



# RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 24th September 2021



**Dear Parents**

## **A WEEK OF POSITIVES**

As a School Community, there was so much for us to feel positive about last weekend as we welcomed around 200 Alumni to our Open House event. The atmosphere and the love that our past pupils and their families have for our School was tangible. Thank you to everyone who attended and, most especially, to Miss Boyle and Mrs Forbes for their superb organisation of the event.

Unfortunately, this week has also seen a significant rise in the number of COVID positive cases in the School. You will have received communications earlier in the week about how we will provide learning in the event that your child tests positive and has to isolate at home. Of all the scenarios, this 'hybrid', with some children in School and some at home, is by far the most challenging. We have hopefully put plans in place that will enable us to ride through this current storm! If parents have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember that if your child is unwell, please take them for a PCR test. The symptoms in children who have tested positive are all in keeping with the symptoms of a cold.

## **BEAR HUNT OPEN MORNING**

We will be holding our popular Bear Hunt Open Morning next Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. If you know anyone who would like to join Rydes Hill, either for Nursery or Main School, please direct them to our website so they can register to come along.

## **PARENTS' EVENING**

Thank you to everyone who completed the ParentMail survey regarding Parents' Evening. The opinions were split almost exactly 50/50 between Zoom and face-to-face. For this reason, the appointments for the first evening will be face-to-face and the second evening on Zoom. The dates and times are as follows:

Form One	Wednesday 6th October 5-7pm in person Thursday 7th October 4-6pm on Zoom
Kindergarten to Higher Prep	Tuesday 19th October 5-7pm in person Thursday 21st October 4-6pm on Zoom
Nursery	DATES AND TIMES TO FOLLOW SHORTLY

Bookings will go live on ParentMail on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm.

For Nursery to Higher Preparatory Zoom appointments, books will be sent home the day before the appointments and need to be returned on the day of the appointment so the teacher has the books to refer to at the meeting if required.

For Form One, the focus of the meeting is Senior Schools and therefore the books are not used. Children take most of their books home for homework but if there is anything specific that you would like to see, please let Mrs Wood or Mrs Rowson know.



## ISI INSPECTION

ISI have now resumed their inspection of schools. We were due to have a compliance inspection during lockdown and so it is highly likely that the inspectors will visit us sooner rather than later. This inspection will just focus on Compliance, not the quality of teaching and learning. Parents will be asked for their views and a questionnaire will be sent out once the inspection is in process. There will be a very short turn around time for this, so if you are sent one, please do complete it in a timely manner!

## 100 MILES IN 4 DAYS

Mrs Lamont (mother of Martha in Form One and Fenella in Lower Transition) is hiking 100 miles in 4 days to raise money for the Samson Centre for Multiple Sclerosis. Please support her on this incredible adventure by visiting her fundraising page. [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/francescaandmonikaforsamsoncentre?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=francescaandmonikaforsamsoncentre&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=f36fc4c9737e4b53b4c073c2e58960da](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/francescaandmonikaforsamsoncentre?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=francescaandmonikaforsamsoncentre&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=f36fc4c9737e4b53b4c073c2e58960da).

## A WEEK OF CAKE

Thank you to the Form One parents for organising the first Bake Sale of the year. Thank you, also, to everyone who bought one of the delicious cakes on sale. A grand total of £110.80 was raised. In the original Calendar of Events, we were a little ambitious with the number of Bake Sales booked in for this term. These have been revised in the latest version of the Calendar. We would also like to thank everyone who came to the MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday. It was wonderful to raise money for this superb charity. There is still time to contribute. Please follow the link to our fundraising page <https://thy.ng/BUU005129054>.

Next Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, we will be holding a coffee morning for Lower and Upper Transition in the Dining Hall from 8.20am.

## NEW GOVERNOR

I am delighted to tell you that we have a new Governor. David Munro was recently elected to the Board. David was Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey from 2016 to 2021 and has many years experience as a Surrey elected councillor, including the role of Chairman of Surrey County Council. We welcome David to the Rydes Hill Community and are looking forward to working with him.

## MARY'S MEALS RUCKSACK DONATION

We have been able to make a donation of 33 backpacks to Mary's Meals which serves nutritious meals in schools to children living in 19 of the worlds poorest countries. Our donation will ensure children in Malawi can make the most of their lessons and realise their full potential. For many it will be the first gift they will have received and items such as pens, books and basic clothing become their most treasured possessions. Thank you to Mrs Lamont for all her help in organising this donation.

**Mrs Norville**



Silver Awards this week		
YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Kindergarten	Connor W	Clara N
Lower Trans	Honor H	George O
Upper Trans	Avie M	Evie W
Lower Prep	Jai S	Emily P
Middle Prep	Amelia W-C	Mehvish Y
Higher Prep	Lucinda F	Ching Yee C
Form One	Maryam M	Martha L

Special Awards this week	
<b>Ballet Award:</b>	Thea K (LP) for amazing work.
<b>Drama Award:</b>	Ruby B (LP) for an excellent start in Speech and Drama.
<b>Music Award:</b>	Leah Y (LT) for approaching all music tasks with such enthusiasm and spirit.
<b>PE Award:</b>	Ruby B (LP) for her excellent skills.
<b>RE Award:</b>	Sophie J (HP) for understanding how God created us in his image & how we recognise that in each other.
<b>French Award:</b>	Connor W (KG) for brilliant participation throughout the lesson and showing such a keen spirit to
<b>Special Award:</b>	All of Kindy for coming into school so confidently on their own in the mornings.
<b>Kindness Award:</b>	Rachel F (F1) for clearing the dining hall without being asked.
<b>Science Award:</b>	Leah Y (LT) for her beautifully presented and understanding of her family tree.

Diary dates for next week	
<b>Mon 27th Sept</b>	10:30am-11:30am Nursery Tea Party in Oaks classroom, Nursery parents invited.
<b>Tues 28th Sept</b>	Lower Prep outing to Butser Ancient Farm.
<b>Tues 28th Sept</b>	9:30am-10:30am Toddler Time! begins (booking via our website).
<b>Fri 1st Oct</b>	8:30am-9am Coffee Morning for Lower Trans & Upper Trans parents.
<b>Fri 1st Oct</b>	Winter Uniform for all pupils.

# Happy Birthday!

<b>24th September</b>	Oliver M
<b>24th September</b>	Kara B
<b>25th September</b>	Alex W





## *Alumni Event on Sunday 19th September*





## Chicks Hatching in Upper Transition





## Creation Story in Lower Transition





## *Lower Transition playing with our new footballs in PE*



## *Lunchtime Fun*

