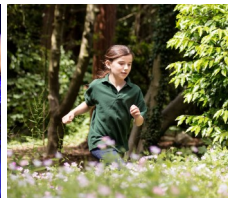




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 10th November 2023



Dear Parents

LEST WE FORGET

Thank you very much to Middle Preparatory for their beautifully moving Remembrance Day Assembly this morning. With everything happening in the world at the present time, the reminders of lessons we have learnt from the past and the need to strive for peace are incredibly timely and relevant. Thank you to Middle Preparatory and to Mrs Lappage for all their hard work in preparing today's Assembly for us.

EXAM READY

Good luck to all our Form One girls and Upper Transition boys as they begin exams for their next step schools. It is heartening to talk to the children about this, as they truly feel ready, confident and well prepared. We have no doubt that they will try their best and be successful. Please keep our girls and boys who are taking exams in your thoughts and prayers.

THANKS FROM PROJECT NUMBER 5 AND SIGHT FOR SURREY

We have had two lovely emails from our charity partners this year. Both are very grateful for the generous donations from Rydes Hill families. Thank you for your support of our charities. This Lent we will be fundraising for the Bishop's chosen charity, which is to support the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, and for Great Ormond Street Hospital. We will also hold our annual Reindeer Run (now known as the Christmas Run) to raise money for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

SANTA TERRY

Many of you will have fond memories of our wonderful Santa who was always at our Christmas Fair as well as visiting the children on the last day of term. The children know him as 'real' Santa. When not delivering presents around the world, Santa Terry also worked in Burpham Sainsburys. He had stopped working at Sainsburys and there had been a Facebook campaign from a number of local schools who use him to find him and make sure he was ok. We have recently heard that he sadly had a stroke a few months ago and is still in hospital. He really is an exceptional man and we have passed on our best wishes to him. When Santa Terry's son was a small child, his life was saved by Great Ormond Street Hospital. When Terry was an older man and realised he was able to grow a magnificent Santa beard, he started to take on this important role at Christmas Fairs and Fetes. Every penny he was paid he insisted on being donated directly to Great Ormond Street in recognition of what they did for his son. To honour the work of Santa Terry we will continue to fundraise for Great Ormond Street this year. We have managed to find someone to kindly step into Santa's shoes this year.

ODD SOCKS / FUNKY TIGHTS DAY

Next week is Anti-Bullying week and there will be activities in School to mark this. One of these is the annual odd socks / funky tights day. This Monday 13th November children (and adults!) are invited to wear odd socks or funky tights to show that we celebrate our differences. Children should wear school uniform alongside their chosen socks / tights as usual.

PARENTS' FORUM

A form has been sent out on ParentMail ahead of the Forum meeting which takes place on Friday 17th November at 8.30am. We will be discussing Parents' Evenings, uniform rules and School trips. Do please complete the form, regardless of whether or not you are able to attend.



MUFTI (OWN CLOTHES) DAY

We will be having a Mufti (own clothes) day on Wednesday 15th November in exchange for chocolate for the tombola at the Christmas Fair or a £2 coin. All chocolate must be labelled as nut free. Children in Middle Prep are on a trip on Wednesday and so may wear own clothes on Tuesday 14th November. For this and every other Mufti Day, if your child has PE that day, **they must bring PE kit to change into**, even if the clothes they are wearing may be considered sports clothing. The second Mufti (own clothes) day is on Tuesday 21st November, when children should wear Christmas Colours (or a Christmas jumper) as they will be taking part in the Christmas run. They need to bring a bottle of wine / spirits or soft drink for the bottle tombola at the Christmas Fair, or a £2 coin.

SWIMMING NEXT FRIDAY

Please note that there will be no swimming for Lower Prep to Form One next Friday as there is an event at the pool and they are unable to accommodate us.

BABY NEWS

Huge congratulations to Ms Morris who became a Grandmother following the safe arrival of Matilda (Tilly) on Wednesday. We would also like to congratulate Madame Hopgood as she is expecting a baby in April.



CHRISTMAS HAPPY SMILES HOLIDAY CLUB

We are delighted to announce Happy Smiles Holiday Club will be running during the Christmas Holidays on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December. Happy Smiles is open to all children from Kindergarten to Form One. The Club will run from 9am to 4pm. There will be lots of Christmas arts and crafts, a Just Dance dance off, Christmas cooking activities, bracelet making and lots more. To book your child a space, please contact Mrs Smillie at sarah.smillie@rydeshill.com. A booking form will be available in next weeks Newsletter.

SMART WATCHES

Children are welcome to wear a smart watch to school, providing it is not enabled with the ability to send and receive messages. Watches that have this facility will be treated in the same way as mobile phones and will need to be left at the School Office and collected at the end of the day.

WOKING SPEECH AND DRAMA FESTIVAL RESULTS

We had a fantastic day at the Woking Speech and Drama Festival. All our girls achieved excellent results and we are so proud of them all!

<u>8 years Verse</u> 3rd places - Hermione T and Evie W 1st places - Serenna P and Mia Z Commended - Isabella B-J and Lucy A-Z	<u>Bible Reading</u> 1st place - Hermione T
<u>9 years Verse</u> 2nd place - Aoife M Commended - Tito B	<u>Solo Acting 7-9 years</u> 2nd place - Hermione T
<u>10-11 years Verse</u> 2nd place - Emily B 1st place - Astrid K Commended - Lakshana D	<u>Solo Acting 10-11 years</u> 3rd place - Astrid K Distinction - Emily B

Mrs Norville

U9 A & B NETBALL v GUILDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

On Thursday 9th November 2023 all of Middle Preparatory played a Netball fixture against Guildford High School (Away). The girls were super excited to be playing as they had been practising so hard in lessons and wanted to compete against another school. When we arrived we had a quick warm up before the matches started and we played through 6 rotations, which meant the girls had lots of chances to play different positions. Both teams took an early lead and the 'A' team were 5-0 ahead after just the first four minutes!

The girls played the ball up the court with pace and accuracy, passing and moving into space effectively. Defending was also very strong with lots of chances taken to intercept. There were a few 'tumbles' on court, but we were proud of their resilience and determination at wanting to play on. We are very proud of **ALL** the girls, and grateful for the support from those parents who were able to come and watch.

The results were;

Rydes Hill 'A' Team WON 14-0

Rydes Hill 'B' Team WON 2-0

Congratulations to Mia Z and Lucy A for being awarded players of the match.

PE Department



Silver Awards this week			Special Awards this week	
YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT	Science Award: Reuben D (KG) for being able to name all the parts of a flower.	
Nursery	Aspen M	Hugo T	Computing Award: Alexander S (KG) for perseverance and working well on Purple Mash.	
Kindergarten	Isla W	Mia M	RE Award: Claire K (HP) for an excellent speech on being a co-creator and steward of the Earth.	
Lower Trans	Arlo A	Moses L	French Award: Jack S (KG) for excellent concentration and participation in lesson.	
Upper Trans	Vinudi R	Daniyal K	PE Award: Myra S (MP) for excellent defending in Netball.	
Lower Prep	Sophie S	Violet X	Forest School Award: Alan H (UT) for being an excellent fungi finder!	
Middle Prep	Izzy B-J	Lucy A-Z	Music Award: Lakshana D (F1) for her enthusiastic approach to all musical activities.	
Higher Prep	Tito B	Aoife M	Drama Award: Everyone who participated at the Woking Festival, for all their hard work and fantastic results.	
Form One	Jessica F	Mehvish Y	Ballet Award: Ella W (F1) for trying hard in ballet.	
			Special Award: Clara N & Luna H (UT) for being amazing stars at The Royal Academy of Dance for trainee examiners.	
			Kindness Award: Maeve W (LT) for being kind to other children.	

Diary dates for next week	
Mon 13th Nov	Start of Anti Bullying week. Odd socks / funky tights day.
Tues 14th Nov	Mufti (own Cothes day for Middle Prep. Woking Music Festival. U11 Netball match v Tormead at home.
Weds 15th Nov	Own Clothes day for all apart from Middle Prep. Middle Prep trip to St Albans.
Thurs 16th Nov	Upper Trans trip to Guildford. U8 Netball match v Coworth Flexlands.
Fri 17th Nov	8.30am Parents' Forum in The Hub. No Swimming.

Happy Birthday!

7th Nov	Lilli T
13th Nov	Henrietta U



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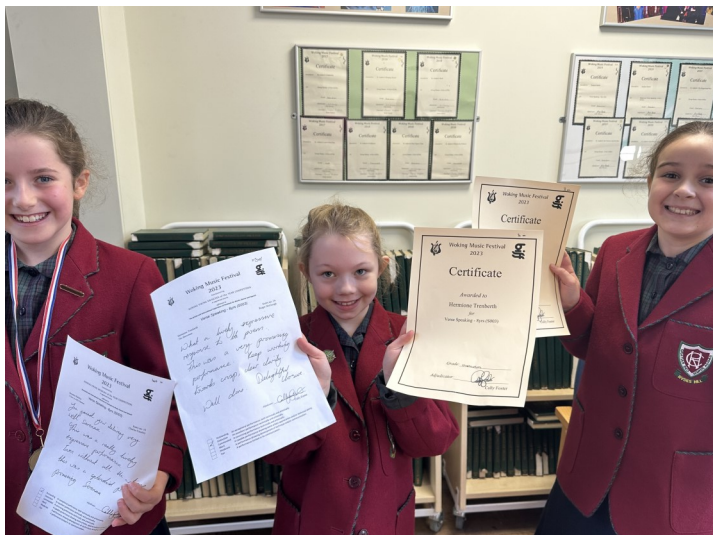
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Remembrance Assembly 2023



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Mock ballet exams at the Royal Academy of Dance



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