

The Rydes Hill Times

... our newsletter
keeping parents in touch



DIARY DATES

Week Beginning 7th June

Mon 7th - Fri 11th	Golden Boot Challenge
Mon 7th	Mass at St Mary's Church, 9:15am (Parents welcome. Refreshments served afterwards in the Dining Hall)
	Form One visit to Guildford Fire Station
Tues 8th	U10 & U11 Rounders -v- St Hilary's (Away) 4:30pm
Thur 10th	Rounders Tournament for Form One at St Teresa's, 12:30pm
Fri 11th	Open Morning (prospective parents) 9:00am - 12noon
	New Uniform Shop open from 3:00pm

Week Beginning 14th June

Tues 15th	10:00am Nursery Sports Day followed at 11:00am by Pre-Prep Sports Day
	Busy Bees Day at Farnborough Hill School (HP)
Weds 16th	Prep Sports Day (time TBC)
Thur 17th	FRHPS Committee Meeting 7:45pm
Fri 18th	Coffee Morning (LP parents)
	Nursery Outing to Fishers Farm
	Speech & Drama Examinations (pm)
Sat 19th	Speech & Drama Examinations (all day)
Sun 20th	Ballet Examinations (all day)

Letter from the Headmistress

Dear Parents

Saturday night's Quiz Night summed up the wonderful community at Rydes Hill that the teachers, staff and I feel privileged to be part of. There was a great atmosphere, good humoured competitiveness and a thoroughly entertaining, varied and challenging quiz brilliantly prepared by **Mr & Mrs C** and delivered by Mr C with his usual humour, style and fast pace. Huge thanks to Chairman of Friends, Mrs C for running Quiz Night again for us at Rydes Hill. Tickets were completely sold out and every table was taken. Thank you also to **Mrs H** and to **Mr and Mrs V** for helping set up the room on Saturday and to Mrs H for taking on the role of recording the scores on the night. Congratulations to the table of parents from Higher Preparatory who were the winners overall in a closely fought competition!

The Form One girls did very well

too. We were all impressed by Nursery parent, Mrs M, who at midnight, after Quiz Night, went on a sponsored walk for Chase! She raised an additional £350 sponsorship on the night, bringing her total to circa £1,300; Mrs M told me on Monday that she finally got to bed at 4:30am!

Last week we also celebrated the success of the Rydes Hill Ramblers, **Mrs C, Mrs B and Mrs S** and other former Rydes Hill mothers who raised over £3,200 on the Moon Walk for Breast Cancer awareness. Well done also to their daughters, former Rydes Hill girls, **M, A and A** who took part with their mothers.

Last week also saw the generosity of another former Rydes Hill parent who had been very active in the project to restore Our Lady's Lawn to use in 2006/7. Parents will remember **Mr A** and his digger! To the delight of the children, he returned to Rydes Hill with a digger, a tractor and 9 tonnes of sand! He generously gave his time to create a Long

Jump in time for Sports Day. A whole team of fathers, including one fantastic mother, Mrs S, set to work with shovels, moving the sand, and by 6:30pm on Friday, it was all in place, complete with wooden frame, purpose built tarpaulin cover and ready for much fun over many years to come. Special thanks to many fathers who gave their time to help, including **Mr A, Mr D, Mr H, Mr H, Mr P, Mr S, Mr T, Mr W as well as Mr Halling**. Mr A will present the prizes at our Preparatory Sports Day.

The second half of term is packed with fun events for you and your children. Please diarise Nursery and Pre-Preparatory Sports Day, Preparatory Sports Day, Nursery Prize-Giving, Pre-Preparatory Prize-Giving, Preparatory Prize-Giving with Guest of Honour the Rt Hon Mrs Anne Milton MP coming to address us and present the prizes. We also look forward to the Summer Production by the girls from Middle Preparatory to Form One, Family Fun Day and a classical con-

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Rydes Hill Choir Record a CD!



Recording Stars!

Lower Preparatory, Middle Preparatory, Higher Preparatory and Form One taking part in the recent CD recording

CD Recording

On Thursday 13th and Friday 14th May the Hall at Rydes Hill was turned into a recording studio! All the children from Kindergarten to Form One were involved in the recording, singing some of their favourites songs from the last year or so. Recording these songs required a great deal of attention and commitment - any notion the children had that this would be an easy undertaking was quickly dispelled as they realised how hard they would have to concentrate in order to produce their very best performance.

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Headmistress' Letter (cont'd)

cert from Miss Galea. The children will enjoy outings to Windsor Castle, Winter-shall, Form One Bowling and Junior Citizenship scheme, Fisher's Farm and Marwell Zoo. It looks set to be a very exciting second half of the summer term.

This week children enjoyed outings to Wisley, to Littlefield Common and for Form One and Higher Preparatory, a Water Sports Day at Horseshoe Lake.

This week also saw the start of work on the Lodge which is a very exciting project to create a super Performing Arts Studio for Rydes Hill.

Thank you to Mrs Tessa Forbes, Mr Sebastian Forbes and Mr Al Forbes for working to create our own CD, photographs on page 1 and page 2.

Thank you to all parents who have collected and continue to collect schools' vouchers for us from the supermarkets.

We hope you enjoy the photographs on page 4, which include: The May Procession, Quiz Night and the creation of the Long Jump. Congratulations to **Anna L** for gaining Second Place in the Lee Valley Ice Skating Competition, picture on page 3.

To all the girls in the Preparatory Department, well done in your School tests and we hope that all our families enjoy a restful and happy half term week. God bless,

Stephanie Bell

Mrs Stephanie Bell M.A. (Oxon)
Headmistress

Music News (cont'd)

Standing very still at the beginning and end of "takes" to avoid extraneous sounds was another essential challenge, as was silence around the Hall whilst we were recording. We were very lucky to have the services of a professional Sound Engineer and experienced CD Producer (it helps to have a musical family!)

I think the hard work and concentration will have been worth it! We have included some lovely songs on the CD: Kindergarten, Lower Transition and Upper Transition sang the four songs they had performed at the House Singing Festival in March; songs from the Preparatory classes included the School Song, the Holiday Hymn and three of the Carols composed for the Guildford Symphony Orchestra competition in the Autumn Term – it felt very strange to be singing Christmas carols and summer prize-giving songs in the same morning! The Festival Choir and Senior Choir recorded songs they had performed in the Woking and Godalming Festivals, and the Junior Choir sang two favourite songs from their repertoire. Fans

Music News (cont'd)

of the Irish Blessing will be pleased to know that this poignant song will also feature amongst the 18 songs on the CD, which will be available to purchase later this term.



The Production Team

Mrs Forbes with Al Forbes (Sound Engineer) and Sebastian Forbes (Producer)

Individual Music Lessons

Parents in classes Lower Transition to Higher Preparatory will have received a letter this week about applying for individual music lessons from September. I would be very grateful if the completed forms could be returned by Friday 11th June. We are blessed with a fantastic team of peripatetic music teachers who will be delighted to impart their knowledge and enthusiasm to your children!

Rydes Hill Concert Review

What a fabulous evening on Friday 7th May when the Rydes Hill Music Department came together for a wonderful concert for parents and children. Mrs Forbes started the evening saying that she hoped that it would prove de-stressing after the week of election fever, and it certainly did. In the space of two hours, we were taken from Vivaldi's Four Seasons on violin, to Gershwin's Summertime on saxophone, interspersed with some very spirited piano playing from Mrs Maureen Galea and Mrs Forbes, a superb duet of cello and Spanish guitar and a wonderful mezzo-soprano aria. Even the children, some from nursery I believe, were very appreciative, managing to resist the gym mats at the back of the hall! I can see now why our daughter has acquired a great appetite to learn music, and the violin in particular, given the obvious enthusiasm of the staff. So, many thanks to Mrs Forbes in particular for striving to find the time to arrange such a wonderful programme in addition to all her other tasks, and to the rest of the music staff for providing such a relaxing evening and superb display of their talents. Our children are in good hands indeed!
Review kindly written by Mr P, father of Anastasia

Musical Evening

A Musical Evening with Maureen and Friends

Our talented piano teacher, Maureen Galea, is planning another concert on:

**Saturday 12th June, 7:30pm
at Rydes Hill Preparatory School**

For this recital she will be joined by her piano duet partner, Mark Clayden. The varied programme of piano duets will include Mozart's *Sonata*, Schubert's *Fantasia* and Dvorak's *Slavonic Dances* and the ever-popular *English Country Gardens* by Percy Grainger. In addition, Maureen is inviting some final year music students from the University of Surrey to perform. It should be a wonderful, relaxed evening. There will be no charge for admittance, but we will have a retiring collection in aid of a charity (tbc). Please spread the word amongst your friends and family - it would be good to support Miss Maureen and enjoy a lovely musical evening too.
Mrs Forbes

Stay & Play

A big thank you to Mrs N for more dressing up clothes, Mrs B for the bag of dolls and Mr & Mrs S-H for the super new garage which are all very popular with the children.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please could we remind all parents that it would help us very much with staffing and catering if you would book your child in before Stay & Play starts.

You may do this either by sending in a form in the morning for that particular day or week, or alternatively, if you realise during the day that your child will need to use the Stay & Play facility, please telephone the school to confirm a place for your child.

Finally, please can parents keep a watchful eye on their children at all times after school hours and please do not let them climb on the fences or play on the driveway. Cars are leaving from the rear staff car park as well as arriving to collect/drop off children for clubs etc and your child's safety is important.



New Uniform Shop

Mrs Bilbe kindly runs our New Uniform Shop, located on the third floor, and this will be open from:

3:00 pm on Friday 11 June

3:00 pm on Friday 2 July

Please let Mrs Carol Smith know if you require uniform urgently and complete an order form, located outside Mrs Smith's Office.

Thank you to Mrs Bilbe, who has written to the parents of Kindergarten 2010 and to new parents joining Rydes Hill in September 2010 to book individual appointments for uniform fittings soon.

Sun Hats for Playtime

The New Uniform Shop also stocks smart burgundy peaked caps which are useful at playtime. The hats cost £5.00 each and Mrs Carol Smith in the School Office has a stock of hats and is selling them at the start and end of the day, if you are interested.



Second Hand Uniform Shop

FRHPS Second-Hand Uniform Shop

We are open every Monday morning from 8:00am - 9:00am.

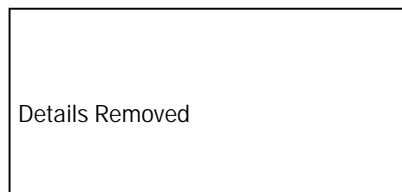
We are currently very low in stock of all items for Pre-Preparatory in small sizes.



If you have anything to sell, please attach a label with your name, class and telephone number and leave the items with Mrs Smith in the office, or drop in direct to the shop on Monday. I am happy to price up for you.

If you cannot make the usual opening times, please contact me and I will try to help you out.

Annalisa:



Ice Skating



Congratulations
to
Anna L
of
Higher Preparatory
who gained
Second Place
at the
**Lee Valley
Ice Skating
Competition**



Anna is pictured with her coach, Veronika Bogomolova

Photographs from The May Procession, Quiz Night and Creating the Long Jump



Silver Book

Week ending 14th May

Excellent Work

Edward
Anastasia
Lottie
Stephanie
Rebecca
Catriona
Rebecca

Excellent Conduct

Amelia
Eloise
Maddie
Josie
Finnuala
Abi
Lucy

Music Award

Alicja for outstanding commitment and dedication to her piano playing and producing excellent work consistently.

PE Award

Rebecca for excellent rounders skills in lessons and Club

French Award

Jesse for making such an effort to learn vocabulary

Special Girdle

Georgina for bravery

Week ending 21st May

Excellent Work

Fabio
Maria
Lucas
Abby
Charlotte
Lucy
Georgina

Excellent Conduct

Olivia
Joshua
Issie
Isabella
Eryl
Elissa
Alex

Music Award

Thea for excellent practising in preparation for Grade 2 violin examinations

French Award

Jesse for making such an effort to learn vocabulary

PE Award

Eve for excellent effort and progress in Rounders this term.

CHILDREN'S SECTION



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

May

29th	Fionnula
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June

1st	Emma
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1st	Lucy
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5th	Lily
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House Points

Week ending 14th May

CAMPION	144
GERALD	99
PATRICIA	198
PETER	196

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

Week ending 21st May

CAMPION	101
GERALD	93
PATRICIA	102
PETER	112

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

Thought for the Week

“Do not worry about anything; instead pray about everything; tell God your needs and do not forget to thank Him for His answers.

If you do this, you will experience God’s peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand.”

Philippians 4: 6-7

