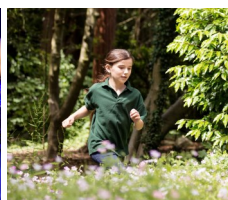




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 10th September 2021



Dear Parents

WELCOME BACK

It has been wonderful to see our happy, confident, smiling children returning to (or starting!) School this week. We would like to welcome Emily, Arthur, Lucas and Isaac to Acorns Nursery; Alana, Rosie, Evie, Thomas, Rafferty, Alessandro, Sylvie, and Cyrus to Oaks Nursery; Charles, Isabel, Joshua, Luna, Esmé, Clara, Evey, Emily, Georgina, Alan, Harry, Connor and Sebastian to Kindergarten; Isabelle and ZiHau to Lower Transition; Alayna to Lower Preparatory; Liann and Soraya to Higher Preparatory and Maya to Form One. Everyone has been settling into the new routines wonderfully. Thank you to all the parents and staff who have worked so hard to help our children have the confidence to feel so settled, so quickly.

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Last term we were all very impressed with the speeches given by the then Higher Preparatory girls for Positions of Responsibility. Votes were cast by both staff and children and the results were shared in assembly on Monday. All Form One girls have a named position this year. These are:

Head Girl	Bridget K	Patricia House Captain	Martha L
Deputy Head Girl	Kate M	Peter House Captain	Alina W-C
Deputy Head Girl	Evie M	Chaplaincy Prefect	Felicity F
Games Captain	Emilia H	Drama/Costume Prefect	Beth N
Vice Games Captain	Maya K	Eco Prefect	Kara B
Vice Games Captain	Maryam M	Library Prefect	Cara McC
Campion House Captain	Rachel F	Music Prefect	Lily B
Gerald House Captain	Isabella D		

BUILDING WORK UPDATE

We have had an incredibly hectic summer with the work on the new Nursery and the Performing Arts Centre taking place throughout the holiday period. Not everything has kept to time and so everything is not quite as 'polished' as we would like. However, all spaces are being well used by the children, who haven't seemed to notice! We hope to be able to invite parents in soon to see our lovely new spaces.

NEW STAFF

We are pleased to welcome three new members of staff for this academic year. Mrs Becca Jackson, our new Marketing Officer, Mrs Harriet Hunter, a new Nursery Assistant, and Miss Sophie Canning, our new Marketing Apprentice. I am sure that you will make them all feel very welcome.

PARENT PRAYER GROUP

During the pandemic, meeting in person has for Prayer Group has been very challenging. This term we are able to meet face to face again and have moved the group to 2.45pm on a Tuesday to try to find a time when more people can attend. The group is a wonderful opportunity for a few minutes of quiet reflection and you do not need to be Catholic to join. Everyone is welcome. The first group starts next Tuesday 14th September.



KINDERGARTEN 2022

It seems strange, with the current cohort of Kindergarten children just through the door, that we are already looking ahead to next year. However, we are having an increasing number of enquiries from families not in our Nursery about Kindergarten for next year and therefore need to make sure that we are meeting the needs of those already in our School first. For parents of children in our Nursery whose child will be 5 in the 2021-22 academic year, Ms O'Neill will be in contact to arrange a personal tour and a meeting to discuss Kindergarten. We are able to offer 'live' tours now and we would very much like parents to have this opportunity in the coming months. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Norville or Ms O'Neill.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A tentative Calendar of Events for the term has been sent out today. Please put dates in your diary in pencil as we will need to wait to confirm based on Government regulations at the time. We are hoping to make things as normal as possible! The first event to be aware of is the Welcome Evenings for any class who didn't have one last term (i.e. all classes except Kindergarten and Lower Prep). For Main School, these will take place on Tuesday 14th September at 6.30pm. The PowerPoint and notes will be sent out to you. The FRHPS AGM will be held straight after the Welcome Evening. For Nursery, there will be a 'How we learn in Nursery' session on Friday 17th September at 9am in the Nursery classrooms. If parents have any questions now that their child has started, please do speak to one of the class teachers.

ANNUAL REMINDERS

Please remember that we have a number yew trees in the grounds. These berries ripen between September and November and are poisonous if eaten. All children are reminded of the Forest School Rules (no picking, no licking) but we encourage parents to remind their children at home to reinforce this message.

Please also remember that children need to be closely supervised in the car park. Drivers are asked to be particularly careful when approaching the zebra crossing, as it is not always easy to see that there are pedestrians waiting, and when reversing.

SCHOOL PUFFA COATS

We have been contacted by Valentino, our uniform suppliers, to tell us the company that was providing our puffa coats has suddenly informed them that they are no longer able to produce them. They have tried, in vain, to find an alternative supplier. I know there are a number of parents waiting for puffa coats and so I have asked Valentino to provide us with other options so that I can share these with parents ASAP. In the meantime, if the weather is cold or wet and you do not own a puffa jacket, please provide your child with a suitable waterproof coat until a new School Uniform coat is available to buy.

EMAILING TEACHERS

Teachers are happy for parents to be in contact with them via email to sort out queries or provide information. Please be mindful that a teacher's working day is 8am-5pm and they may not check emails outside of these hours. We are, I am sure, all trying to be mindful of our work/life balance and I am sure you can appreciate teachers also wanting to maintain this balance. If there is an urgent matter outside of these hours, please do not hesitate to email me sarah.norville@rydeshill.com

ALUMNI EVENT 19TH SEPTEMBER

We will be holding an 'Open House' event for all our Alumni on Sunday 19th September, 12noon-4pm. Past pupils will be invited to look around, bring a picnic to have on the lawn, reconnect with old friends and reminisce. Copies of the Rydes Hill History Book will be available to buy at the event for anyone who has missed out. If you know any past pupils who would be interested in attending, please do let them know. The School Office is keeping a list of people who are interested in coming for catering purposes.



Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	All of Nursery for settling in so beautifully this week	
Kindergarten		Luna H Sebastian W
Lower Trans	Fenella L	Lexi K
Upper Trans	Stephanie B	Mia Z
Lower Prep	Ruby B	Shayna A
Middle Prep	Jaime P	Annabel S
Higher Prep	Mary K	Maria R
Form One	Kara B	Evie M

Special Awards this week

Computing Award: Maya G for stepping into the digital leaders role with an energetic and excited attitude to help others.

Forest School Award: Zoe S for creativity and curiosity.

French Award: Maryam (Form 1) for excellent participation and recollection of vocabulary learnt last year.

Music Award: Soraya S for making a really positive start to music at Rydes Hill.

PE Award: Mehvish for excellent demonstrating and determination in netball lessons.

RE Award: George H for helping us in collective worship.

Science Award: Isabella D for doing that little bit extra.

Kindness Award: Tia A for being such a kind and caring learning partner and helping a new member of our class.

Special Award: Rachel F for helping tidy under stage.

Amy (Miss Knights daughter) for her incredible help and care through Forest School camp in the summer holidays.

All the staff for their hard work to get the nursery ready to open.

Diary dates for next week

Tues 14th Sept	2.45pm Parent Prayer Group with Mrs Norville
Tues 14th Sept	3.30pm Genie Science Club - Lower Prep to Form One
Tues 14th Sept	6.30pm Welcome Evening for Main School followed by FRHPS AGM
Wed 15th Sept	Ballet begins
Thurs 16th Sept	9.15am Start of Term Mass, St Mary's Church, parents welcome.
Thurs 16th Sept	Swimming begins for Lower Trans and Upper Trans
Fri 17th Sept	8.30am to 9am Parent Coffee Morning for Nursery and Kindergarten parents
Fri 17th Sept	9am to 9.30am - How we learn in Nursery - Nursery Parents Welcome
Fri 17th Sept	Swimming begins for Lower Prep to Form One

Happy Birthday!

6th September

Astrid K

8th September

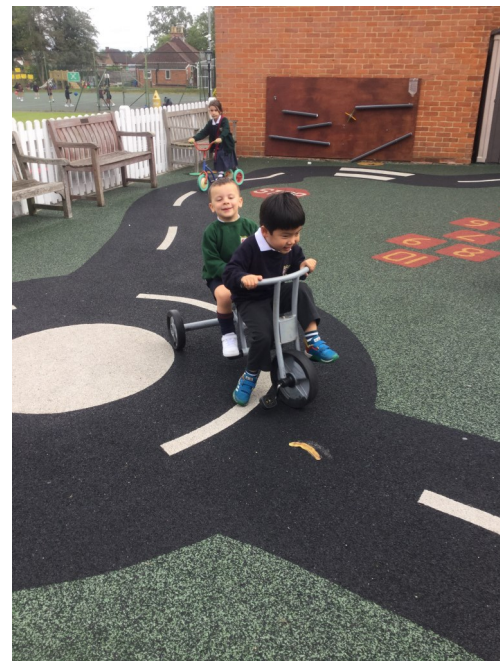
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Welcome to Kindergarten



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Back to School, back to friendships



A Glimpse of School Life

