

The Rydes Hill Times

... our weekly newsletter keeping parents in touch



Letter from the Headmistress

Dear Parents,

There has been much celebration following the tremendous news that Mrs Forbes' Senior School Choir won first prize at the Woking Festival! This is a really wonderful achievement and we are so proud of them all.

More Music success includes congratulations to young composers Lucy, Grace and Ellie for their original Christmas Carol which we look forward to hearing at Guildford Cathedral on 28th November. Well done to the girls and the Music Department, inspirationally led by Mrs Forbes.

Congratulations also to Miss Quinn and all the girls for their successes and awards at the Tudor Rose Festival of Speech and Drama, shown on page 2.

There is a buzz of eager anticipation at school for the Christmas Fair on Sunday 29th November. It includes many new activities for your children to enjoy taking part in: the 12 Days of Christmas in the Hall, planned by Mrs B, a visit to Rydes Hill from Father Christmas in his grotto, stalls for your own Christmas shopping and Ger-

man and Italian food markets in the Dining Hall. Homemade mince pies will be available with Mrs B's special recipe and we are sure it will be a huge success, following so much hard work by the Friends, dynamically led by Mrs C and her Deputy Mrs N. We even have our own designed Rydes Hill shopping bags at £2 each to take home your shopping in!

Many parents have also generously given prizes for the Christmas Fayre. Thank you so much to the following families: the M's for a Harrods Christmas hamper, the R's for a Fortnum and Mason's Christmas hamper, raffle prizes from the H's, the A's, and many more arriving each day. Thank you to the T's for having the booklets printed and the S's for colour printing the labels.

The generosity of parents at Rydes Hill continues with other donations and gifts at school, including: a superb set of white linen table napkins from Mrs B, a star globe for viewing the stars in Science from Mrs B, many sets of books from Mrs D-C, a garage, farm and bricks for Stay & Play from the H's and action figures and toys for Stay & Play from the T's.

We are immensely proud to hear from Sophie in Nursery about her great grandfather, 'Hero of the Fleet', the late Bill Stone; please read about him and his achievements in his 108 years on page 4.

We are also proud of Sophia for talking to her class about the Charity 'Reach'.

This term we are delighted to welcome back to Rydes Hill as a new governor Mrs Jenny Shaw, who many of you will remember was a former parent here and who was twice a dynamic Chairman of Friends during her time at Rydes Hill.

We send special get well wishes and prayers to pupils and parents who are unwell with flu at present and we wish you all a happy and restful weekend.

God bless,

Mrs S. Bell M.A. (Oxon)

Week Beginning 16th November	
Tues 17th	U9(A) & U10(A) Netball –v– St Catherine's (away) 4:15pm
Fri 20th	Coffee Morning 8:30am (Lower Preparatory Parents)
Sat 21st	Ballet Exams
Week beginning 23rd November	
Fri 27th	Coffee Morning 8:30am (MP Parents)
Sun 29th	FRHPS Christmas Fayre 2:00pm—4:30pm
Future Dates In December	
Thur 3rd	Advent Mass 9:15am (Parents welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Dining Hall)
Fri 4th	Nursery Nativity 11:00am
Weds 9th	Christmas Play 1:30pm (Kindergarten—Lower Preparatory)
Thurs 10th	Christmas Play 6:30pm (K—LP)
Wes 16th	Christmas Party and End of Term

Musical Success!



Woking Festival

The Senior Choir were on great form when they performed at the H G Wells concert hall this week, winning first place, and the Millennium Shield, at the Woking Festival. They performed the folk song "O Waly, Waly" and the spiritual "By and By", and were described by the adjudicator as "a choir with much potential." The girls were delightful, the parents were delighted (thank you for the cheering!) and Mrs Forbes and Miss Maureen, our accompanist, felt

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Music Success cont'd.

very proud indeed!

"Tidings of Joy" Carol Writing Competition

Just before half term the girls in Middle Preparatory, Higher Preparatory and Form One had the opportunity to take part in a competition sponsored by the Guildford Symphony Orchestra. The aim of the competition, which was open to all schools in the Guildford area, was to compose an original Christmas carol, the best five to be orchestrated by the GSO's conductor Darrell Davidson and performed by full symphony orchestra and large chil-

dren's choir at Guildford Cathedral on Saturday 28th November. (see page 4) I am delighted to tell you that Rydes Hill has provided one of the winning carols! Grace, Ellie and Lucy (Form One) jointly composed a carol called "Only a Humble Shepherd". We are all absolutely delighted by their success.

Further congratulations also go to Rebecca, Thea and Sofia (Middle Prep) whose joint composition "Three Kings Riding" was awarded a special consolation prize by Mr Davidson. Fabulous work, girls!

-Mrs Forbes

Rydes Hill Romans

On Monday 16th November, the Romans came to Rydes Hill. Middle Preparatory dressed up in style for a Roman Day in the school. They produced a menu for a Roman Feast which involved food tasting; the favourite item was parsley.

The girls also enjoyed a role play activity about Roman Baths and for a Mathematics lesson they learned about Roman Numerals.

Finally, they discovered how difficult it would have been to make a mosaic floor pattern and picture.

-Mrs Susan Kelly

Tudor Rose Festival Results

Under 6 Years Verse Speaking

Alicja	85
Lana	86
Izzy	86
Libby	86
Danielle	86
Olivia	87
Lucas	87
Charlotte	88
Lottie	89

7 Years Verse Speaking

Evie	85
Josie	85
Isabella	85
Duha	86
Sofia	87
Abby	88

8 Years Verse Speaking

Rose	85
Mayuri	85
Issi	85
Alice	85
Elodie	85
Holly	85
Coco	86
Sofia	86
Charlotte	88

9-11 Years Verse Speaking

Georgina	85
Lois	87

Under 6 Years Duo Verse speaking

Olivia & Issi	86
Julia & Alicja	87
Danielle & Madeleine	87
Georgia & Grace	88

Place

7-8 Years Duo Verse Speaking

Emma & Elodie	85
Charlotte & Eryl	85
Mayuri & Issi	86
Alexandra & Rebecca	86
Josie & Isabella	88
Thrinethra & Sofia	89
Evie & Abby	89
Thea & Sofia	90

9-10 Years Duo Verse Speaking

Sara & Altea	85
Elissa & Anna	87
Lucy & Georgina	89

Prose Reading 8 Years & Under

Eryl	84
Charlotte	85
Alexandra	85
Charlotte	85
Emma	86
Thea	88

Duo Acting 10 Years & Under

Rebecca & Molly	84
Lucy & Hannah	85

Eleanor & Sally	85
Catriona & Beate	85

Solo Acting 10 Years & Under

Alexandra	90	2 nd
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Congratulations to all the children who took part and huge thanks to Miss Tina Quinn for her enthusiasm and dedication to the children enabling them to achieve such remarkable results every year.

-Mrs Bell

The Under-6 Verse Speaking duos at the Festival with their medals!





Roman Day outfits & activities!



Friends of Rydes Hill

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW,
LET IT SNOW
**RYDES HILL CHRISTMAS
FAYRE.....COMING VERY
SOON!**

We've got some really fun, some yummy and all very brilliant stalls this year, and also someSNOW! ...yes SNOW!...so.....

Don't miss out on the festive fun and remember to:

Buy your tickets to the Fayre, and bring your friends and family too. Give yourselves a chance of winning a fabulous raffle prize by buying some raffle tickets too! (raffle tickets can also be purchased on the day)

So do come along and enjoy the fun with everyone

**Sunday 29th November
2pm – 4.30 pm**

THE FRIENDS OF RYDES HILL
SCHOOL

A reminder that any donations for the Adult Tombola and the Chocolate Tombola should be given to Mrs Carol Smith and these will be picked up by the Friends

Thank you
Mrs C



Books Appeal

Rydes Hill School is proud of the diversity amongst its pupils. To celebrate the cultures and languages that are represented throughout the school, we thought it would be a fun and educational project to have the children share their own language and culture with other pupils by reading a book to them and perhaps even teaching them a few words or to read the book too.

Therefore, if you have any simple books in your native language that your children are no longer using, would you please bring them into the school office.

Merci, Grazie, Bedankt, Спасибо,
Dziękuję, Danke, धन्यवाद, 谢谢您,
Gracias, Grazi, Dankie, شكرا لك

-Mrs Cate Rowson



Debating Club

**Week beginning 9th November
2009**

Speaker of the Week:
Lucy

The Motion was:

1. "This House believes that the advertising of toys should be banned"

The motion was defeated

2. "This House believes that taxes should be cut."

The motion was carried



**Week beginning 16th November
2009**

Speaker of the Week:
Catrina

The Motion was:

1. "This House believes that we need a change of Prime Minister"

The motion was carried

Eco Club

Ink Cartridges & Mobile Phones

After much searching we have finally been able to find a local company who is able to recycle our mobile phones and ink cartridges (many thanks to Mrs Ellis for the information). 'Empty Cartridge Recycling Ltd' has already taken the items in our collection box (at the end of the Nursery corridor) and we will shortly be receiving a cheque to go to our Eco projects around the school.

If you have any empty ink cartridges or old mobile phones please can you put them in a plastic bag (to stop leaks) and place them in the recycling box.

Clothes and Shoe Recycling

Attached to the newsletter is a reminder of the items that we can recycle through LMB. We have already made approximately £500 since we started this initiative. All the items are either reused and sent to developing countries or recycled.

The pairs of shoes need to be in good condition as they are reused.



Thank you as always for your support and please keep your recycling coming in to the collection bins in the Nursery corridor.

-Mrs Deacon

Pupil Council Meeting

The Student Council meeting took place on Monday 16th November and the following girls represented their classes:

Form One

Lucy and Ellie

Higher Preparatory

Beate and Lucy

Middle Preparatory

Eryl and Emma

Lower Preparatory

Thrinethra and Stephanie

Mrs Bell and Mrs Smith represented the teachers.

The meeting raised a number of useful ideas and suggestions!

Here are a few of the items raised:

- ★ A request was made for a roof outside the Higher Preparatory classroom door
- ★ Table napkins at lunchtime
- ★ Vegetable Garden to be run by the Eco Club
- ★ Aprons for Form One girls at lunch
- ★ Each class to have a "Student Council" book to write suggestions in and keep the book at the back of the classrooms
- ★ A designated class to look after the Millennium Garden
- ★ New playground markings, eg. hopscotch, snakes with numbers on
- ★ Targets painted on the wall for playtime games
- ★ Each class or pupil to make a tile to put outside on the wall in 2010
- ★ Film Day
- ★ History Day
- ★ For wet play, a Film Room and Games Room



Guildford Symphony

Thirty girls in Middle Preparatory, Higher Preparatory and Form One are taking part in the "Tidings of Joy" concert at Guildford Cathedral. The concert features the first performance of "Only a Humble Shepherd" composed by Grace, Ellie and Lucy (Form One). We do hope many of you will be able to attend its debut at the concert!

Tickets are not available in school, please see details on the poster below for where to buy them:



TIDINGS OF JOY Saturday 28th November 2009 Guildford Cathedral, 7:30pm

Froissart Overture Elgar
Rondo Capriccioso Saint-Saens
Prometheus Liszt

Tidings of Joy Carol Competition

Symphony No. 5 Tchaikovsky

Violin—Susie Chen
Conductor—Darrell Davison

Tickets:
£15 (res), £10 full, £5 students/
ES40s, £3 under 11s

Available from:
Tourist Information Centre:
01483 444334
GSO Box Office: 01483 415847
www.g-s-o.org.uk

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Supporting EDC (Equipment for
Disabled Children)
Crossroads Care, Surrey

Hero of the Fleet

For all World War I and II history buffs, the name William Stone may be familiar. What you may not know is that this extraordinary man was the great grandfather of Sophie, a pupil in our Nursery. Mr Stone sadly passed away in January this year, at the grand age of 108, and there is a book entitled *Hero of the Fleet* about his life.



Wedding Day in 1938

"William 'Bill' Stone was born on 23rd September 1900 in Ledstone, Knightsbridge, in Devon. He was the last man to have served in both the Great War and the Second World War. He was a career sailor, travelling the globe before the age of modern communications and transport and sailed on the famous Empire Cruise aboard HMS Hood in 1923-4.

"During the Second World War, he endured hardship and found fear and death all around him. He fought the Nazis at Dunkirk, sailed on the perilous Arctic Convoys to supply vital aid to Russia, was mentioned in despatches at the Invasion of Sicily and played his part in the Atlantic War against the U-Boat threat. Until his death in January this year, he made countless public appearances to pass on his memories and wisdom and to teach new generations the realities of sacrifice, duty and war. He died a national hero."

Excerpt from *Hero of the Fleet*, foreword by HRH Prince Andrew, published by Mainstream Publishing.



Bill with his great-granddaughters, Sophie and Annabel, in April 2008

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Silver Book

Week ending 6th November

Excellent Work

Serra
Chressie
Charlotte
Abby
Natasha
Altea
Sophie

Excellent Conduct

Fabio
Sienna
Oliver
Isobel
Charlotte
Molly
Holly s

Music Award

Lucy for being a helpful and committed member of the Orchestra

PE Award

Abby for excellent dancing in the dance lesson

French Award

Abi for effort in her French homework

Special Girdle

Rose for being sensible and also offering to help a teacher.

Week ending 13th November

Excellent Work

Jacob
Erin
Ferdinand
Isabella
Alice
Beate
Grace

Excellent Conduct

Olivia
Ciara
Lotti
Josie
Elodie
Cecilia
Sally

Music Award

Barney for super progress with the violin

PE Award

Catriona for playing really well in the match against Queen Eleanor's

French Award

Frederick for hard work in the lesson

Special Girdle

Sofia for an excellent talk about the charity "Reach".



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

November

13th Julia

15th Ellie

17th Molly

19th Catriona

22nd Kieran

23rd Jessé

26th Frederick

27th Rose

28th Charlotte

29th Olivia

House Points

Week ending 6th November 2009

CAMPION	172
GERALD	186
PATRICIA	269
PETER	183

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

Week ending 13th November 2009

CAMPION	161
GERALD	128
PATRICIA	194
PETER	200

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

Thought for the Week

"It is better to put your confidence in God than to trust in man."

Psalms 118:8

