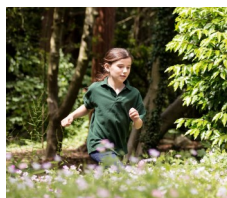




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 11th March 2022



Dear Parents

A BUSY WEEK

What a busy week it has been at Rydes Hill! We are very proud of our Higher Preparatory and Form One girls who were wonderful ambassadors for our School at their residential to Hooke Court this week. They have spent three days living in a Tudor Manor House, in full Tudor costume. They have been to Tudor School (very unusual for girls!), eaten Tudor food and played Tudor games. Despite my best efforts to convince them that Tudors go to bed at 7pm and wake up at 7am, I'm not sure they got quite as much sleep as they could have!

Lower and Middle Preparatory had a wonderful trip to Kidzania on Wednesday. Thank you to Mr Clark and Dr Madhuri, for kindly volunteering to go with the classes.

MORE SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS

We are pleased that we have another Academic Scholarship for Alton School. Well done to all our Scholars!

STAFFING NEWS

There are some updates to give you regarding staffing. Mrs Hannah Mansi will be joining our Office team, as Miss Holloway's maternity cover, from 16th March. Miss Craig will now work on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Mansi will work Wednesday to Friday. The School Secretaries will be in the Office from 8am-4pm. Miss Canning will staff the Office after 4pm. Mrs Mansi knows Rydes Hill well as her son is in our Nursery. I am sure you will make her feel very welcome.

Mrs Hudson and Mrs Roberts both wish to reduce their teaching days from September. Mrs Hudson will remain the Upper Transition teacher and will teach the class for four days a week. Mrs Roberts will teach Upper Transition for one day. We have recruited Miss Emily Smart as our new full time Lower Transition teacher. Miss Smart has been teaching for 6 years and has a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to bring to Rydes Hill. Miss Smart will be in the Lower Transition classroom on Founder's Day Open Classrooms on Saturday 19th March from 10.00am to 11.30am. Parents of children in Kindergarten are encouraged to go into the Lower Transition classroom to meet her. There will, of course, be other opportunities to meet Miss Smart before September if you are unable to make this event.

Miss Taylor, who has been with us as a gap year teaching assistant this term, has moved her travel plans forward and will leave Rydes Hill at Easter. We are now looking to recruit a three day a week, term time only, maternity cover Teaching Assistant. If you know of anyone who may be suitable for the role, please speak to Mrs Norville.

COVID UPDATE

We do have a small resurgence of COVID cases in School. Currently, these are confined to Higher Preparatory and Form One (including three girls who unfortunately had to miss the residential trip). However, we have heard that cases locally are rising again. We do have children and staff with vulnerable relatives and so ask you to test your child if you notice any symptoms. We politely request that children testing positive remain at home until they have two negative LFD test results that are 24 hours apart.



LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

Congratulations to Isabella D in Form One for donating 13 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust. The charity make wigs using the donated hair for children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses.



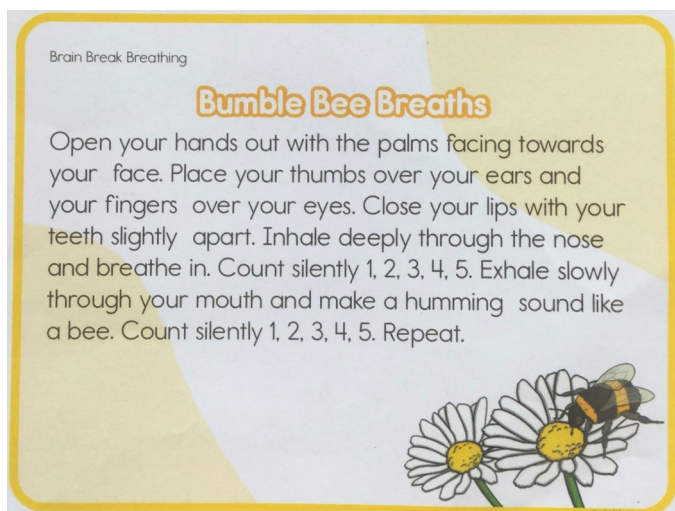
Mrs Norville

Well-being Wednesday

This week in Well-being Wednesday we went on a Spring Nature Walk to awaken our senses.

We all became curious and noticed our senses in a more mindful way. We went outside and spent time looking at what we could see, what we could smell, what we could feel, and finally what we could hear. We stood silently outside for a minute for each sense paying attention to our breathing. We then made a list together before returning to the classroom to complete our lists and to illustrate them. We were amazed at how grounded we felt afterwards and how we could feel our feet on the ground, and even wiggled our toes, and felt our socks and shoes when we focussed our mind on that part of our body.

Mrs J Smillie



Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Moses L	Isaac Y
Kindergarten	Luna H	Charles B
Lower Trans	Clara H	Leah Y
Upper Trans	Kiana A	Abdul A
Lower Prep	Shayna A	Violet-Mae N
Middle Prep	Isabelle H-F	Emily B

Diary dates for next week

Thurs 17th March	Nursery trip to Little Street.
Thurs 17th March 9am	Founder's Day Mass (Parents welcome).
Fri 18th March 6:30pm-7:30pm	Founder's Day concert.
Sat 19th March 10am-11:30am	Founder's Day Open Classrooms.

House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
97	71	60	59

Happy Birthday!

11th March	Emily P
12th March	Arya S
12th March	Myra S

Special Awards this week

RE Award: Serenna P (UT) for her understanding of the need to say sorry and also to forgive.

Ballet Award: Tia A (LT) for listening to her music.

French Award: Megan D (LT) for demonstrating excellent listening skills and completing her work with diligence.

Music Award: Stephanie I (MP) for the hard work and progress she has made on the piano.

PE Award: Harry H (KG) for not being scared anymore on the vault in Gymnastics.

Drama Award: Emily T (KG) for her confident poem. Imaginative work. Well done!

Kindness Award: Isabelle H-F (MP) for being so kind, caring and helpful to Mrs Roberts in Prep.

Oliver and Harry H (LP + KG) for bringing their teachers flowers on International Women's Day.

Special Award: Esmé H (KG) for being such a brave and grown up girl.



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 March 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-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=facebook&utm



Lower Preparatory Taster Day



Lower and Middle Preparatory trip to Kidzania



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Lower Preparatory's Homemade Musical Instruments

