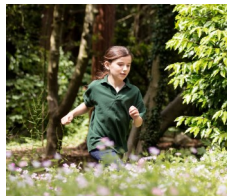




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 10th February 2023



Dear Parents

HALF TERM

This has seemed a very short but productive half term! I hope everyone who is getting a break next week has a relaxing one. Nursery is open for All Year Round children and anyone who has previously booked in. We now have a dedicated Nursery telephone number for when the School Office is closed. This has been sent to Nursery parents via ParentMail. We look forward to welcoming all children back to School on Monday 20th February.

MOBILE PHONES AND AGE APPROPRIATE APPS

As part of our lessons this week on Online Safety (coinciding with Safer Internet Day on 7th February) it has been very interesting to hear about both the devices and apps that are being used by children across the School. Please remember that **no child at Rydes Hill is old enough to access WhatsApp, TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat or any game or App where there is the ability to directly interact with others online.** These are not our rules, these are the terms and conditions stipulated by the producers of these Apps and games. We also have issues with groups of children messaging each other on WhatsApp (which requires a mobile phone). Some children, who may go to events without their parents, or split their time between two households, may have the need for a mobile telephone. No child who is at home in the evening with their family needs a mobile so they can message their friends. Whilst these groups can start out being fun for the children, they invariably end in upset. Please can all parents think very carefully before giving devices to their children to use without supervision. We will continue to educate the children through our Natterhub programme to hopefully encourage them to make positive changes in their own behaviour.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property bin is brimming with very expensive uniform, none of which has names of current children in it. Many children have second hand items which still have the name of the previous owner in. Whilst you and your child may know that you have the blazer that says X's name, we do not know that. Please make sure all uniform is labelled correctly.

PUPIL ABSENCE

If your child is going to be absent from School, please can you email office@rydeshill.com and copy in your child's class teacher by 8am on the first day of absence. If there are subsequent days of absence it is useful to let us know. If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea, they are required to stay off School for 48 hours after the last episode. In this instance, there is no need to email on the second day to say that your child will be off School.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Following the note in last week's newsletter, parents of children in Kindergarten, Lower Transition and Upper Transition should please bear in mind that the children have swimming on the same day. Costumes should not be too elaborate otherwise children will not be able to get themselves changed for swimming. Remember that a hat or prop alongside own clothes is perfectly acceptable.

EASTER HOLIDAY NETBALL CAMP

Our PE Department are delighted to be able to offer a one day Easter Netball Camp on Monday 27th March for Upper Transition to Form One. It is a wonderful opportunity to improve Netball skills, join in a shooting competition and play lots of Netball games. At the end of this Newsletter, is a form to complete if you would like your child to attend.



SCHOOL BURSAR

We had appointed Mrs Julie Doyle as our new Bursar. However, her personal circumstances have changed and she will not be taking up the post at Rydes Hill. We will continue our search for a new Bursar but, in the meantime, Mr Halsall is kindly carrying on!

SAFER INTERNET DAY

As a School we have been marking 'Safer Internet Day', which was officially on Tuesday, and in computing lessons the children have been learning how to stay safe online. Many of the children have said that when they play online games they have seen unkind messages and inappropriate adverts pop-up. The children have shown great maturity in knowing what to do if something worries them when they are online.

Natterhub - the online platform that we use to teach online safety - have another excellent parent webinar to give you top tips on how to keep your child safe when on a device. Please do watch via You Tube (available for a week): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COIQU8N6_Ks

Do talk to your child about what they have learnt this week about staying safe whilst being online.

THINKING DAY

The 22nd February is World Thinking Day, when Girl Guides and Scouts everywhere remember each other and reaffirm their commitment to international friendship and understanding.

It originated at the 1926 World Conference and was first celebrated in 1927. February 22nd being chosen because this date marks the joint birthday of the Founder and the World Chief Guide Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. Children who are in Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Scouts or Guides are invited to wear their guiding or scouting uniform to School on Wednesday 22nd February, to celebrate this special day.

Mrs Norville

Netball Results

IAPS U11 NETBALL REGIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

On Monday 6th February, we took an U11 Netball squad to Cranleigh School to compete in the annual **IAPS U11 Netball Regional Qualifying Tournament**, alongside 15 other schools from around the South East. We played our pool matches first, each game lasting 16 minutes and we got off to a great start, beating St Teresa's 5-1. The standard of Netball on display was incredibly high and unfortunately we lost the following 2 games against Bute House, Hammersmith and Micklefield, Reigate. We progressed through to the Plate competition where we played Danes Hill, Oxshott in the first Quarter Final but sadly lost 2-7 and subsequently got knocked out. It was an incredibly tough tournament but the girls had a great day and learnt a lot from watching other schools play.

Thank you to Mr Byszczanik and Mrs Pettifor for helping with the transport to Cranleigh School.

U8 & U9 NETBALL V HALSTEAD

On Tuesday 7th February, we hosted a wonderful afternoon of Netball with our U8 & U9 teams with ALL the girls playing against Halstead U9's. The girls were extremely excited to play and we divided all children into 3 squads, mixing age groups. The 3 squads held an equal score for the main duration of the game on both courts, demonstrating really promising attacking and defending skills. The girls followed the BEE Netball rotations, playing in all positions and moving into new roles every 5 minutes – which is really tough, but they rose to the challenge. Sadly in the final few minutes, Halstead took the lead on both courts with the final scores of 4-7 and 2-6. Congratulations to Shayna A for being awarded player of the match! Well done Lower Preparatory (U8's) for playing against girls a year older than you.

Thank you to ALL the parents who came out to support us – we had SO many spectators! and thanks to Chef Dan and Chef Don for the match teas.

PE Department



Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Frankie B	Emily K
Kindergarten	Lyra F	Cody L
Lower Trans	Daniyal K	Charles B
Upper Trans	Frances N	Tolu I
Lower Prep	Stephanie B	Aleesha N
Middle Prep	Thea K	Qiao Qiao X
Higher Prep	Astrid K	Emily B
Form One	Tanya A-Z	Maria R

Special Awards this week

French Award: Mia Z (LP) for outstanding work and excellent participation in the lesson.

Science Award: Evie H (UT) for her observation and understanding of water proofing.

Computing Award: Emily B (HP) for her excellent knowledge about how to stay safe online.

Music Award: Lower Preparatory for the amazing collaborative work in music when composing and performing.

RE Award: Phoebe C (KG) for taking a thoughtful interest in her learning in RE and choosing to read the Bible in class.

PE Award: Evie W (LP) for mastering a cartwheel for the first time ever!

Ballet Award: Eliana O (F1) for successfully auditioning for English Youth Ballet Associates.

Drama Award: Archie C (UT) for a brilliant start to his news report.

Kindness Award: Lucinda F (F1) for showing kindness to Mrs West.

Special Award: Izzy B-J (LP) for cheering on Higher Preparatory in the Netball Tournament.



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

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

House Points for this week

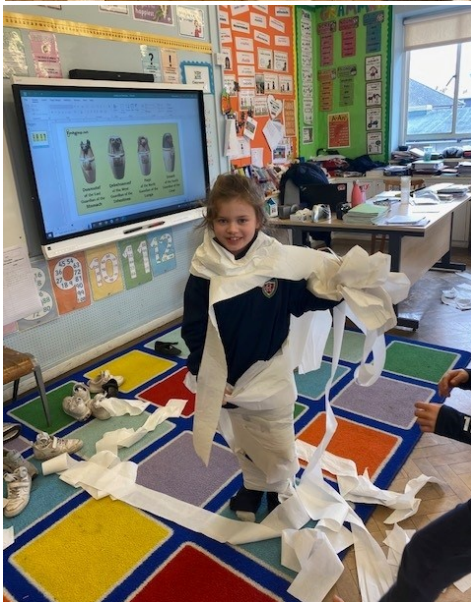
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Happy Birthday!

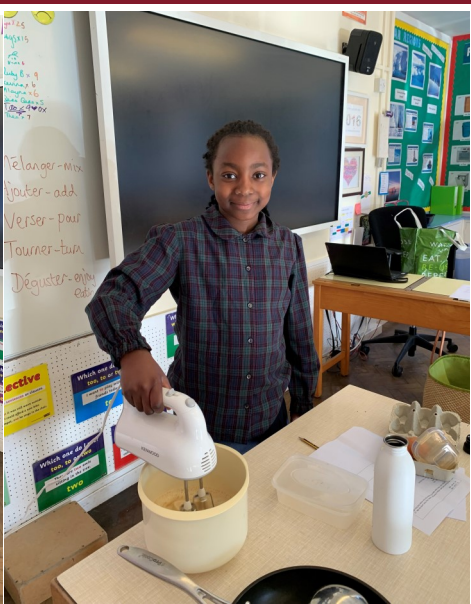
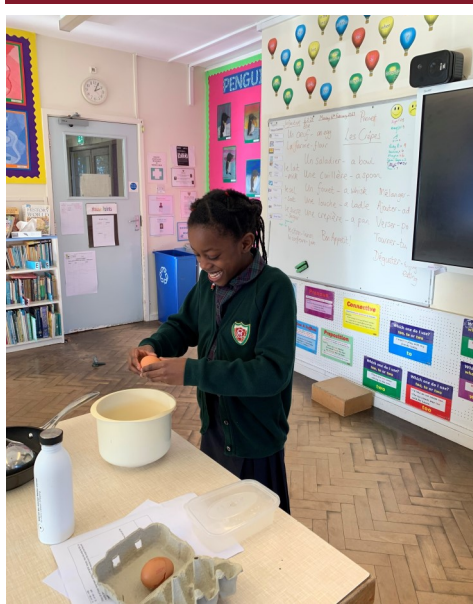
7th February	Luna H
10th February	Isabella B-J
12th February	Oliver B
12th February	Alana W



Lower Preparatory's Egyptian Mummification in their History lesson



Middle Preparatory making pancakes in their French lesson



Lower Preparatory making bird feeders in Forest School



Lower Transition's Artwork



Netball Squads





Sassy Stirrers

COOKING CLUB

Half-term cookery workshops for age 5-12
All Saints Weston Church, Esher.



Tuesday 14th February 10.30am - 14.30pm

Valentine's Day Cookery Workshop

It's Valentines Day! Perfect for a day of baking & decorating, guided by Caroline our professional cake decorator. This class is a bonanza of mixing, measuring, piping, fondant modelling and cake baking. Your mini cakes & exquisitely decorated cookies will be beautifully packed into cake boxes to share at home.



Thursday 16th February 10.30am - 14.30pm

Comfort cooking & cakes

Not going away for the half term doesn't mean we're missing out! It's bound to be cold, maybe rainy but we're not bothered as we'll be indoors comfort baking and decorating - crumbles, cakes, cookies & crispy bakes. Lots of treats to take home to share with family and friends.

Ingredients, equipment, lunch, refreshments and snacks provided.

Cost £48 per ticket, siblings or best friends £46



Book now at www.sassystirrers.com

Email susan@sassystirrers.com



EASTER NETBALL CAMP

UT - F1



Monday 27th March 2023



RYDES HILL SCHOOL

Mrs Bowles & Mrs Luscombe

Time: 9am - 4pm

£45

What to bring:

- Plenty of water, nut free snacks and packed lunch.
- Full school PE kit, no jewellery and hair tied back.

EASTER NETBALL CAMP

My child would like to attend the Easter Netball Camp
on Monday 27th March

Emergency contact name and number on the day

Any allergies and/or medical conditions we need to be aware of?

Signed Name

Payment by BACS or CASH only please

A/C Name: Mrs L Luscombe

Sort Code: 40-22-26

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