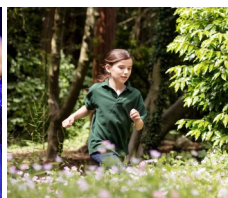




# RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Friday 1st May, 2020



Dear Parents

## **CROWNING OF OUR LADY**

May is the time when we have always crowned the statue of Our Lady at Rydes Hill. This is an important tradition and is one that we would like to continue, even if most of the School will not be here in person. Monday's assembly will be a 'Crowning of Our Lady' assembly. All children are invited to wear something special – girls who have received their First Holy Communion could wear a white dress. Others can wear a special dress or party outfit. Key Worker children in School are invited to bring in flowers, fresh or home made, to crown Our Lady with. Children at home are invited to have flowers with them in some form (fresh, home made, background picture or other creative ideas!) and to light a candle with parental supervision. The Zoom numbers for assembly are all the same now for both a Monday and Friday. Please remember to mute on entry. We will be singing as part of the procession but advise that you sing along on mute as the lag on the internet can make singing in time very challenging!

## **FEEDBACK**

Thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to feed back to teachers about online learning and how it has been going. All your comments, both positive and constructive, have been most useful in helping us to adapt how we are delivering lessons. Our children (and teachers) all need to be commended for how they have embraced this new way of learning. A few points to note:

- There is a wide range in terms of work being completed. This is entirely understandable as the levels of support, access to devices and the internet and the child's independence varies from family to family. Whatever you are doing, you should be encouraged to know that you are doing a good job! If work is not completed for any reason, please encourage your child to not be downhearted. They need to submit what they have done so that the teacher can give feedback. In terms of a minimum, it would be good to try to complete the maths and English work each day.
- Children and adults need a rest from screen time, so please do make sure there are regular breaks built into the day.
- Older children are encouraged to communicate with their teacher, especially regarding work that hasn't been completed.
- Children are reminded that behaviour on Zoom should be the same as in lessons; they wouldn't come to class in their pyjamas, with unbrushed hair over their face, still eating breakfast or with a younger sibling on their lap. Some parents have found that putting their child in School uniform has helped considerably with both behaviour and work output! Teachers will speak to children who are not following rules.
- Children also need to be mindful of the way they speak to teachers on Showbie. There is a culture of 'text speak' developing that we would really like to nip in the bud. Children need to type as they would speak. If this is a challenge, they can use the voice note function.
- Please email the teacher in advance if your child is not going to attend a lesson. This saves the teacher waiting for everyone to be present

I would especially like to thank all the teachers for their incredible hard work. When not teaching live, they are planning, preparing and giving constant feedback on Showbie, all of which is very time consuming. I truly hope that 12hr+ days become a thing of the past very soon!

## **VE DAY 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

Next Thursday we will mark the 75th anniversary of VE day on 8th May. Children are invited to change their Zoom background to something appropriate and/or to wear red, white or blue clothing.

**Mrs Norville**



## Speech & Drama Results

I was particularly upset when lockdown happened and all the hard work of the Speech and Drama exams came to an abrupt stop for the children. I know how hard they had all worked in the lead up and wanted to find a solution for them all. I have spoken with the Victoria College, the exam board, and I am delighted to say that we have now come up with a solution which enables the children to be awarded a grade. I know this will be particularly important for the Form One girls. By awarding them a grade the children can move forward in the future to the next level of work and will not have to repeat the course.

The head of the exam board, Mr Wood, has asked if I could assess all the children and award them a mark that I feel they would have achieved if taking the exam. As you are aware this is how many GCSE and A Level Exam Boards are working this term.

I have every confidence in the grades awarded to each and every child and that we have achieved Distinctions across the board once more this year. Special mention to Josie P, Scarlett DG and Scarlett T who were all awarded top marks of 100%. I will email everyone next week to let you know specific marks and to arrange for certificates to be issued. I am very proud of you all.

### Miss Quinn

Child	Level	Acting or Speech	Teacher's Assessment
Maya D	IV	Acting Duo	Distinction
Scarlett DG-W	IV	Acting Duo	Distinction
Rebecca F	IV	Acting Duo	Distinction
Isobel G	IV	Acting Duo	Distinction
Sophie H	IV	Acting Duo	Distinction
Josie P	IV	Acting Duo	Distinction
Chloe R	IV	Acting Duo	Distinction
Scarlett T	IV	Acting Duo	Distinction
Kara B	II	Speech	Distinction
Isabella D	II	Speech	Distinction
Rachel F	II	Speech	Distinction
Martha L	II	Speech	Distinction
Maryam M	II	Speech	Distinction
Kate M	II	Speech	Distinction
Cara McC	II	Speech	Distinction
Elizabeth N	II	Speech	Distinction
Iseult R-C	II	Speech	Distinction
Dunni B	III	Speech	Distinction

Child	Level	Acting or Speech	Teacher's Assessment
Ava B	III	Speech	Distinction
Lola	III	Speech	Distinction
Elizabeth B	III	Speech	Distinction
Katherine B	III	Speech	Distinction
Amelia D	III	Speech	Distinction
Morayo F	III	Speech	Distinction
Isabel L	III	Speech	Distinction
Angel L	III	Speech	Distinction
Kristen L	III	Speech	Distinction
Mia L	III	Speech	Distinction
Daisy P	III	Speech	92
Tillie T	III	Speech	97
Alina W-C	III	Speech	90
Lily Y	IV	Speech	91
Rosario A-R	JBM	Speech	94
Izzy R	JBM	Speech	97
Zuri T	JBM	Speech	97



# Happy Birthday!

4th May	Isabella L
6th May	Cara McC
8th May	Tilly W
9th May	Ava M
9th May	Angel L

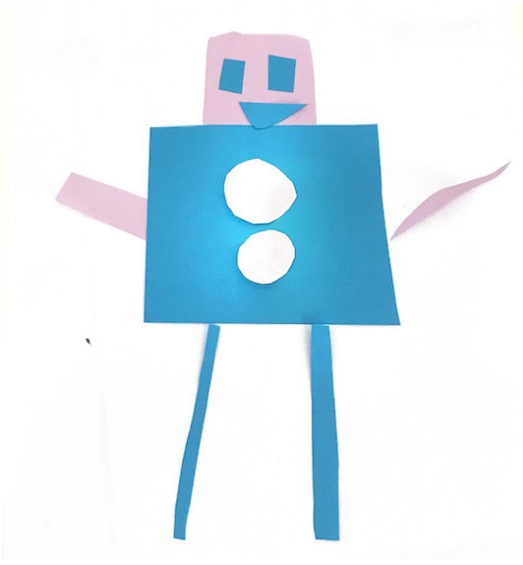


If you would like to support the Ridgers family following the loss of Mr Ridgers to Covid-19 please go to [www.gofundme.com/in-loving-memory-of-rydes-hill-family](https://www.gofundme.com/in-loving-memory-of-rydes-hill-family)

Class	Special Achievements
<b>Nursery</b>	Henry C for creating an amazing castle and set of monsters from home.
<b>Kindergarten</b>	Mia Z for her excellent work across all subjects, especially her wonderful robot, and for becoming more confident and brave to talk on the Zoom Meetings.
<b>Lower Transition</b>	Jonah A for working so hard at home and for becoming increasingly independent with his number work <b>and</b> to Ruby B for rising to the challenge of online learning and working hard at becoming more independent.
<b>Upper Transition</b>	Hugh L for his excellent poster about seed dispersal and going the extra mile to create a model of a seed.
<b>Lower Preparatory</b>	Ruby B for being so enthusiastic about her learning and for excellent writing skills.
<b>Middle Preparatory</b>	Isabella D for her excellent Geography work and for going above and beyond in all subjects.
<b>Higher Preparatory</b>	Imogen F for her outstanding English Comprehension and displaying excellent understanding.
<b>Form One</b>	Charlotte C for her thoughtful diary entry from an Apostle's point of view describing when Jesus visited them after he had risen from the tomb.
<b>Special Mention</b>	Miss Boyle for embracing technology and the world of Zoom!



**HENRY C AND HIS AMAZING CASTLE AND MONSTERS**



**MIA Z's EXCELLENT ROBOT!**



## Rydes Hill families from home.....



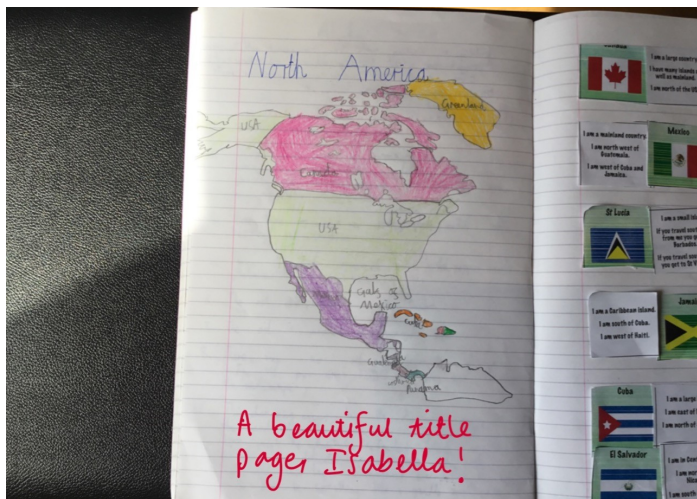
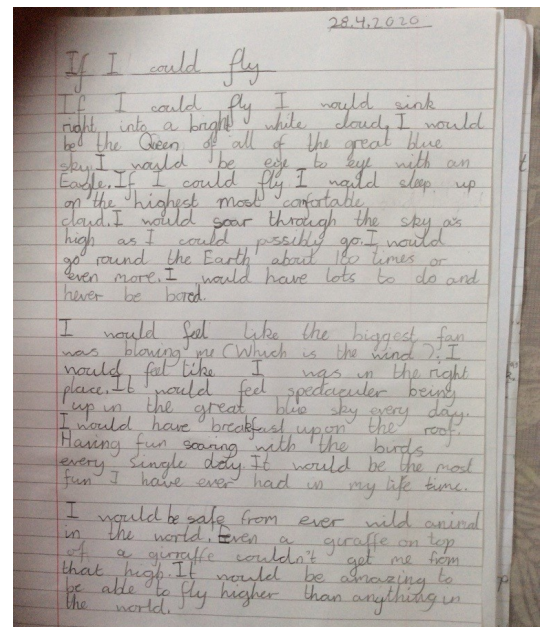
**JONAH A WORKING HARD AT HIS NUMBER WORK**



**WONDERFUL SCIENCE PROJECT BY HUGH L**



**RUBY B'S BEAUTIFUL WRITING SKILLS THIS WEEK**



**ISABELLA D'S EXCELLENT WORK IN GEOGRAPHY**





## Rydes Hill families from home.....

### The Apostles Diary:

Mathew:

*I was amongst many of the other disciples. We were eating bread and fish on the Hill in Galilee and I was re-living the traumatic time over and over again trying to work out what had happened. Bewildered, puzzled and confused we sat there not knowing what was going to happen next?*

*We had heard the rumours that Jesus would rise again but I just couldn't help myself from not believing - from questioning every question that rang out in the echoes that swarmed and filled my head. I couldn't help notice that there was a strange atmosphere in the air, all the Disciples were in a silent trance of unclear, muddled and disorientated mess.*

*Suddenly, I was whipped out of my weary trance. Looking around wondering what had awoken and unfurled my eyes. A man was standing not far from me - I suddenly realised who it was and my mouth gaped wide open. All the Disciples eyes were fixed on the man. "Jesus," I whispered, words trailing out - I realised I had doubted Jesus the Son of God - who else would rise from the dead?*

**SHORT EXCERPT FROM CHARLOTTE C's  
THOUGHTFUL APOSTLES DIARY**



**EXCELLENT WORK ON DINOSAURS BY RUBY B**



**AVA B—AMAZING CIVIL WAR INSPIRED BISCUITS!**



**MISS BOYLE EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY AND LEADING  
THE CELEBRATIONS FOR COLONEL TOM'S BIRTHDAY!**





*Rydes Hill families from home.....*



**MARIA R COMPLETING MRS BOWLES PE CHALLENGES**



**INES R COMPLETING MRS BOWLES PE CHALLENGES**



**SCARLETT, TILLIE & HENRY T SURPRISE DADDY AFTER WORK**



**EVIE M LEARNING ABOUT FRENCH CLASSROOM WORDS AND A STONE SHE HAS DECORATED**





*Rydes Hill families from home.....*



**IMANI AND ZURI T SETTLING INTO REMOTE LEARNING**



**CONNOR W AND HIS LOVE OF MATHS!**



**THEO FROM NURSERY'S AMAZING ZOO**

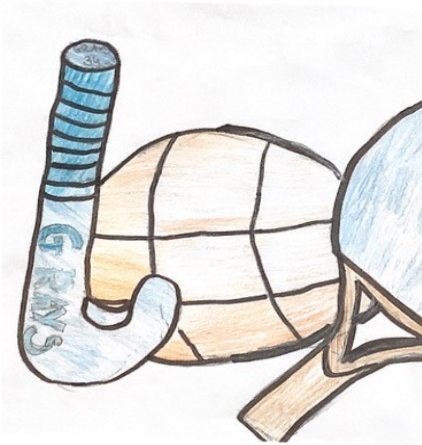
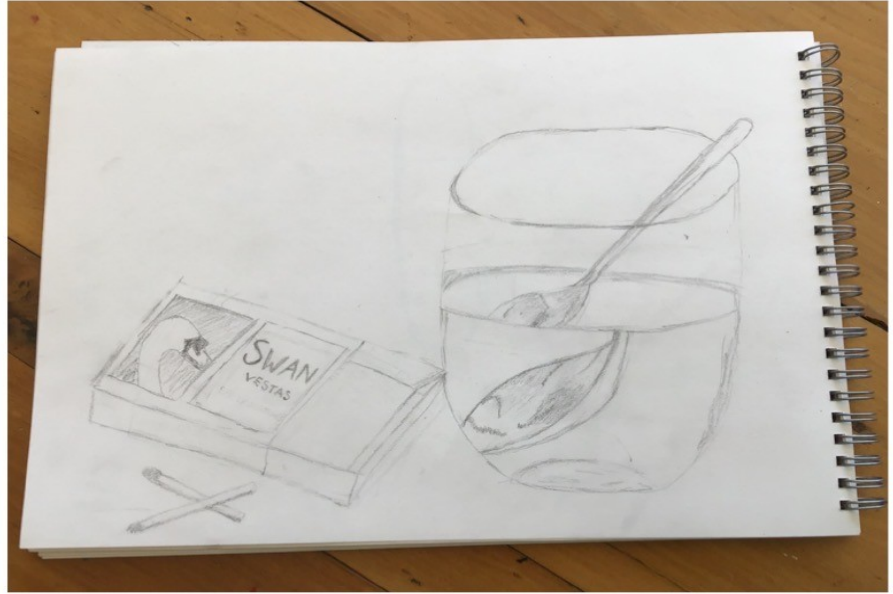


**OUTDOOR ART WITH NATALIE AND ZOE**



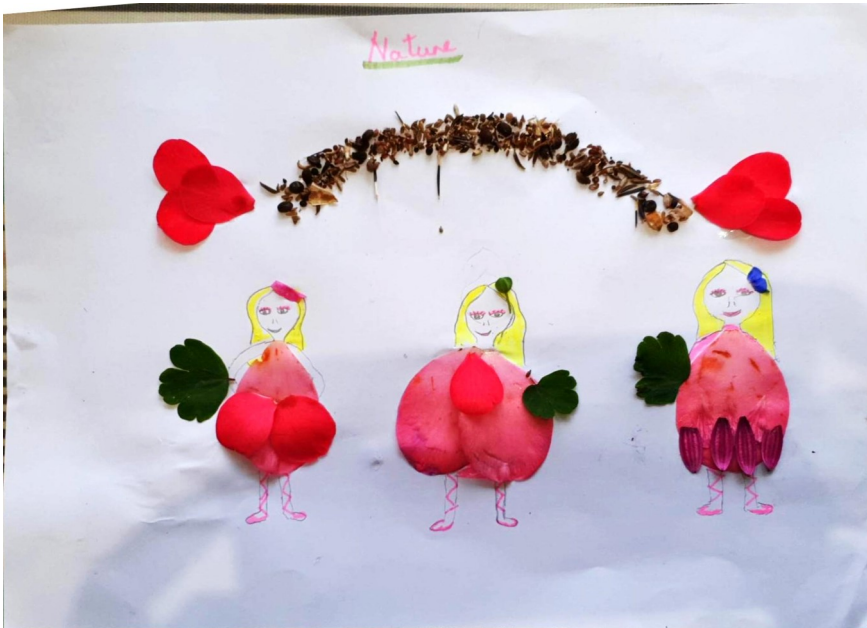


Mrs Wood's collage of Form One's wonderful still life drawings





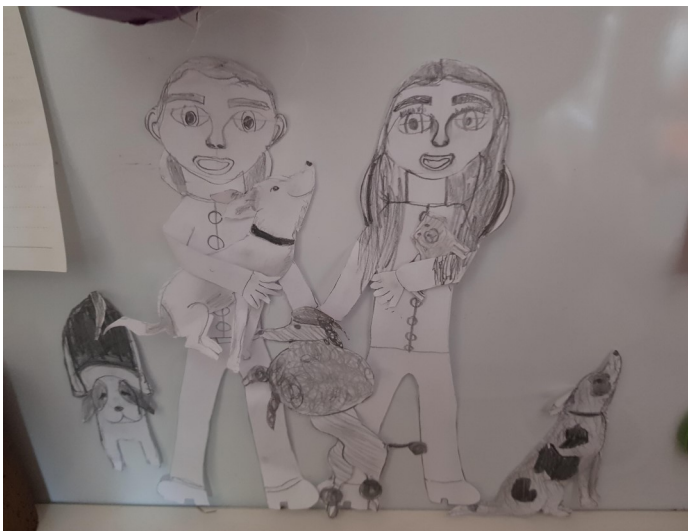
## More Art from home!



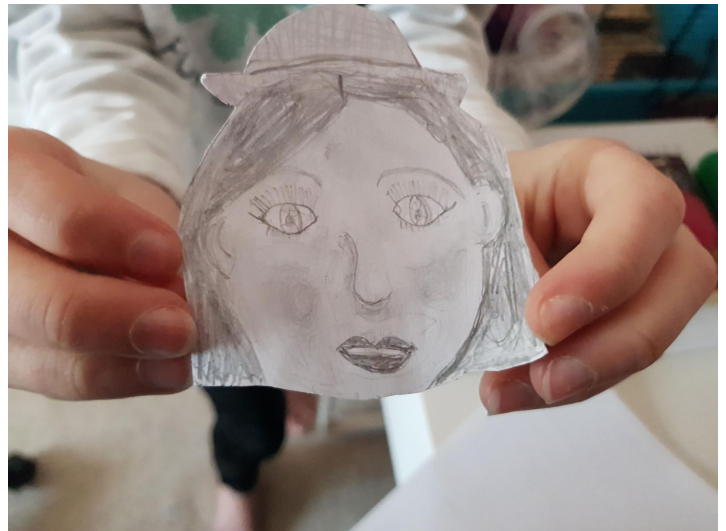
**'BELLES OF THE BALL WITH PETAL DRESSES AND LEAF FANS' BY  
LUCINDA F (NATURE-INSPIRED ARWORK FOR MRS WOODS ART CLUB)**



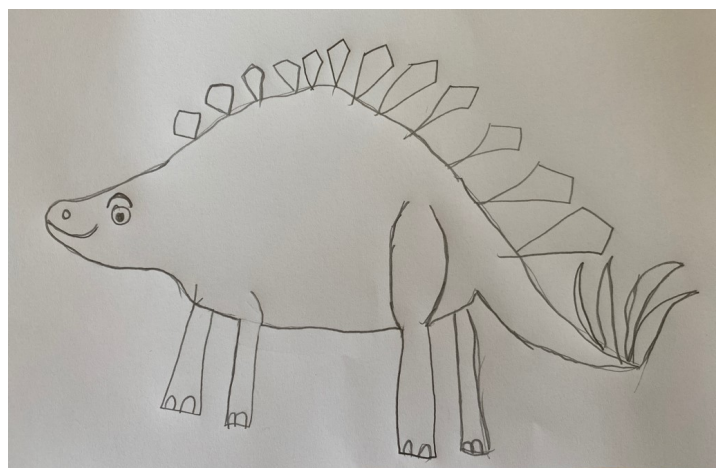
**MORE NATURE-INSPIRED ARTWORK  
FROM KATIE B**



**LIZZIE AND KATIE B'S EXCELLENT ART**



**TITO'S STEGASAUROS**



**EMILY'S STEGASAUROS**

## *Educational videos and cook-along videos from Holroyd Howe*

Holroyd Howe have created some educational videos that provide some simple nutrition lessons for children on the importance of a balanced diet along with some cook-a-long recipe videos. The videos can be accessed here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzEdVSas6rSEC868ezF1wMw>

Every week Holroyd Howe will be uploading more videos that are aligned to curriculum content, particularly science, PHSE and lifeskills curriculums. In addition they are adding educational activities that can be downloaded and completed by pupils as part of their learning whilst watching these lessons at <https://www.holroydhowe.com/news/>

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