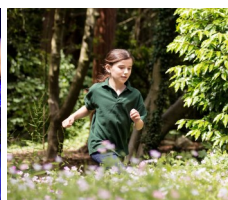




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 17th September 2021



Dear Parents

WELCOME EVENING

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Welcome Evening and the Friends' AGM on Tuesday. It was wonderful to have a more 'normal' School event and to welcome parents back into the classrooms. Any parents who were unable to attend will have been sent the booklet and presentation from the evening. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher. We look forward to an exciting year ahead!

PARENTS IN SCHOOL

It has been lovely to have Parents back in School for events. We are mindful, however, of opening our doors too wide. The children have ably managed, for the past 4 terms, to take their own bags to their pegs, find their own lost property and take things to the School Office when needed. We would like to maintain this renewed independence and therefore respectfully ask parents to only come into School if they have an appointment e.g. pre-arranged meeting with a teacher, visiting the uniform shop. In these cases, please make sure you sign in at the School Office. Thank you for your understanding.

PUFFER COATS

The Second Hand Uniform Shop has a number of puffer coats in the larger sizes. Smaller sizes are a little harder to come by, but if any are donated these will be put straight onto ParentMail so that you can order them. We will need to find an alternative to the puffer coat as Valentino are no longer able to stock them. This will be discussed at Parent Forum this term.

CLARITY OVER UNIFORM

There is some confusion over what children should wear into School in the mornings, especially if they come into School wearing PE kit on. The following rules apply:

- If children are in uniform, they should wear a blazer or puffer. Girls should wear their boater (summer) or beret (winter).
- If children are in PE kit, they do not need to wear their blazer or boater / beret **unless** there is Mass that day, in which case children will need their blazer and girls will need white ribbons in their hair

I will be carrying out a uniform check in the coming weeks, including checking that uniform items are labelled with the child's name. We have ongoing issues with children not taking the previous name out of second hand uniform and expecting everyone to know who it now belongs to, so please make sure you remove old name tags. The class with the most correct uniform will get an extra playtime on the Adventure Playground.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We will be supporting the Macmillan coffee morning again this year. It is particularly poignant for us at this time as we have had a number of School families, both staff and pupils, who have been supported by Macmillan in recent years. The coffee morning will take place on Friday 24th September at 8.20am in the Dining Hall. If you are able to, please do come and join us. We would encourage parents who are attending to bring along a cake or something sweet to share. Whether or not you are able to attend, please make a donation on our fundraising page:-

<https://thyg.uk/BUU005129054>



BAKE SALE

The first Bake Sale of the year will be held by Form One this Monday 20th September. If the weather is fine, this will be set up just outside the Kindergarten Playground. If rain is forecast, we will use the shelter inside the playground. Parents may accompany their child to the Bake Sale once they have collected them. Please try not to linger too long and maintain a distance from one another. The sale will be run using the format from pre-COVID times, so there will be no 'bubble' tables.

U9-U11 CROSS COUNTRY AT ST CATHERINE'S

On Tuesday 14th September, we travelled to St Catherine's to take part in our first sporting event in 2 years! We were all so excited to be able to go. There were 10 schools at the competition; Rydes Hill, St Catherine's, GHS, St Hilary's, St Teresa's, The Study, Notre Dame, Burgess Hill, Farlington and St Ives. There were approximately 60 runners in each age group's race and all of our girls did themselves proud with their effort and determination. The competition was very tough with the girls competing against many County runners. A special mention to Jaime Powell in Lower Prep for coming 6th out of the 60 runners in her race – AMAZING! Well done everyone! **MRS BOWLES AND MRS LUSCOMBE**



PEN LICENCES

Congratulations to Isabelle, Mehvish, Astrid and Emily who all received their pen licences in Middle Preparatory this week.



Silver Awards this week		
YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Kindergarten	Evey S	Emily T
Lower Trans	Francis N	Megan D
Upper Trans	Kiana A	Miru O
Lower Prep	Oliver H	Ruby S
Middle Prep	Isabelle H-F	Freya B
Higher Prep	Sophia J	Mahika M
Form One	Rachel F	Emilia H

Special Awards this week	
Ballet Award:	Lucinda F (HP) for working over the holiday learning the new grade.
Drama Award:	Beth N (F1) for first week of being Drama Prefect.
Music Award:	Emily B (MP) for an enthusiastic start in all areas of music.
PE Award:	Jaime P (MP) for her fantastic achievement coming 6th out of 60 in the Cross Country competition at St Catherine's.
RE Award:	Shayna A (LP) for writing a beautiful family prayer.
Science Award:	Vera V-N (HP) for bringing in her model of the human body.
Special Award:	Zoe S (LT) for her bravery on many occasions this week (lots of falls & plasters!)
Kindness Award:	George H (UT) for being very kind to his peers.
French Award:	Kiana A (UT) for showing excellent concentration and active participation during lessons.

House Points for this week			
CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
76	69	71	104

Diary dates for next week	
Sun 19th Sept	12noon—4pm Alumni Event
Mon 20th Sept	3:15pm Form One Bake Sale
Tues 21st Sept	7:45pm FRHPS Meeting via Zoom
Fri 24th Sept	8:30am MacMillan Coffee Morning—All parents welcome, please bring a cake

Happy Birthday!

16th September	Thea K
18th September	Clara H
18th September	Maryam M
18th September	Miruna O
19th September	Nefeli K
20th September	Emily H

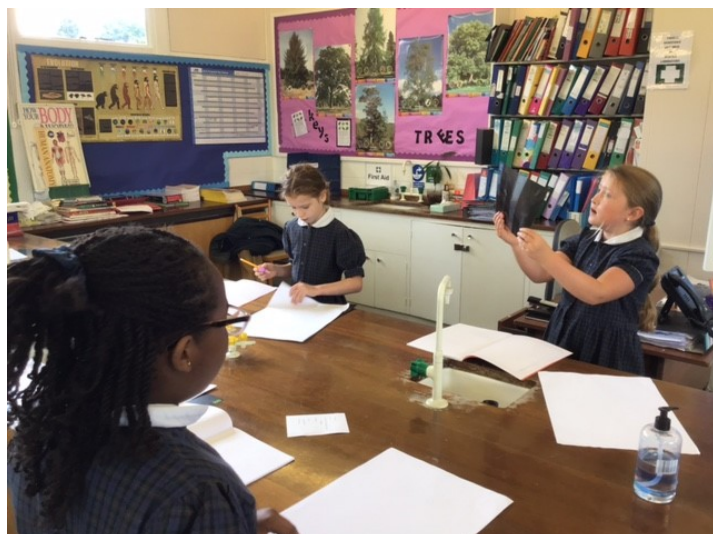
War of the Roses Re-enactment by Higher Preparatory



Return to Extra Curricular activities



Making Sense of X-Rays



Fun in PE



Playing with Friends

