

The Rydes Hill Times

... our weekly newsletter keeping parents in touch



Letter from the Headmistress

Lunchtime Concert

Week beginning 2nd March

Thur 5th	U11 IAPS Netball Tournament at Roedean. All day.
Fri 6th	Middle Preparatory parents Coffee Morning 8:30am
Sat 7th	FRHPS Scottish Ball

Week beginning 9th March

Mon 9th	U11B Netball Tournament at Hoe Bridge 2:30—5:00pm
Tues 10th	U10 Netball Tournament at St George's College, Weybridge 1:00pm—5:00pm
Weds 11th	Mufti Day in House colours for the Good Shepherd Lenten Appeal and Mathematics Inter-House competitions
Thurs 12th	Upper Transition visit to the Victorian School Room, Guildford
Fri 13th	Coffee Morning for Higher Preparatory parents 8:30am
Sat 14th & Sun 15th	Ballet Examinations

Dear Parents

I hope you all enjoyed a restful and refreshing half term week.

This week the children in Middle Preparatory and Higher Preparatory took part in an outing to the National Gallery; a full report will follow next week.

Thank you again to (name removed) for organising another fund raising plant sale for Rydes Hill. You will have received plant sale order forms this week. The plants are beautiful and represent great value for money; they also raise a considerable amount of money for the school so thank you for supporting this worthwhile collection.

This week you will all have received my letter about ClarionCall our new parent/school contact system. Please would you ensure that your correct details are either uploaded to the web via the details contained in the letter or that you return the attached slip by Friday March 13th 2009. We are hoping that the system will be 'live' by the start of the summer term.

On Wednesday 11th March we look forward to our Mathematics Mufti day. Head of Mathematics, Mrs Anne Hill has organised many fun and

educational activities for the whole school that day, both in the classroom and around the grounds. Children are invited to wear House colours and to bring a donation to the 'Good Shepherd' Lenten appeal, about which you will also have received a letter this week with a collection box and flyer for the Cabrini Children's Society.

Lent at Rydes Hill began with a beautiful Mass on Wednesday.

Wishing you all a blessed and happy weekend.

God bless,

Stephanie Bell

Uniform Shop

Please note that the uniform shop email is:
Address removed



"Ode to Spring"

Wednesday 11th March
at 1:00pm

Maureen Galea
Piano

Pongsit Karnriangkrai
Violin

Grieg 'To Spring'
Beethoven 'Spring Sonata'
(1st movement)
'Rustle of Spring'



Miss Maureen Galea continues her series of lunchtime recitals at Rydes Hill with a delightful programme of music with a spring in its step! She will be joined by an exciting young Thai violinist, currently in his final year studying Music at the University of Surrey. The concert will last approximately 25 minutes and admission is free.

All children and parents are warmly invited.



Debating Club News

Week ending 6th February 2009

Speakers of the Week:

Form One:

No Debating Club for Form One this week as the school was closed due to the snowy conditions.

Higher Preparatory:

Laura

The Motions were

1. "This House loves the snow"
2. "This House would rather eat fruit than chocolate".



Week ending 13th February 2009

Speakers of the Week:

Form One:

Demi-Marie

The Motion was:

1. "This House believes that adults should be banned from smoking and drinking alcohol in front of children."

Higher Preparatory:

Rebecca

The Motions were

1. "This House would be vegetarian."
2. "This House supports a one car limit on every household."



Week ending 25th February 2009

Speakers of the Week:

Form One:

Isabel

The Motion was:

1. "This House believes that all testing on animals should be banned."

Higher Preparatory:

Lucy

The Motions were

1. "This House believes global warming is the greatest threat faced by the world."
2. "This House would rather have a dog than a cat."

Well done girls!

Creating Board Games

As part of their **Polar Regions Project**, the girls of Middle Preparatory have designed and made their own board games.

The task was to invent a game with instructions and to design and make it to show their peers. This involves imagination, art and lateral thinking skills. The results are impressive and each week we shall show a few of the fantastic games they have created.

The photographs below show two of the girls with their games:



Hannah with her "Penguin Skittles" game



Beate with her "Fishing through the ice" game

Babysitting

Devrika, a 14-year-old from Tormead School is trying to raise money for the World Challenge Expedition to Northern Chile in 2010.

She is available to babysit for children aged 5 years and over. A reference is available from (name removed).



The Great Daffodil Appeal

The Great Daffodil Appeal is an annual fundraising campaign for Marie Curie Nurses. The aim this year is to raise £5 million. If you would like to support the work of these wonderful nurses, please see Mrs Carol Smith in the School Office.



Cake Sale

I am writing to tell you all about how I was rescued in Canada by Stars Helicopter Rescue Service when I was ski-ing.



I was rescued from the top of the mountain. I will always be grateful to the Helicopter Service for saving me. They were all heroes to me and they rely on donations to carry on the good work they do of rescuing people. I am having a cake sale to raise money for them on Friday 13th March 2009 after school. Please will you support this generously.

Sally –Higher Preparatory

It is good to thank those who help us and this is an impressive initiative by Sally. Well done Sally– Mrs Bell



Thought for the week

Take me, Lord, use my life
In the way you wish to do.
Fill me, Lord, touch my heart
Till it always thinks of you.
Take me now, as I am.
This is all I can offer

Here today I the clay
Will be moulded by my Lord.

Lord I pray that each day
I will listen to your will.
Many times I have failed
But I know you love me still.
Teach me now, guide me, Lord,
Keep me close to you always.

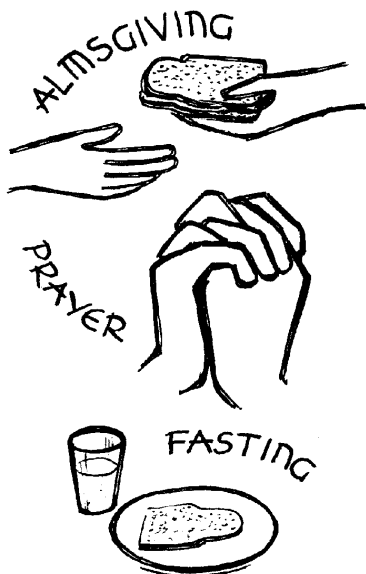
Here today I the clay
Will be moulded by my Lord.

I am weak. Fill me now
With your strength and set me free.
Make me whole. Fashion me
So that you will live in me.
Hold me now in your hands.
Form me now with your spirit.

Here today I the clay
Will be moulded by my Lord.



You are the potter, I am the clay. Mould
me and make me after Thy will.
Jeremiah 18:4



CHILDREN'S SECTION

Silver Book

Week ending 6th February 2009

Excellent Work

Carrie
Gaby
Abby
Fiona
Lucy
Imogen
Katherine

Excellent Conduct

Joshua
Justin
Izzy
Thea
Altea
Kitty
Pankhuri

Music Award

Holly for increased practising leading to
good progress this week

French Award

Kate for an excellent French weather re-
port and for excellent effort generally in
French

PE Award

Higher Preparatory Netball Team and
Sophie as Captain for the Netball Tourna-
ment

Special Girdles

Ellie
Kate
Katherine
for their superb help at the Netball
Tournament



Week ending 13th February 2009

Excellent Work

Erin
Lucas
Giada
Anna
Mollie
Grace
Isabella

Excellent Conduct

Katie
Lottie
Isobel
Alice
Beate
Rebecca
Melissa

Music Award

Emma for excellent commitment to her
piano playing

French Award

Shriya for excellent French homework

PE Award

Grace for playing so well at the Netball
Tournament

Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

February

25th

Issy

House Points

Week ending 6th February 2009

CAMPION	152
GERALD	132
PATRICIA	91
PETER	86

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

Week ending 13th February 2009

CAMPION	114
GERALD	140
PATRICIA	105
PETER	134

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