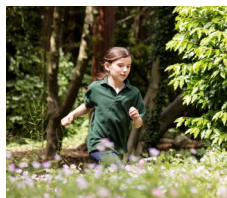




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 21st January 2022



Dear Parents

COVID CASES

The number of COVID positive cases across the School have risen significantly this week. There are currently 17 children who are testing positive across the School. Kindergarten and Lower Prep are the only classes with no cases for now! Where we have had positive cases, we have informed the parents of the children in that class. Generally speaking, children are asymptomatic and have not been badly affected. If your child tests positive, please make sure you inform me via email immediately as NHS test and trace do not contact School on your behalf. Families who are regularly LFD testing have helped to highlight cases early on, which in turn can prevent spreading the virus across lots of children. We are trying to provide remote learning for all children who are off School. Please bear in mind that it takes time for teachers to set children up with online learning. Emailing a teacher at 8am does not necessarily mean that it will be possible to facilitate online learning that day. We have known throughout the periods of lockdown and isolation that the most difficult scenario for both the class and the teacher is having some children in the classroom and some children on Zoom. Please be patient with our wonderful teachers. Thank you for your continued support during the pandemic—hopefully an end will soon be in sight!

CAR PARK SAFETY

The path between the five bar gate and the science block is used by staff in the mornings to drive into School to park at the rear of the building. We try to ensure that staff avoid this between 8.00-8.20am. If your child goes to breakfast club or arrives after 8.20am, please ensure that you take them to the front door of the School rather than just letting them in through the gate.

CAR STICKERS

A number of years ago, the School used to provide stickers for parents to display in their cars to indicate that they were part of the School. This helped when monitoring parking. As we have had issues this academic year with our car park being used by non-Rydes Hill families, we are reintroducing the car stickers. We will send home two stickers per family. Please can you display these in the front, left hand side of your windscreen (where the tax disc would traditionally have been). If you require more stickers, please ask at the School Office.

PARTY PACKS

As we move back to more 'normal' times and children's parties become a more common occurrence, please remember that the FRHPS has packs of reusable party refreshment items (plates / cups / jugs etc) that can be borrowed for a small charge.

COLLECTION FROM SPORTS CLUBS

If your child attends sports clubs on Monday, Tuesday or Friday, they will always be dismissed from the small gate next to the tennis courts. Please can parents wait at this gate for their child. Thank you.

SISTER PATRICIA FUND

One of the FRHPS' goals is to help and nurture the School community. The financial burden placed upon our family during this pandemic has borne unprecedented hardship, for parents and children alike. With this in mind, the FRPHS set up the Sister Patricia Fund. The aim of the Fund is to help support any member of the Rydes Hill family who is struggling financially. The fund could be used to help with school uniform costs, school trips, or other expenses that the family are struggling with.



It does not relate to fees, and is completely separate from the bursary / other fee related funds or support currently being offered by the School. Applications for the fund should be made directly to me and will be entirely private and confidential. Funds would then be available to assist the family as needed.

Importantly, whilst the fund has been set up in the current pandemic, the hope and intention is that the Sister Patricia Fund will be long lasting, and should be used at any time, by any parent or member of our family suffering an unforeseen circumstance or that are in immediate need of support.

We know that we are in strange times, where the financial stability of a family can change incredibly quickly. As a School we are a family community and we help each other in times of difficulty. Please do not hesitate to speak to me about the fund if you need to.

BUDDING ENTREPRENEURS

Congratulations to Thea K (Lower Prep) for her superb achievements at the Guildford Children's Business Fair this November. The organisers have contacted us to say what a credit Thea (and sister Lexi K!) were to Rydes Hill. The Children's Business Fair organisation work with local children to help them gain an understanding of entrepreneurship, design their business and then launch it at one of their business fairs. We have invited the organisation in to give an assembly to the children so that they can learn a bit more about it.



Mrs Norville



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BUSINESS
FAIR**

Be the next, great entrepreneur

Sat, 26th March 2022
High St, Guildford

Sat, 2nd April 2022
Farnham Maltings Monthly Market

Apply now! childrensbusinessfair.co.uk



U10 NETBALL V NOTRE DAME AND HALSTEAD

On Tuesday 18th January we travelled to Notre Dame School for an **U10 Triangular Netball fixture** against **Halstead** and **Notre Dame**. The girls were SO excited at the idea of playing TWO schools in one afternoon. We played 5 a-side BEE Netball and rotated positions on court after every 7 minute half. It was like a mini tournament with non-stop Netball and no breaks (which was good because the weather was so cold the girls needed to keep warm!). The girls managed to play EVERY position on court which gave them the chance to practise their skills of attacking, defending and shooting, all in one afternoon. It took a short time to settle down but soon everyone was playing really well. The final results were as follows;

Rydes Hill 'A' v Notre Dame 'A'	DRAW	1-1
Rydes Hill 'A' v Halstead 'A'	WON	5-4
Rydes Hill 'B' v Notre Dame 'B'	DRAW	1-1
Rydes Hill 'B' v Halstead 'B'	WON	5-0

Well done to everyone who played, we are very proud of you all.

PE Department



EPIPHANY CAKE IN MIDDLE PREPARATORY

Last week in our French lesson, Middle Prep were learning about Epiphany. On the first Sunday in January, the French celebrate Epiphany with a “Galette des Rois”, a cake in which a small “bean” is hidden. Whoever finds the “bean” gets to be king or queen for the day! Astrid very kindly baked a cake for the class and hid a one pound coin inside it. Isabelle was the lucky winner and will get to be Queen of Middle Prep for the day later in the term! A huge thank you to Astrid and Mrs Khaldi for baking the delicious cake for us and allowing us to enjoy this French tradition!

Mrs Lappage



Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Mahnoor J	Phoebe C
Kindergarten	Isabel C	Emily T
Lower Trans	Fenella L	Megan D
Upper Trans	Miru O	Kiana A
Lower Prep	Kevina L	Jai S
Middle Prep	Isabelle H-F	Freya B
Higher Prep	Ruby B	Flossy D
Form One	Kate M	Bridget K

Special Awards this week

RE Award: Evie H (LT) for playing the part of Joseph in our role play of the presentation.

Drama Award: Rachel F (F1) for her excellent exam prep.

Science Award: Jai S (LP) for good questions about the rock cycle.

Ballet Award: Leah Y (LT) for an amazing lesson.

Music Award: Alan H (KG) for such enthusiasm in music and for making a fantastic start on piano.

PE Award: Josie B (HP) for her fantastic effort in the Netball matches against Notre Dame and Halstead.

Kindness Award: Mia Z (UT) for being kind and considerate to her friends.

Special Award: Mrs Rowson and Mrs Wood for being such fantastic Deputy Heads and stepping up when Mrs Norville was off sick.

Diary dates for next week

Tues 25th Jan 4pm	U11 Netball match vs Notre Dame at home.
Fri 28th Jan	Coffee Morning for Lower Trans and Upper Trans parents.

House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
95	81	83	73

Happy Birthday!

21st January	Emily T
23rd January	Serenna P
24th January	Edward F
24th January	Isla W
25th January	Evey S
25th January	Ruby S



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

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



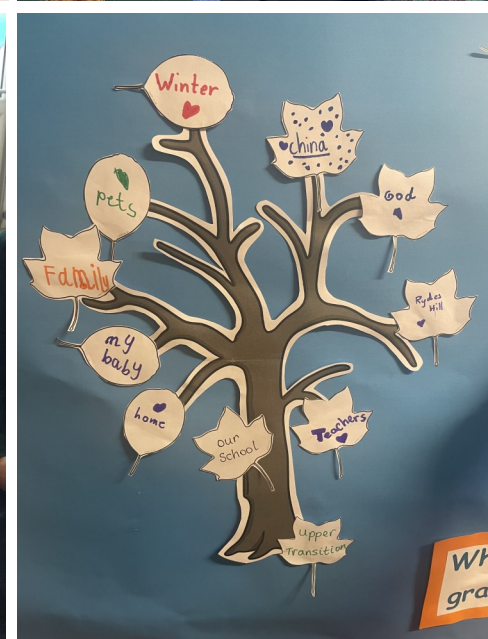
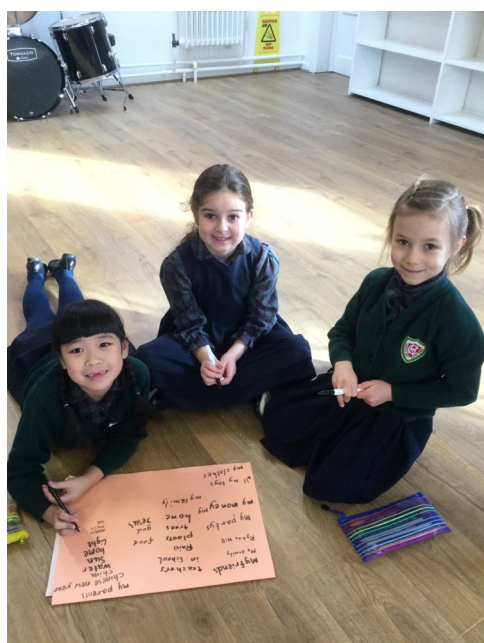
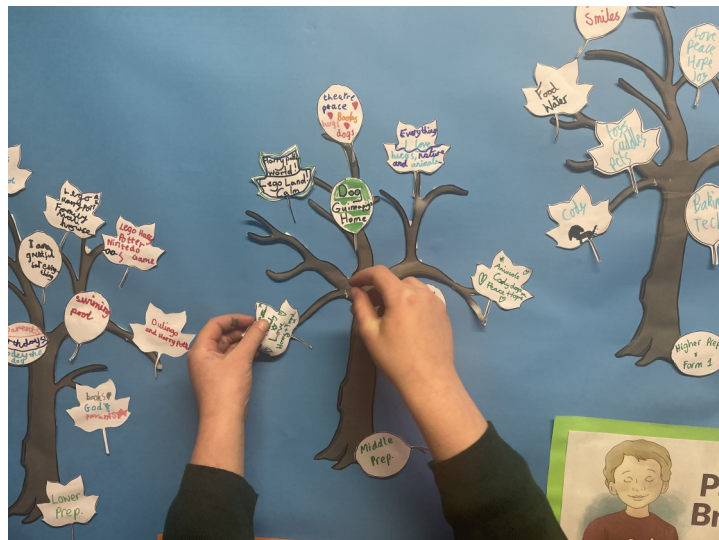
You can win bonus donations up to £50 for Rydes Hill every day during January in #easyfundraising's new Spin to Win giveaway.

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

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



This weeks Well-being Wednesday theme was Gratitude



A trip to the local shops for Kindergarten



The start of Football Club after school



**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) self-isolation.

You can stop self-isolating at the start of day 6 if you get 2 negative rapid lateral flow test results on days 5 and 6 and do not have a temperature. Tests must be at least 24 hours apart. If either test is positive, wait 24 hours before testing again.

Anyone aged 5 years and over, who has been identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 and who is not legally required to self-isolate, is now strongly advised to take a rapid lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days (or until 10 days since their last contact with the person who tested positive if this is earlier).

If you are aged over 18 years and 6 months and are not fully vaccinated and you have been informed by NHS Test and Trace that you are a contact of a person who has had a positive test, you are legally required to stay at home and self-isolate

Under 5s that are close contacts are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily rapid lateral flow testing.

Return to early years/primary setting if child is well

You should always record a lateral flow test result, whether positive or negative, via the Gov.uk website
For more information visit surreycc.gov.uk/coronavirus

From 11th Jan, guidance states that primary school age children (year 6 and below) are not required to regularly test, unless they are a contact of a positive case. Anyone who receives a positive lateral flow test result should **report their result on GOV.UK** and must self-isolate immediately, but currently will not need to take a follow-up PCR test.

Lateral flow tests generally shouldn't be used for children under 5 years. Do not use lateral flow tests on anyone displaying symptoms.

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)

**KEEP
SURREY
SAFE**