



RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 13th May 2022



Dear Parents

MOVIE NIGHT

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make Movie Night last Friday such a success. I have heard a wealth of compliments, including the wonderful atmosphere and great chance for the parents to socialise together, while the children were entertained by the film. Thank you to Mrs Wright (mum of Evie in Upper Transition and Maeve in Oaks), Mrs Hannah (mum of Evie in Lower Transition and Emily in Acorns), and their team for their superb organisation.

JUBILEE PUDDING COMPETITION

The tasting has begun! Each class has now made their nomination for the Rydes Hill Jubilee Pudding Competition, and over the coming weeks the children and staff will have the chance to sample these for dessert each day. The entries are as follows:

Nursery – Angel Cake

Kindergarten – Chocolate Chip Cookie and Ice Cream

Lower Transition – Lemon Tart

Upper Transition – Waffles with Ice Cream

Lower Prep – Raspberry and Mascarpone Cake

Middle Prep – Biscoffee

Higher Prep – Pavlova

Form One – Chocolate Bar Brownie

The winner will be announced on our Jubilee celebration day on 26th May. There will also be some to sample at the Summer Fair and the pudding will become a regular feature on the Rydes Hill menu. Thank you to Chef Dan and Chef John for their patience and willingness to give all the recipes a try!

SUNTAN LOTION WARNING

As we get to the warmer months, we ask all parents to put suntan lotion on their child before School each morning. However, we would politely ask that you do NOT use Nivea Sun products as these contain almond oil. We have a number of children in School who have nut allergies and these products could be a risk to these children. Further information can be found here <https://www.allergyuk.org/news/nivea-change/> Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



PARENTS' FORUM

The final Forum of the term is due to take place on Saturday 21st May at 2pm. We will be discussing plans for the next academic year and gaining insight from parents about anything they would like us to consider. We will also be discussing how we select for events (performance, sport etc) where there are a limited number of places and the rationale behind this. Finally, there will be an open forum. I would also like to be able to offer the 'device surgery' as discussed at the Forum last term. If you are able to assist with this, please indicate this on the form when it comes through on Parent Mail.



FRHPS UPDATES

Following the FRHPS Committee meeting this week, there are a few updates to pass on:

Do you have a gas powered BBQ we could use for the Summer Fair? Please email frhpscochair@gmail.com to let them know. We will provide transport to get the BBQs to and from School for the Fair. We are also looking for bubble machines if anyone has one we can use.

There are still some vacancies on the Committee. We need a Secretary, whose role is predominantly to take and circulate the Minutes of each meeting. This role works really well when shared between two people - could you and a friend take it on?

We also need someone to take over the Second Hand Uniform Shop in September. This role is very different from how it has been run in the past as Miss Canning in the School Office is taking over a large part of the day-to-day running of the Shop. The role would require checking the Uniform Shop email and responding to enquiries Miss Canning was unable to answer.

Thank you to all our FRHPS committee members for their wonderful support of the School.

MESSAGE FROM THE ECO TEAM

Next week the Big Plastic Count project is starting and we want you all to get involved. It is run by the charity Greenpeace, which brings the amount of plastic wasted in the UK to the Government's attention so they can reduce the amount of plastic used by big brands and supermarkets. We are sending home a tally sheet with the types of plastic listed, and your job is to find out which types of plastics you are throwing into the bin at home. Once your tally sheet is complete, we would like you to send the information to the website:

thebigplasticcount.com/submit

Please return your tally sheets to the Eco Team for data analysis too!

Our Eco Prefect, Kara B (F1), has made a poster with all the details included, this is attached at the end of this Newsletter.

Mrs Norville

Well-being Wednesday

In our Paws b Mindfulness lessons in Middle Prep and Form One recently, we have been looking at our amazing brain and how we can train our mind to help us be happier and notice some of the good things all around us. We have also been looking at beginning to train the mind in order to become more aware of our feelings and thoughts, which can affect the choices we make and recognising when there is an opportunity to make skillful choices. The next objective is to introduce our attention and how we might direct our attention and to understand that the untrained mind is fickle in nature like a puppy. We are learning simple tools for training the attention with attitudes of kindness, patience and repetition.

In Nursery Oaks and Kindergarten, we have now completed the first three lessons of the Mindfulness Dots course. The children have been engaged and happy to take part. We began by learning how to settle and find our own space and explore movement and stillness, and took part in a listening practice. We then experienced what it is like to direct our attention and introduced the concept of concentration and have now moved on to investigate our breathing. We have taken part in a number of fun activities so far.

Mrs Jennifer Smillie



Higher Prep Dance and Netball Masterclass at Cranleigh School

On Tuesday 10th May we took ten girls from Higher Prep to Cranleigh School to participate in a Dance and Netball Masterclass. We started the day with a street dance workshop and the girls learnt a short routine adding their own moves before performing. We were taken over to the Senior School and treated to a delicious lunch in their dining hall before heading to their sports hall for an afternoon workshop with Sam Houghton, Surrey Storm Coach and Charlotte Masters, Captain of U21 squad. The girls worked so hard all day in whatever tasks were given to them and they represented Rydes Hill with impeccable manners and a keenness to learn. Even over lunch they spoke confidently to the staff and asked lots of questions – we were so proud of them all! We finished the day with a Q & A session with Charlotte.

PE Department



IAPS National Finals Swimming Success

Congratulations to Cara McC (F1) who has qualified for the IAPS National Finals in the 50m Butterfly! We have found out Cara came 14th nationally out of 95 competitors swimming an amazing time of 38.21.

Our Rydes Hill team, consisting of Liann W, Ruby B, Martha L and Cara Mc, swam brilliantly in the qualifiers.

We wish Cara all the best when she represents Rydes Hill in the finals at the London Aquatic Centre on Saturday 11th June. AMAZING result Cara - we are so proud of you, well done!

PE Department



Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Rafferty D	Mahnoor J
Kindergarten	Connor W	Esmè H
Lower Trans	Evie H	Zoe S
Upper Trans	Miru O	Mia Z
Lower Prep	Oliver H	Thea K
Middle Prep	—	—
Higher Prep	Alice McA	Flossy D
Form One	Beth N	Isabella D

Special Awards this week

RE Award: Soraya S (HP) for her thoughtful and insightful account of one of the resurrection stories.

Science Award: Alex W (UT) for his constant interest and enthusiasm and observational skills.

Ballet Award: Stephanie B (UT) for working hard every week.

Computing Award: Alan H (KG) for excellence in coding.

French Award: Maya G (F1) for excellent focus in lesson.

Music Award: Emily B (MP) for all round enthusiasm in music and for the extra work she does at home.

PE Award: Ruby S (LP) for a huge improvement in her running this term.

Drama Award: Violet-Mae N (LP) for her improvement and hard work towards her exam.

Forest School Award: Leah Y (LT) for interest in plants and planting.

Special Award: Charles B and Alan H (KG) for caring for Clara when she fell at playtime & Ruby S (LP) for finding a parent's lost shoe!

House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
96	98	94	122

Diary dates for the next two weeks

Mon 16th May	Kindergarten Bake Sale.
Mon 16th May	Form One Citizen Trip to Guildford Fire Station.
Tues 17th May	2pm - Crowning of Our Lady on Our Lady's Lawn.
Fri 20th May	Coffee Morning for Lower Trans & Upper Trans parents.



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

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

KINDERGARTEN BAKE SALE



MON 16TH MAY, AFTER SCHOOL

Happy Birthday!

11th May	Chaeyoon J
11th May	Ethan P
12th May	ZiHao Z
15th May	Mila B



Form One's Science experiment - Investigating the affects of yeast



Holroyd Howe Pizza Day for lunch



Ballet Duet at Ealing Dance Competition - The girls came second place!



Middle Preparatory overnight trip to Bath



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FRHPS Movie Night



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

Half Term children's workshop
Sunday 29th May 2 – 4 pm

SIME
GALLERY



Find crowns hidden in Sime's work and make your own Jubilee crown



Worplesdon Memorial Hall, Perry Hill, Worplesdon, Guildford GU3 3RF

For information or booking please contact the gallery: 07415 372620
or by email: enquiries@sidneysimegallery.org.uk

The plastic Count project

From the Rydes Hill Eco team



HOW YOU CAN GET
INVOLVED



THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT IS HAPPENING
NEXT WEEK AND YOU CAN GET INVOLVED
BY COUNTING HOW MUCH PLASTIC YOU
AND YOUR FAMILY PUT IN THE BIN!

USE THE TALLY SHEET AND FROM MONDAY 16TH
MAY, AS A SCHOOL, WE CAN COUNT OUR RUBBISH.
AT THE END OF THE WEEK, VISIT THE WEBSITE AND
UPLOAD YOUR DATA.

THIS INFORMATION GOES TOWARDS A CHARITY
CALLED GREENPEACE, WHO WILL TELL THE
GOVERNMENT ABOUT ALL THE PLASTIC THROWN
AWAY IN THE UK AND HOW THE GOVERNMENT CAN
ACT TO REDUCE THE PLASTIC CREATED SO WE
DECREASE PLASTIC POLLUTION. THIS IS THE LINK
TO THE WEBSITE WHERE YOU SEND IT:
THEBIGPLASTICCOUNT.COM/SUBMIT