



RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 12th March, 2021



Dear Parents

BACK TO SCHOOL

It has been wonderful to welcome your children back to School this week and to hear the buzz and excitement in the classrooms and corridors once more. Thank you to all our parents for following the latest guidance and supporting a smooth return to School. Can we kindly remind parents to be as swift as possible at drop off and pick up to avoid bottlenecks and congregation of groups.

A WARM WELCOME

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our new joiners and their families this week; Lexi in Kindergarten, Thea in Upper Transition and Marilena in Form One. They have settled in beautifully.

FOUNDER'S DAY

A reminder that we shall be celebrating Founder's Day on Wednesday 17th March with morning Mass at 9.15am at St Mary's Church followed by a fun-filled day of art where we plan to create collages of life at Rydes Hill over the past 75 years. Please can all children come to School wearing their blazers and white ribbons for the girls, ready for the morning Mass. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to the Mass once more as the current restrictions do not allow enough space.

COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY

This year, as part of our Lenten Fundraising, we will be supporting Comic Relief. Friday 19th March is a Mufti (own clothes) Day and children may wear something red in exchange for a minimum £2 donation to Comic Relief. The children will also have an opportunity to buy a red nose from their class teacher for £1.50. If you can provide the correct money this would be very much appreciated! The class teacher will make a note of all the children who have bought a red nose during next week and hand them out to the children on Friday morning.

THANK YOU TO FRHPS

Thank you to FRHPS for their kind £500 donation to the School Council for toys and games. The School Council members surveyed their class before Christmas, to see what playground toys and games they would like to have. During lockdown the equipment was ordered and organised with the help of our lunchtime supervisor, Mrs Knight, and the children have loved playing with the large Connect Four, wooden blocks, quoits and super-sized wooden dominoes.



TRAIN TO TEACH

Rydes Hill are a strategic member of the St Polycarp's Catholic Teaching School Alliance (SPCTSA), where we work together collaboratively to share best practice. If any parent is looking for a career change, you may be interested in joining their next webinar on 'different routes into teaching' on Tuesday 23rd March. Please see the following link for more details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/141044799793>

LUNCH CHOICES

We would be grateful if parents could involve their children in the lunch menu choices to avoid any disappointment with the selection made.

MRS NORVILLE

Mrs Norville is recovering well and would like to thank everyone for their kind words. She is hoping to return to School next week.

Happy Birthday!

11th March	Emily P
12th March	Myra S
12th March	Arya S
19th March	Tia A



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https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/frhps/?referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=stwsharebox



The link to this week's 'The Wednesday Word' is below:
<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/enthusiasm?pid=MTA101634&v=19.10>



IAPS Festival – Distinctions and Finalists!

Miss Quinn would like to say a huge well done and thank you to all the girls who auditioned for the IAPS Drama Festival. It was clear the girls had invested a great deal of time and effort to rehearse and we were thrilled with the quality of the performances. Miss Quinn and Miss Boyle have singled out a few girls for Distinctions and announced the finalists in each categories. We are now busy filming the final performances for submission by the 23th March and will let you know as soon as we have a date for the live Zoom Final!

Year 3 & 4 Verse Speaking	Year 5 & 6 Verse Speaking	Year 5 Prose Reading	Year 6 Dramatic Solo
Distinctions awarded to: Ella W, Flossy D, Josie B, Annabel S and Ruby B	Distinctions awarded to: Martha L and Angel Li	Distinctions awarded to: Evie M, Maryam M, Maya K and Isabella D	Distinctions awarded to: Amelia D, Angel L, Ava B, Mia L and Izzy L
Our Finalists Ella W and Flossy D	Our Finalists: Martha L and Angel Li	Our Finalists: Kate M and Cara M	Our Finalists: Izzy L and Ava B

Class	Special Achievements – Friday 5th March
Nursery	Arthur for good work. He can now write his whole name beautifully. Emi for good conduct. She has settled back into nursery so well after being at home for Lockdown.
Kindergarten	Sum Yee for fantastic work throughout the whole time of home learning and for joining in so well in Zoom sessions. George for always trying his best with his work and for putting his hand up and participating in Zoom sessions.
Lower Trans	Superstars this week are the whole class and their families for being amazing during home schooling. The class have been an absolute pleasure to teach, and have worked so incredibly hard, showing determination and perseverance through out.
Upper Trans	Harri for his conscientious work during the whole of lockdown. Oliver for his amazing model of the Isle of Struay.
Lower Prep	The whole class for working hard and remaining so cheerful and enthusiastic during the remote Zoom learning.
Middle Prep	Alice McArthur for excellent all-round effort and progress during lockdown. Alyssa Mendoza for a huge improvement in uploading work on time this week.
Higher Prep	Alina and Felicity for their excellent oral contribution and great company during lockdown.
Form One	Tillie for working hard and for her efficient uploading of work. Amelia for her kind and thoughtful running of a pet club.
Award	Special Awards
PE	Zoe (KG) for her brilliant dancing in our Dynamite Dance in PE.
Music	Sum-Yee (KG) for playing her violin piece so beautifully for the class.
French	Aurelia (MP) for French for her excellent engagement in lessons and quality of homework. Isabelle (LP) for her recent efforts in oral participation, engaging spontaneously in lessons and gradually flourishing.
Science	Rachel (HP) for her detailed observation of a flower and for accurately following instructions.
Special	For every pupil in our School who has worked hard and kept cheerful through Lockdown



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Nursery	Grace for her outstanding progress with her phonics. Luke for settling back in to Nursery so beautifully after lock down.
Kindergarten	Tolu and Frances as they have both worked hard this week and played very well and shown kindness to their friends returning to school after lockdown.
Lower Trans	Rosie for her sheer determination in reading and showing fantastic progress. Serenna for her excellent contribution to our English lesson on poetry and rhyme.
Upper Trans	Ruby S for her energetic approach to learning. Jai for his constant warmth and kindness to others.
Lower Prep	Annabel for super hard work since returning to School. Mehvish for her consistent exemplary conduct.
Middle Prep	The whole class for settling so beautifully back in to school life and for being so organised and bringing everything they need back in to school.
Higher Prep	Emelia for her superb work since returning to School, especially her excellent comprehension and use of history sources. Evie for her polite nature and always listening attentively and giving her best.
Form One	Marilena for settling in so well into Life in Form One. Katie for excellent effort in all her lessons over the last couple of weeks.
<i>Award</i>	<i>Special Awards</i>
PE Award	Alice (MP) for her great work in Netball and Gym vault
Music Award	QiaoQiao (UT) for making a fantastic start with music at Rydes Hill, both during music lessons and piano lessons
French	Oliver (UT) for tremendous progress over the last few weeks. Oliver showed exceptional spelling skills in French this week.
Forest School	QiaoQiao (UT) and Frances (KG) for team work and enthusiasm
Science	Tito (UT) for analysing her science results and making good connections
Drama	Kiana (LT) for her amazing Story Box for Book Day and retelling of the Three Little Pigs.
Ballet	Rosie (LT) for excellent work
Special	For all our teachers and staff who have worked so hard to make the first week back as happy and settle as possible

Return to School!



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Return to the Netball Courts



Mummification of Teddies in Lower Preps!



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Middle Prep back together



A reminder of Easter Clubs

Date	Club or Class	Time	Open to:
Monday 29 th March	Happy Smiles	9am – 3pm	Kindergarten – Form One
Tuesday 30 th March	Netball Camp	9am – 4pm	Lower Prep – Form One
Tuesday 30 th March	Forest School	9am – 4pm	Kindergarten – Upper Trans
Wednesday 31 st March	Forest School	9am – 4pm	Kindergarten – Upper Trans
Wednesday 31 st March	Netball Camp	9am – 4pm	Lower Prep – Form One
Wednesday 31 st March	Ballet catch up classes (45 mins)	Various times	Kindergarten – Form One
Thursday 1 st April	Multi-Skills Camp	9am – 4pm	Kindergarten - Upper Trans
Thursday 1 st April	Forest School	9am – 4pm	Lower Prep – Form One
Tuesday 6 th April	Happy Smiles	9am – 3pm	Kindergarten – Form One and any children in Nursery who are already 4
Wednesday 7 th April	Happy Smiles	9am – 3pm	Kindergarten – Form One and any children in Nursery who are already 4
Wednesday 14 th April	Ballet catch up classes (45 mins)	Various times	Kindergarten – Form One