rydes Hill Times

... our weekly newsletter keeping parents in touch



Letter from the Headmistress

Dear Parents,
Thank you for bringing so many of the Preparatory girls to school for our very successful Open Day on Saturday 3rd October. All the girls who took part have received a certificate for supporting the school.

Thank you also to all families for the record collection we had this year for the homeless in Guildford. At our Harvest Assembly we were pleased to welcome Mr Richard Beeston, Chairman of Footsteps and Project Five; all the food, duvets, pillows and warm clothes you donated only just fitted in the minibus and the homeless themselves helped with the unloading at the centre in Guildford and expressed how happy they were with your generosity. Well done to Lower Preparatory, Junior Choir and of course, Mrs Barnes, Mrs Strang and Mrs Forbes for leading the Harvest Assembly.

This week we were delighted to welcome Fr Robert Hamilton, from the Josephite Priests who are linked to the Order, Daughters of Mary and Joseph, the Founding Order of Rydes Hill Preparatory School, led by Sister Patricia. Fr Robert gave a fascinating talk and PowerPoint presentation to the children about the schools the Josephites run in The Congo. These are effectively our sister schools, founded by the same Order. Just 30 USD a month pays for a teacher for a whole class. We look forward to maintaining close links with this charity in The Congo.

Following the workshops from International Gymnast, Danny Lawrence, thank you to all the families who generously donated for Sports for Schools (see page

2) and raised a total of £282.10 for GB Sport. Congratulations to Form One for raising £140.25 at their Cake Sale. Once again, thanks go to Mrs Spence who organised another successful Rydes Hill Plant Sale which has raised £173.53 to go towards a sensory garden for Nursery. Well done everyone!

A reminder to all parents regarding pick-up after school that the children must be supervised at all times, so if you arrive after 3:30pm your child/ren will have been taken to Stay and Play, since they cannot wait alone. We offer a complimentary 10 minutes of attendance (until 3.40pm) for parents who are just a little delayed, after which there is a charge.

The individual photographs and the whole school photograph have taken place and you will be receiving your proofs soon.

Outings, Netball Tournaments, Coffee Mornings and Parents Consultation Evenings have ended a very full first half of term. The teachers, staff and I all join in wishing you a restful and happy half term break.

God bless,

Mrs S. Bell M.A. (Oxon)

New Baby

Many congratulations to former Nursery teacher, Mrs Jennifer Tapp on the arrival of a baby girl on 14th October 2009—name to follow!

CHASE Concert

A message from Mrs Kate Osborne, Deputy Chairman of Governors, about a forthcoming charity event in aid of CHASE, hosted by former Rydes Hill parents, Mr & Mrs More-Molyneux:

Dear All

You have very kindly supported CHASE and our events in the past and I just wanted to let you know about a concert we are organising at Loseley on October 17th.

The More-Molyneux family has opened their walled garden for a private viewing from 6:00 pm to be followed by champagne and canapes in the Drawing Room at 6:45 pm and then music for recorder, strings and spinet performed in the Great Hall by the baroque chamber group Camerata Oriana.

Last time we organised this concert it was extremely popular and sold out very quickly. Those who came said how lovely it was to hear the music performed in such a beautiful and intimate setting. I do hope you are able to come.

Tickets are priced at £17.50 and available from: Louise Healey, Sparkes Place, Wonersh Common, Wonersh, GU5 0PH. Tel: 01485 898539.

Please make any cheques payable to CHASE and enclose a SAE.

Kind regards
Kate Osborne

October	
Mon 19th— Fri 30th	HALF TERM
November	
Mon 2nd	SECOND HALF OF TERM BEGINS
Wed 4th	Mass 9:15am (Parents welcome, followed by refreshments in Dining Hall)
Tues 10th	U10 (A) Netball v. Queen Eleanor's (home), 4.00pm
Wed 11th	Woking Festival—Senior Choir (after school, time tbc)
Thurs 12th	Upper Transition parent coffee morning, 8.30am
Fri 13th	Open Morning 9.00am—12 noon
	Cake Sale 3.15pm (Middle Preparatory)
Future Diary Dates	
Sat 14th & Sun 15th Nov	Tudor Rose Festival of Speech & Drama
Sat 21st	Ballet exams
Sun 29th Nov	FRHPS Christmas Fayre

Debating Club

Mrs removed is once again kindly running The Rydes Hill Debating Club every Monday for Form One and Higher Preparatory. The recent Motions and Speakers of the Week were as follows:

14th September

Speaker of the Week:

Lucy

The Motion was:

1. "This House is delighted to be back at school."

The motion was carried



21st September

Speaker of the Week:

Alexandra

The Motion was

1. "This House believes children should not be given pocket money."

The motion was carried.



28th September

Speaker of the Week:

Catriona

The Motion was:

1. "This House believes the Monarchy should be abolished."
2. "The House believes that Classical Music is better than Pop Music."

Both Motions were defeated



5th October

Speaker of the Week:

Rebecca

The Motion was

1. "This House believes children should be given more freedom."

The motion was defeated.

1. "This House believes we should all eat organic food"

The motion was carried.

Sports for Schools

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the girls for their enthusiasm and support with the Sports for Schools challenge and to congratulate all who participated in raising £282.10 for GB Sport.

The winning class was Form One, raising a total of £91.10, second place was awarded to Higher Prep with £77.00 and third place with the highest number of pupils participating was Middle Prep with £70. Well done everyone you really did us proud.

Then on Tuesday the 13th October we played U10 Netball and U11 hockey at St Hilary's. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

The U10 Netball improved considerably from the experience the girls gained at

the Saturday Tournament, we had as many opportunities to score as St Hilary's, a big thank you to all the girls that jumped in to help at the last minute, you were a credit to Rydes Hill.

Being the first hockey match and with only one hour's practice under their belt our U11s did extremely well, learning a lot from this match. Once again I would like to thank the girls who helped out at the last minute to make up a team, we could never have done it without you.

I would also like to thank our Sports Captains for getting the equipment ready for PE lessons/practices, for encouraging and motivating the girls to come to practices and thanking hosting schools.

Mrs Di Morris

National All Stars (NAS) Award for Karate



Huge congratulations to Kitty, Form One, who entered the National Competition in Karate, the National All Stars and came first in her weaponry and third in her patterns (Kata).

Children came from all over the country to compete and we are very proud of Kitty for winning a First Prize trophy which she is proudly holding in the photograph.

Further news this week is that Kitty has passed her assessment to gain a Black Belt, which is taking on 12th December!

"I really enjoy doing the competitions and I am looking forward to getting my Black Belt" says Kitty.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Silver Book

Week ending 2nd October

Excellent Work

Edward
Dixie
Julia
Abby
Elodie
Anna
Laura

Excellent Conduct

Ella
Evie
Georgia
Taya
Alice
Beate
Lois

Music Award

Rose for achieving a very high Distinction mark in her Grade I Cello Exam

PE Award

Barney for scoring the penalty in the Aldro Football Tournament

French Award

Ellie for full marks in her French test

Special Girdle

Coco for extremely good manners on the Middle Preparatory outing, sharing her lunch and waiting patiently for her model



Week ending 9th October

Excellent Work

Max
Maddie
Evie
Eryl
Elissa
Kitty

Excellent Conduct

Joshua
Danielle
Lauren
Fionnuala
Rebecca
Georgina

Music Award

Catriona for a super start to singing lessons this term

PE Award

Rebecca for playing well in her netball lesson

French Award

Justin for excellent conduct and very hard work in his lessons

Special Girdle

Sophie for her help at Eco Club.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:	
October	
9th	Lucas
15th	Isobel
16th	Taya
19th	Alexandra
	Rebecca
28th	Sofia
30th	Carrie

House Points

Week ending 2nd October 2009

CAMPION	111
GERALD	132
PATRICIA	118
PETER	137

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

Week ending 9th October 2009

CAMPION	127
GERALD	139
PATRICIA	136
PETER	143

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

Thought for the Week

Jesus said to the crowd, "I am the Good Shepherd, I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep."

