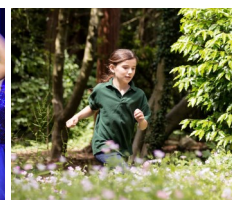




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 8th October 2021



Dear Parents

AWARD FOR RYDES HILL

On Monday, we were visited by Lady Toulson, Deputy Lieutenant of Surrey, who gave Rydes Hill an award on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey. The award reads, "The Surrey Lieutenancy would like to place on record its appreciation for all of your outstanding support towards the Community. You have more than risen to the challenges and concerns brought about by the pandemic. On behalf of the County, may I add my thanks for all your hard work, commitment and selfless dedication." We are very proud of what we as a School Community have achieved during the pandemic. Thank you for the part you have played in this.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In October, we celebrate Black History Month. Each class has a series of planned lessons and activities throughout the month of October. If you would like more details, please speak to your child's teacher.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION – NURSERY AND KINDERGARTEN

We have been reviewing the arrangements for the Christmas Productions this year. Whilst we are every hopeful and optimistic, we do need to be mindful of the number of children that we are grouping together and the impact of any restrictions that may be imposed. We have taken the decision to put Kindergarten and Nursery together for their Christmas Production this year. If we were asked to return to 'bubbles' this would not affect the rehearsals or, all being well, the performances. There is no change to dates for Nursery parents. However, **Kindergarten parents need to be aware that their child's performance will now be on Tuesday 30th November at 11am.**

PARENTS' EVENINGS

We look forward to welcoming parents, either virtually or in person, to Parents' Evenings in the coming weeks. Face to face appointments will take place in your child's classroom. With everyone being spread out across the School, it may not be possible to use the bell as we have done in the past to indicate that the appointment time has come to an end. Please can parents be mindful of the fact that appointments should last 10 minutes so that there is then time to swap to the next family, enabling them to have their full time. Thank you for your co-operation.



REPLACEMENT WINTER COATS

Valentino can no longer produce the red puffer coats. We have received three samples of a replacement coat that we would like to phase in. I have been trying to bring the samples out to show parents. If you have not had a chance to have a look, they are on display in the window of the School Office. Please ask Miss Craig or Miss Holloway if you would like a closer look. A ParentMail survey will be sent out shortly so that parents can give their views on which colour they prefer. The style of the coat is the same for each colour; they are a warm, fleece lined, waterproof coat with reflective strips. The chosen colour will have the School crest on the front and the cost will be around £40. The Second Hand Uniform Shop has reduced the price of the puffer coats they have in stock to £10 each.

UNWELL CHILDREN AND SWIMMING

There are a number of parents who are collecting their child from School early because they are not well enough to go swimming. Swimming is an important part of the curriculum and if they are not well enough to swim then they should not be in School. We appreciate your support with this.

GO GREEN FOR CAFOD

We will be supporting CAFOD this term as part of our Harvest giving. They are linking in with the COP26 climate talks in November and helping the children to see how they can shine a light on some of the causes of the climate emergency whilst helping us all to guard God's creation and protect our common home. We are having a 'Go Green For CAFOD' day on Wednesday 20th October. Children may wear green own clothes, or clothes that have been 'passed on' or recycled, in exchange for a donation to CAFOD. Please do not buy anything new as this defeats the object of the exercise!

HAPPY SMILES

Happy Smiles is running on Tuesday 2nd November and Wednesday 3rd November from 9-3 in the Kindergarten classroom, we'll be doing lots of arts and crafts, outdoor play, cooking activities, puzzles and games. It is open to all children from Kindergarten to Form One and parents can book by contacting Mrs Smillie on Sarah.smillie@rydeshill.com.

CYCLING 5000 MILES AROUND THE COAST OF BRITAIN

Miss Anna's son, Josh Garman, has been cycling 5000 miles around the coast of Britain to raise money for charity. Josh is an old boy of Rydes Hill and Miss Anna is also Rydes Hill Alumni who has been teaching here for 26 years. Josh started this cycle journey on 17th April this year and is finishing on 16th October, back where he started. So far he has managed to raise £30,714 for the charity 'Hope to Hasti', and he has been nominated for The Pride of Britain Award. If you would like to support Josh please visit his fundraising page. www.justgiving.com/coast5000 Or you can follow his journey on his Facebook page 'Expedition Josh'.



FRHPS NEWS

Children will be bringing their completed Christmas Card artwork home this week. If parents would like to order Christmas Cards with their child's design on them, they should return the artwork and order to School by Wednesday 20th October.

The FRHPS are in the process of planning the Christmas Fair. There will be the option for small businesses to purchase advertising in the Christmas Fair brochure for a very reasonable cost. If you are interested or would like more information, please speak to your Class Rep.

BALLET EXAMS

Congratulations to these girls for completing their ballet exams last week:

Pre-Primary Passes:	Kiana A, Stephanie B, Ava M, Miruna O, Serenna P, Evelyn W, Mia Z
Primary:	Shayna A, Ruby B, Emily P
Grade One:	Ruby B, Ching Yee C
Grade Two:	Emilia H, Lucinda F, Maryam M, Kate M, Eliana O, Mahika M



Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Kindergarten	Harry H	Esme H
Lower Trans	Zihao Z	Sum Yee C
Upper Trans	Arya S	Myra S
Lower Prep	Violet-Mae N	Alayna K
Middle Prep	Ella W	Emily B
Higher Prep	Flossy D	Soraya S
Form One	Kate M	Felicity F

Special Awards this week

Ballet Award: Violet-Mae N (LP) for trying hard in ballet.

Drama Award: George H (UT) for his excellent work.

Music Award: Mehvish Y (MP) for having a really positive attitude in music and for working well in a group.

PE Award: Felicity F (F1) for great work in Netball driving into space.

French Award: Jai S (LP) for his excellent participation, good vocabulary retention and efforts to learn French at home.

RE Award: Sophie S (LT) for her work on Adam and Eve showing understanding and care.

Science Award: Joshua M (K) for his interest in and knowledge of the human body.

Special Award: All the girls (MP, HP, F1) who came to Open Morning and helped new families to see what Rydes Hill has to offer.

Kindness Award: Ching Yee (HP) for helping Isaac in Nursery by speaking Mandarin with him.

Diary dates for next week

Mon 11th Oct	3:15pm Bake Sale Higher Preparatory.
Tues 12th Oct	Nursery Parent Consultations in School.
Thurs 14th Oct	Nursery Parent Consultations.
Thurs 14th Oct	From One trip to Dapdune Wharf.
Fri 15th Oct	8:30am Coffee Morning for Higher Prep and Form One parents.

House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
82	74	48	67

Happy Birthday!

12th October

Alan H



Click here to view this week's 'The Wednesday Word':

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/happiness?pid=MTA101634&v=40.3>



You can WIN £500 for Rydes Hill Preparatory School by entering the #easyfundraising Big Donations Giveaway! For a FREE entry, all you have to do is visit the competition page and click any of the listed retailers. This would make a BIG difference to us during this difficult time, so please take a moment to get involved!

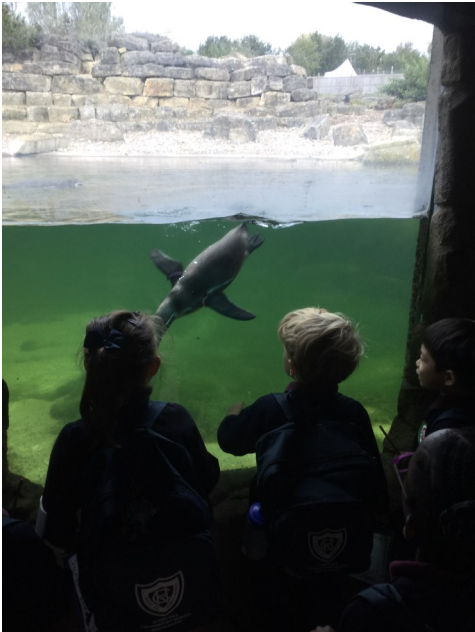
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28th September Lower Prep Trip to Butser Ancient Farm



Lower Transition Trip to Marwell Zoo



School Dog Visit



Sunny Lunchtime Play

