

The Rydes Hill Times

... our newsletter
keeping parents in touch



DIARY DATES

Week Beginning 17th May

Mon 17th	School Exams for Prep Department only begin (2 weeks)
	Pupil Council Meeting, 1:00pm
Thur 20th	Coffee Morning (Lower Transition Parents) 8:30am
Fri 21st	Mass at St Mary's Church, 9:15am (Parents welcome. Refreshments served afterwards in the Dining Hall)
Sat 22nd	FRHPS Quiz Night, 7:30pm

Week Beginning Mon 24th May

Tues 25th	Lower Preparatory outing to Wisley Gardens
	NO BALLET TODAY
Weds 26th	District Athletics at The Spectrum
Thur 27th	Kindergarten outing to Littlefield Common (all day)
	U10 & U11 Rounders -v- Duke of Kent (Away) 4:30pm
Fri 28th	Coffee Morning (Upper Transition Parents) 8:30am
	F1 and HP Water Sports Day at Horseshoe Lake, Sandhurst 10am-4pm
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th Jun	HALF TERM

Letter from the Headmistress

Dear Parents

Well done to our Form One girls for completing their SATs examinations this week.

As well as the National Elections, Thursday 6th May saw our own set of mini election debates taking place led by the girls in the Preparatory classes. Well done to all the speakers for an entertaining set of Election Debates. Particular commendation to the winning speakers, Thea in Middle Preparatory and Lucy and Grace in Form One.

Well done also to Sophia and Fionnuala in Middle Preparatory, to Catriona and Lucy in Higher Preparatory and to Ellie and Kitty in Form One as well as all those on the teams who contributed to a stimulating set of speeches. Each team also produced an outstanding Power Point presentation; well done to Sophie, Georgia and Lucy for their imaginative PowerPoint presentations.

The same day included a beautiful May Procession to crown Our Lady with flowers. Thank you to Deacon Lamb for leading our prayers and to Mrs Forbes and our musicians for the moving musical accompaniment. There was a very serene moment at the end as the older girls walked away singing and the Nursery children remained for a few moments absolutely silent and still, captured by the tranquillity and peace. Thank you to so many parents and Deputy Chairman of Governors, Mrs Kate Osborne, for joining us and to Chef Jane for the delicious cream teas.

The Concert on Friday 7th May performed by the Music Department at Rydes Hill for parents and for pupils was a truly delightful evening and showed what an exceptional and gifted team of music teachers we have. Not

only are they kind and encouraging but also enormously talented. Thank you to: Miss Maureen Galea, Miss Gillian McIlwraith, Mrs Mary Smith, Miss Jo Levi, Mr Rob Wilson, Mr James Harrison, and, on the evening, Mr Alex Cooke and Mr Sebastian Forbes. This team freely and generously gave their time to rehearse and play.

Above all, special thanks go to our inspirational Director of Music, Mrs Tessa Forbes, who had the idea of the teachers performing for the pupils. I am sure you will agree that our peripatetic music teachers and our music department greatly enhance the excellence of the teaching team working with your children at Rydes Hill. The number of children, even as young as Nursery, who attended the evening with their parents was impressive, appreciating classical music and the entertaining and varied programme created by Mrs Forbes. Thank you also to the Friends of Rydes Hill for organising the refreshments. (Photographs to follow in the next newsletter).

On Wednesday this week, all the boys from Kindergarten to Upper Transition enjoyed an afternoon of sport and activities, meeting Chelsea Football Coaches, kindly organised by Cranmore School, and our Governor, Headmaster Mr Michael Connolly.

Next week work begins on the Lodge, which, as you know, is being converted into a Performing Arts Studio which will be a wonderful addition to the facilities we enjoy at Rydes Hill.

Thank you to former parent, Mr A, who returned to Rydes Hill this week with his digger (famed for bringing Our Lady's Lawn back into use!). Mr A is generously giving his time to the project to create a Long Jump behind the Science Laboratory. Thank you also to Mrs Di Morris for leading this project which we aim to complete in time for Sports Day.

We wish the Rydes Hill Ramblers success in the Moon Walk at the weekend and we are delighted that former parents and current parents are united in this charity project using the Rydes Hill name. Mrs S, Mrs C, Mrs B and the team have already raised almost £2,300!

On Saturday 22nd May, we are looking forward to an exciting Quiz Night evening, led by the Friends. Thank you to Mr C for once again being our Quiz Master and to Mrs C and all the Friends for organising this fun event. Please contact Mrs C if you have not yet ordered your ticket.

Congratulations to Mrs N and her team running the Second Hand Uniform shop every Monday and for making a further £1,000 worth of uniform sales last week. This is a record!

Well done to everyone at Rydes Hill for raising £187.80 for the Rainbow Trust children's charity.

This week Mrs Forbes is leading a team including her husband and her son to create for Rydes Hill families a CD which will include every child in Rydes Hill singing! Today we are tiptoeing past the Hall while the recording takes place and we look forward to hearing the final results. We are proud to have such a strong Music Department, and Junior and Senior Choirs to make this possible and to the Forbes family for their musical expertise to produce a professional CD for Rydes Hill.

Finally, good luck to all the Preparatory Department pupils for their end of year tests which start on Monday next week. Wishing you all a restful and hopefully sunny weekend.

God bless,

Mrs Stephanie Bell M.A. (Oxon)

Rounders



The Form One and Higher Preparatory girls took part in a Rounders match at St Teresa's on Tuesday 27th April. It was a great afternoon.

The girls really enjoyed themselves and huge thanks to all the parents who turned up to support us. Well done to all the players. Unfortunately the U11 team lost but the U10 team won! Thank you to Mr Halling for driving the minibus and watching us play.

Mrs Di Morris

Stay & Play

Firstly, we would like to say a big thank you to the Friends for the beautiful and colourful "Friends Around the World" rug which is a great addition to the alcove in the Dining Hall.

Secondly, another thank you to parents who have kindly sent in some items from the list below.

Mrs T for cars and knex,

Mrs W and an anonymous donor for the lovely selection of dressing up clothes.

If anyone is able to help with the following items, please can you speak to either Mrs Deacon or Mrs Ellis in Stay & Play:

Can you help?

- * Table top cooker.
- * Dolls – with clothes (not too big because of storage).
- * Castle/Fort/Garage - table top size.

Mrs Deacon

A huge thank you to the Friends and generous parents for the toys which will be enjoyed hugely.

Mrs Bell

Rydes Hill Ramblers



The "Rydes Hill Ramblers" are a group of seven mothers and seven daughters who are all former Rydeshillians now in Years 9 and 10 at different Senior Schools. We will be walking the "Half Moon" which is 13.1 miles in aid of Breast Cancer awareness throughout the night on Saturday 15th May. We start at midnight and hope to finish around 4:00am. Breast Cancer is a terrible disease and we feel that raising awareness and money to fight it is a must. It is also one of the more unusual mother and daughter reunions we have managed to come up with! We have managed to raise £2,300 so far, but still welcome your support.

If you would like to sponsor us, please go to our webpage:
http://www.walkthewalkfundraising.org/the_rydes_hill_ramblers



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 will be writing 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, run by Mrs Bilbe, stocks smart burgundy peaked caps which are useful at playtime. These cost £5.00 each and Mrs Carol Smith in the School Office will be holding a stock of them and 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.



Silver Book

Week ending 30th April

Excellent Work

Holly
Eloise
Tamsin
Lauren
Thea
Beate
Ellie

Excellent Conduct

Dominic
Max
Grace
Thrinethra
Rose
Hanna
Imogen

Music Award

Issie for her enthusiasm in her violin playing and excellent future potential

PE Award

Molly for excellent rounders skills in the St Teresa's match this week

French Award

Olivia for working hard and being extremely kind to her friends

Special Girdle

Altea for supporting the teachers!

Week ending 7th May

Excellent Work

Arjun
Dixie
Alicja
Evie
Sofia
Anna
Lois

Excellent Conduct

Daniel
Chressi
Charlotte
Giada
Alice
Hannah
Sally

Music Award

Emma for her bubbly enthusiasm and consistent commitment to her piano playing

PE Award

Sophia for enthusiasm in the rounders match against St Hilary's

French Award

Isobel for continuous hard work in lessons and with homework

Special Girdle

Kitty for coming to school to speak in the School for bravery

CHILDREN'S SECTION



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

May

18th Serra

25th Lana

25th Margaux

27th Phoebe

House Points

Week ending 30th April

CAMPION	132
GERALD	95
PATRICIA	130
PETER	114

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

Week ending 7th May

CAMPION	55
GERALD	89
PATRICIA	105
PETER	62

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

Thought for the Week

A few jokes this week - coming from real school tests taken around the UK (not in Rydes Hill of course!)

- * Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
- * The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments.
- * The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

