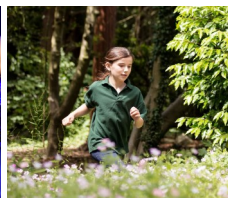




# RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 16th September



Dear Parents

## BACK TO NORMAL ROUTINES

We have been so proud of how our children have settled into their new classes and back into School routines. Nursery and Kindergarten children need extra praise as they have settled very well. I would ask all parents to establish term time routines quickly, including an early bedtime, to allow time for a good breakfast before arriving at School on time. Lessons in Main School begin at 8.30am, so any children who arrive after that are not only missing the teaching input for the lesson, but are disrupting the rest of their class by arriving late.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Calendar of Events has now been sent out. Please make sure to note key dates for this term, particularly Christmas Performances. A lot of work goes into these and all children are expected to attend all performances for their class. If you know that your child is going to be unable to attend a performance, **please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible**, so that we can take this into consideration when allocating parts and rehearsing. It is very hard for children to adapt at short notice when a key member of the cast isn't there!

## BUDDING ENTREPRENEURS

Congratulations to our budding entrepreneurs Lexi K (UT) and Thea K (MP), along with their cousin Elsa, who have had continued success at the Children's Business Fair over the summer. There are still some places in the Entrepreneurship Club on a Wednesday for children in Lower Preparatory to Form One. The Club starts on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, and children will be working on building a business to, hopefully, launch at the Children's Business Fair in November. Children who are in Grade II for Ballet are welcome to join the first half of the Club and continue working on their projects at home if they would like to.



## HERITAGE DAY SUCCESS

Thank you to Miss Boyle, Mrs Flude, Mrs Lappage and Mrs Messinger for giving their time on Saturday to open our School for Heritage Day. We had a wonderful group of visitors, mostly alumni, who all commented on how beautiful the School was. It was also great to hear about the successes of many of our alumni, particularly the year group who have just finished A levels. We hope to get more details on this to share with parents.



## NATTERHUB

Natterhub is an online platform that we use to teach online safety. Children from Lower Transition to Form One each have a login which they use to access fun and interactive activities in their Computing and PSHE lessons. Children in the Prep Department may like to log on from home to complete some optional tasks and quizzes. Each class has their own 'hub' where they can post and chat. It looks and functions like 'real' social media but it is gated to the school environment, meaning that children can explore and play in a safe, online space to properly understand the benefits and potential pitfalls of being online. Parents of children in Lower Transition to Form One have been sent the Parent Guide via ParentMail – please see Mrs Wood if you have any questions.

## HAPPY SMILES HOLIDAY CLUB

We are delighted to announce that Happy Smiles will be running a two-day Holiday Club during October half-term. The Club is open to children from Kindergarten to Form One and will run from 9am to 3pm on Tuesday 1st November and Wednesday 2nd November. A booking form will be sent out in due course.

## LOW SUGAR OPTIONS

Your children may or may not have noticed that there is a greater variety of low sugar options for pudding at lunchtime. Cheese and crackers are featuring regularly on the menu, and other desserts are being modified to contain less sugar, but are still very tasty! I look forward to taking feedback on this at the next Parents' Forum Meeting.

## LETTER FROM WINDSOR CASTLE

Back in the Summer Term, our Kindergarten Class drew pictures and wrote a letter to The Queen, to celebrate her Jubilee. Over the summer holidays they received a response from Windsor Castle!



**Mrs Norville**

## ST CATHERINE'S U8-U11 CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 we braved the rain and took a team of girls to a Cross Country event at St Catherine's. It was our first sporting event this academic year and the girls were super excited (but also a little nervous). There were 7 schools competing; Holy Trinity, St Catherine's, St Ives, St Teresa's, Rydes Hill, Notre Dame and St Hilary's. The competition was tough but our girls ran their best. A special mention to Josie B in Form One who came 5<sup>th</sup> in the U11 race! Well done to everyone involved, we are very proud of you all!

### PE Department



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Silver Awards this week			Special Awards this week	
YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT	<b>RE Award:</b> All of Form One for leading us so beautifully in Mass this morning.	
Nursery	Luca M	Emily H	<b>Computing Award:</b> Arlo A (KG) for having a go.	
Kindergarten	Arlo A	Ruby V	<b>Science Award:</b> Luna H (LT) for enthusiasm when learning about her senses.	
Lower Trans	Wilfred M	Clara N	<b>PE Award:</b> Soraya S (F1) for her excellent defending in Netball.	
Upper Trans	Bella M	George O	<b>Music Award:</b> Moses L (KG) for excellent participation in Music.	
Lower Prep	Mia Z	Serenna P	<b>Forest School Award:</b> George O (UT) for exploring and finding different creatures.	
Middle Prep	Shayna A	Qiao Qiao X	<b>Drama Award:</b> Daniyal K (LT) for starting so well in his first Drama lesson. Enthusiastic and very creative ideas.	
Higher Prep	Emily B	Astrid K	<b>Kindness Award:</b> Mahika M (F1) for being so kind and helpful with welcoming the new children.	
Form One	Alice McA	Flossy D	<b>Special Award:</b> Kindergarten Class for being so settled, so quickly.	

# Happy Birthday!

13th September	Milo C
14th September	Sara M-J
16th September	Thea K
18th September	Lucy A-Z
18th September	Miru O



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

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

Diary dates for the next two weeks	
Mon 19th Sept	School closed for Bank Holiday.
Tues 20th Sept - 7.45pm	FRHPS meeting via Zoom.
Fri 23rd Sept - 8.30am	Coffee morning for Higher Preparatory and Form One parents.
Fri 23rd Sept	Informal welcome evening for all families. Please complete ParentMail form.
Mon 26th Sept	Bake Sale after School led by Higher Preparatory and Form One parents.
Fri 30th Sept - 8.30am	Macmillan Coffee Morning. All parents invited to bring cakes and raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.
Fri 30th Sept	Grandparents' Day Lunch. If your child's Grandparents would like to join them for lunch, please complete the ParentMail form.



## *Kindergarten having fun in Forest School*



## *Lower Transition's Music Lesson*



## Upper Transition making hands



## Netball practice in Form One

