



RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 4th March 2022



Dear Parents

SECONDARY SCHOOL SUCCESS

We are pleased to announce that all our Form One girls now have wonderful senior schools to go to. Following movement on the waiting list at St Catherine's, we have another offer there, meaning that all bar one of our girls have an offer at their first choice school. Everyone has an offer at their first or second choice. Teamed with the fantastic results for our Upper Transition boys (offers at RGS Prep and Aldro, both first choice offers), we couldn't be prouder of all of them. It is always sad to say goodbye to children at the end of the year, but it is made easier by knowing that they are all going to schools where they will be happy and thrive.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parents' Evenings this term will take place as follows:

Main School – Tuesday 29th March 5pm-7pm in person

Thursday 31st March 4pm-6pm via Zoom

Acorns Nursery – Thursday 31st March 4pm-5pm in person and 5pm-6pm via Zoom

Oaks Nursery – Monday 28th March 1.30pm-3.40pm via Zoom

Tuesday 29th March 5pm-7.20pm in person

All appointments are 10 mins in length. In person appointments are spaced 15mins apart to allow for a change over.

When you book your appointment, there is a box for any comments. If there is anything specific you would like to ask the teacher at the meeting, please put this in the box. This comments box can also be used if you would like to arrange to see any of the specialist teachers. Please indicate this and the teacher will get in contact with you to arrange an appointment.

GIRLS ON BOARD FOLLOW UP

I have heard from some parents who were disappointed to have missed the session Mrs Wood ran at the Parents' Forum about Girls On Board. Mrs Wood will repeat this session in the Friends' Hall on Monday 21st March at 3pm. It would be of most interest to parents of girls in the Prep Department.

BABY NEWS

We would like to extend our congratulations to Mrs Hunter, one of our wonderful Nursery assistants, who is expecting a baby in July.

LENTEN FUNDRAISING

All children should now have received a sponsor form for the CAFOD sponsored walk. The children will be completing their walk with their class at some point between now and the end of term (each class is doing their walk on a different day). The children heard about the work CAFOD does in assembly on Monday and are hopefully feeling motivated to raise money for them. The sponsor forms and sponsor money needs to be returned by Monday 28th March please. Thank you for your generosity.

EASTER HOLIDAY NETBALL CLUB

We are delighted to be able to offer an Easter Netball Camp on Monday 4th April 2022 for Upper Transition to Form One. It is a wonderful opportunity to come and improve Netball skills, join in a shooting competition and plays lots of Netball games. A ParentMail form has been sent and a letter has gone home this week to be returned if you would like to attend.



WORLD WILDLIFE ART COMPETITION

Kara B, our Eco Prefect, has launched an Art Competition to coincide with World Wildlife Day. She is inviting children from across the School to get creative! Create a piece of art or make a collage of anything wildlife or planet related.

- Draw your favourite animal
- Stick pictures of animals together and cut out the silhouette of your animal of choice
- Use plastic to create a scene with an animal in
- Create a sculpture of an animal made out of recyclable material
- Take a photo of a wild animal

When submitting your artwork please consider donating 50p per item. Any fundraising will be passed to the Surrey Wildlife Trust.

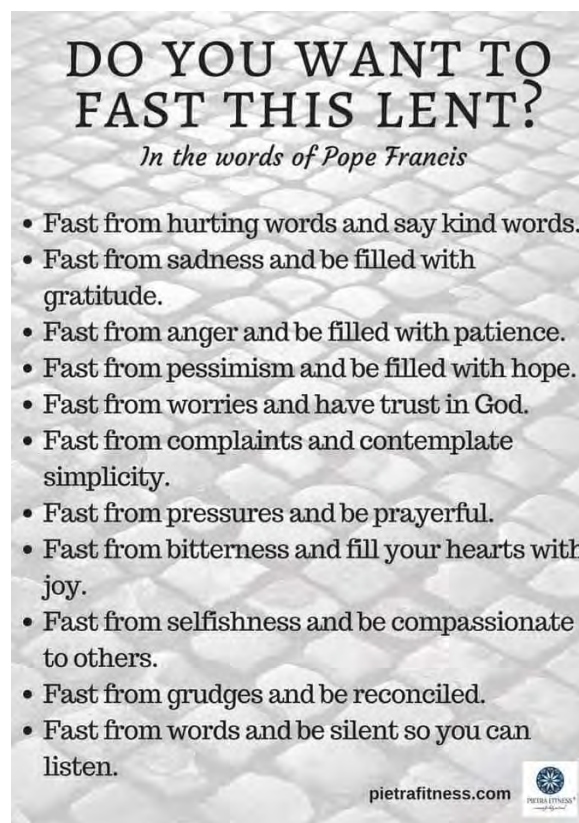
Deadline to hand in artwork to the School Office: 21th March - no more art will be taken in after this date.

UKRAINE: 5 WAYS TO TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT CONFLICT

We have all, I am sure, been saddened and worried about the current situation in Ukraine. It is very challenging to talk to children about conflict when you are not always certain how to process this information yourself. Save the Children have produced an excellent resource with suggestions on how to talk to children about the current situation. It can be accessed here <https://www.savethechildren.net/news/ukraine-5-ways-talk-children-about-conflict-0>

LENT

As we continue on our journey towards Easter, you may find the following from Pope Francis interesting. We have been discussing it with the children this week. 'Giving up' or fasting does not always have to be something that you eat!!



Mrs Norville

MATCH REPORT FOR U9-U11 CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

As expected Guildford High School was a tough and fast course with the biggest turnout Guildford High School has ever had at a Cross-Country meet before. There were 80 runners in each age group. The sun was out, the atmosphere buzzing and the girls were excited to do their best. We thank Miss Morris for motivating and warming our girls up, and a huge thank you to Mrs Lappage for her enthusiasm, support and help. We were up against some very tough opposition with a large field of runners, and we still managed to secure some excellent places.

A huge congratulations to Jaime P, who managed to secure 3rd place in the U9 race. What an outstanding result!

All the girls ran with enthusiasm, trying their hardest and did very well to run and finish such a fast, long and competitive race. Thank you to all the parents who supported. Well done to all the girls!

PE Department



IAPS SWIMMING QUALIFIERS MATCH REPORT

We took four girls from Higher Preparatory and Form One to represent Rydes Hill. They walked from The Spectrum to Guildford High School swimming pool, changed, warmed up, and then swam their relays and individual races.

They won their first heat U11 Girls Medley Relay in a time of 122.91. Martha L started with Backstroke, Liann W with Breaststroke, Cara McC with Butterfly and Ruby B with Freestyle.

They won their next heat U11 Girls Freestyle Relay in a time of 111.49.

Cara McC won her heat U11 Girls 50m Butterfly in a time of 38.21.

Martha L had a time of 54.31 in her heat U11 50m Backstroke.

Liann W came 3rd with a time of 51.58 in her heat U11 Girls 50m Breaststroke.

Ruby B came 4th with a time of 36.62 in her heat U11 50m Freestyle.

All the girls enjoyed representing their School. They were up against some phenomenal swimmers. Well done girls for your enthusiasm, team spirit, outstanding race times and being such good ambassadors for Rydes Hill. I couldn't be prouder of this great team. Well done!

Mrs Morris



Ballet Exam results

In December some of our girls took their Ballet Exams. They all did really well and we have finally received their certificates which were handed out during Assembly!

The results were as follows:

Pre-Primary Passes	Lexi, Annabelle, Sophie, Frances, Evie, Zoe, Hannah
Primary	Tito, Thea, Chao Chao, Violet-Mae – All got Merit (Silver Medal)
Grade One	Emily, Alicia, Isabel, Ella – All got Merit (Silver Medal)
Grade Two	Sophia – Merit (Silver Medal) Ruby – Distinction (Gold Medal)



Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Sienna S	Marley T
Kindergarten	Harry H	Isabel C
Lower Trans	Zoe S	Hannah C
Upper Trans	Alex W	Stephanie B
Lower Prep	Ruby B	Kevina L
Middle Prep	Jaime P	Mehvish Y
Higher Prep	Teddy F	Vera V-N
Form One	Maya G	Lily B

House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
104	55	99	90

Happy Birthday!

7th March

Eliana O

Special Awards this week

RE Award: Evey S (KG) for always answering questions thoughtfully.

Forest School Award: Megan D (LT) for designing a comfortable and creative home/tent for teddy.

Science Award: Mehvish Y (MP) for her methodical and accurate record of results.

Ballet Award: Freya B (MP) for huge improvement.

Computing Award: Astrid K (MP) for helpful and willing to share her expertise.

French Award: Evie W (UT) for excellent participation in lesson and very good knowledge of vocabulary related to "Food".

Music Award: Teddy F (HP) for working hard at her piano and for working through some obstacles and persevering.

PE Award: Kara B (F1) for amazing improvement on the vault in Gymnastics this week.

Drama Award: Beth N (F1) for her help with props and decorating the Drama Studio this week.

Kindness Award: Isabella M (LT) for being so kind to a friend during our class book swap on World Book Day.

Special Award: Jaime P (MP) for excellent performance in Cross Country.



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

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

We raised £107.01 for the Poppy Appeal! Thank you to everyone who donated.



FA Rydes Hill Prep School
POPPY APPEAL
Thank you very much for helping with our Appeal.
£ 107.01 was collected by you.
Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.
Yours sincerely
A. Shupe
Local Honorary Organiser
District Total (if available) £
Registered Charity No. 219279



You can win bonus donations up to £50 for Rydes Hill every day during February 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-

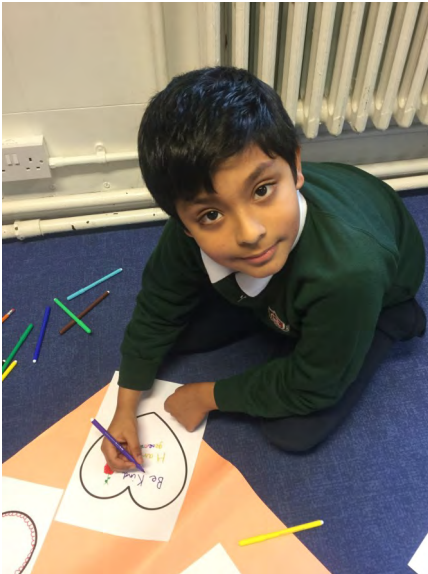


Well-being Wednesday

During our Well-being Wednesday sessions this week we focussed on 40 acts of kindness throughout Lent. We wrote and decorated our acts of kindness on hearts to be displayed.

We learnt a new breathing technique called Hot Chocolate Breathing too, where we imagined we were holding a hot drink in a mug. We brought the mug close to our mouths and took a long breath in and then slowly blew out the air to cool off the hot drink. We repeated this several times and then pretended to take a sip. Why not try this at home?

Mrs Jennifer Smillie



World Book Day Hats



Katie Morag Day in Upper Transition



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Kindergarten Show and Tell People who help us



Sushi tasting table at lunch



*Lower Transition making Teddy Bear Shelters in Forest School
and Gymnastics in their PE lesson*



Nursery enjoying Pancake Day and Gymnastics in PE

