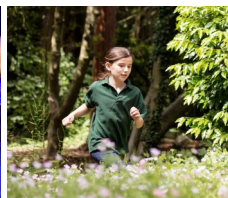




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 10th December 2021



Dear Parents

IT'S A MIRACLE!

What a treat it was to see the Christmas Production of 'It's a Miracle' this week. The title feels very apt given how many other schools have had to cancel Christmas performances; we feel very lucky to have been able to go ahead! Lower Transition, Upper Transition and Lower Preparatory all did a fantastic job of bringing some Christmas sparkle to our week. The singing, dancing and acting were all superb – well done! Thank you to all the teachers who helped the children to make the performances such a success.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thank you to all our performers, peripatetic teachers, Miss Quinn and Mrs Flude for the wonderful Concert on Monday evening. Considering the length of time it has been since they had a live performance, the children showed such confidence and poise. It was also lovely to have such a full and enthusiastic audience! Thank you to everyone involved.

FRHPS WINTER WONDERLAND

Rydes Hill was transformed on Saturday evening into a magical Winter Wonderland. The lights, music, food, games and a visit from Santa himself all made for a truly fantastic evening. I have enjoyed hearing all the positive feedback from parents this week! A HUGE thank you to our FRHPS committee, especially Mrs Barnett and Ms Hayward, our superb Chairs, and our many parent helpers for all the hard work that went into the event.

CAR PARK SAFETY

Please can all parents remember that there is a 5mph speed limit on our School grounds. There are a number of cars that have been travelling at far greater speeds than this in the car park and this puts our School community at risk. Can parents also remember that engines need to be switched off once you are parked. Mr Halsall or I will speak to those we believe not to be adhering to these rules. We are in the process of reviewing our car parking arrangements, both to try to find additional spaces and to review how we can make the car park safer. If anyone has suggestions, please speak to me or Mr Halsall.

ADVENT MASS

It was wonderful to be back in St Mary's Church for Advent Mass this year. Thank you to Mrs Lappage and Middle Preparatory for preparing the Mass for us.

Mrs Norville



GYMNASTICS SUCCESS

Well done to Amelia W-Clark for her success at the South East Gymnastics Competition at the weekend. She won the Bronze medal for the Floor and Vault.



SPLASH AND DASH BIATHLON AT GUILDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

On Friday 3rd December we took 20 girls from the Prep Department to compete in the annual Splash and Dash Biathlon event at GHS. There were 6 schools involved and the U9, U10 and U11 teams competed in a squadron relay in the pool and a team cross country route out on Stoke Park. The whole event started off with a fancy dress parade and the theme this year was **SEASONS** – we are proud to announce that we were the **WINNERS** of the fancy dress competition! The girls swam their fastest and ran their hardest - with the fastest individual runners in each age group from each school being presented with an individual prize;

U9 Jaime P finished 2nd overall

U10 Josie B finished 3rd overall

U11 Cara M finished 7th overall

After the competition, while we awaited the results, we all enjoyed a well-deserved hot chocolate to warm us up! Once the scores from the swimming and running were added up, we came 5th overall and our **U10 team came 3rd overall** in their age group and all received medals!

Well done to ALL the girls for competing, we are **SO** proud of you all! Thank you to Mrs Lappage and Mrs Biszczanik for their invaluable help on the day and Mr Rob and Mr Parr for transporting us all safely there and back.

PE Department

Mrs Norville



Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Kindergarten	Clara N	Charles B
Lower Trans	Tolu I	Honor H
Upper Trans	Alex W	Serenna P
Lower Prep	Violet-Mae N	Shayna A
Middle Prep	Isabelle H-F	Freya B
Higher Prep	Soraya S	Lucinda F
Form One	Bridget K	Lily B

Special Awards this week

Music Award: Rachel F (F1) for showing maturity and musicality in her performances.

PE Award: Georgina W (KG) for such improvement in PE.

Science Award: Mehvish Y (HP) for her careful and considered presentation of her observation.

Special Award: LT, UT, LP for their wonderful performance.

Kindness Award: Ella W (MP) for being kind and helpful to others.

Diary dates for next week

Tues 14th Dec	Christmas Lunch for the children.
Thurs 16th Dec 6:30pm	A Christmas Carol by MP, HP and F1.
Friday 17th Dec	Christmas Party Day.

House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
63	64	45	72

Happy Birthday!

8th December	Freya B
10th December	Stephanie B
10th December	Arthur L
10th December	Annabel S
15th December	Grace B
15th December	Ella W



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 bonus donations up to £50 for Rydes Hill every day during December in #easyfundraising's new Spin to Win giveaway.

It's completely free to enter, for your chance to win simply visit:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/spin-to-win?utm_campaign=raise-



Splash and Dash Biathlon at Guildford High School



Nursery decorating their Christmas Tree



Christmas Production



Christmas Production



Winter Wonderland



Kindergarten decorating Gingerbread Men in their DT lesson



**COVID-19
HASN'T
GONE
AWAY**

Covid-19 testing guidance for children in Year 6 and below



Showing symptoms (this is day 0)

Keep the child at home & tell their early years/primary setting.

Get a confirmatory PCR test. Call 119 or book a test online at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

Positive result

Day (1-10) Continue self-isolating for 10 days after first day of symptoms.

If you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, you must stay at home and self-isolate, unless you are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months.

If they have been identified as a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, you are required to self-isolate.

Return to early years/primary setting if child is well

Lateral flow tests generally shouldn't be used for children in Year 6 and below (unless advised in an outbreak). Do not use lateral flow tests on anyone displaying symptoms.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

- **a high temperature** – this means they are hot to touch on their chest or back
- **a new continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot more for an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- **a loss or change to sense of smell or taste** – this means you have noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Negative result

Return to early years/primary setting if child is well (note: you should still make a decision as normal about whether your child is well enough to return)