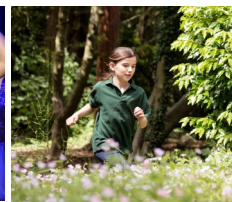




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 14th May 2021



Dear Parents

RYDES HILL FAMILY

One of the many wonderful things about Rydes Hill is that we really are a big family. I felt that most acutely this week with all the wonderful messages I received after my husband was taken into hospital last Thursday for emergency heart surgery. Currently he remains in hospital in the ITU and we are hoping for further improvements in the coming days. Thank you all so much for your support and prayers. I appreciate your understanding that I may not be in School as frequently in the coming weeks but please be reassured that I am regularly checking emails. I am blessed to be part of a wonderful team who are ably helping to make sure that everything is as it should be.

HEALTH & SAFETY

A polite reminder that children are allowed on site from 8am when staff are supervising in the playground area. We request, for Health & Safety reasons, parents do not drive through the wooden five-bar gate during term time.

KINDERGARTEN 2021

Parents of children who will be starting Kindergarten in September 2021 are invited to a transition meeting next Wednesday 19th May at 6.30pm. Parents have been sent full details via email. This will be an 'in person' meeting in the Friends Hall, but if you would prefer to attend via Zoom please email jacqui.oneill@rydeshill.com for the joining instructions. Those attending in person will need to show evidence of a negative Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test on arrival.

LOWER PREP AND MIDDLE PREP COFFEE MORNING

We are very excited that (weather permitting) we will have our first parent coffee morning in well over a year! Parents of children in Lower and Middle Prep are welcome to join us outside the conservatory next Friday 21st May at 8.30am. Those attending will need to show evidence of a negative Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test on arrival. Please make your way across Our Lady's Lawn and join us for a socially distanced coffee and chat!

EXCITING NEW AUTHOR!

One of our parents, mother to Ava in Form One and Josie in Middle Prep, has published a children's book called 'Hair'. It is a comedy adventure story aimed at 7-11 year olds. Copies can be purchased via Amazon:

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0948RPQVF>

SUPPORTING OUR ALUMNI

We've been contacted by an ex Rydes Hill pupil, Michaela Kelly, she has written a children's story called 'Rabbit Holds the Moon' and been shortlisted in an international writing competition. Out of 2178 authors, only 4 were picked for the shortlist and Michaela is the only author from the UK. The prize, if she wins, is to have her book published and work with an illustrator to bring it to life! If you'd like to read excerpts from all the authors and cast your vote, you can do so **HERE** Michaela says she owes her love of reading and storytelling to Rydes Hill, so we would love to support her. The article below explains more about the competition.

<https://www.guildford-dragon.com/2021/05/03/guildford-childrens-author-needs-our-votes/>

MIDDLE PREP READING CHALLENGE

The girls in Middle Prep are taking part in a reading challenge this term. Each week, they record how many minutes they have spent reading throughout the week and the person who reads the most, wins our Reading Challenge Trophy plus a gold medal. The two runners up receive a silver and bronze medal. The winner of the gold medal and trophy this week was Lucinda, Alice won the silver medal and Natalie won the bronze. Well done girls!



Mrs Norville



Special Awards this week

Music Award: Ruby B (UT) for excellent concentration and for working really hard in Music.

Science Award: Stephanie I (LP) for her fabulous orienteering skills.

Drama Award: All of Middle Prep for a great start to the Production; learning all the songs and dances.

PE Award: Ethan P (KG) for his brilliant cricket skills in PE.

RE Award: Grace M (UT) for her beautiful paper chain representing a community.

Ballet Award: Frances N (KG) for working hard in her lessons.

Forest School Award: Jai, Tito and Grace for going the extra mile, doing more and bringing in extra from home to enhance the Forest School experience.

Special Award: Astrid K (LP) for excellent work in Computing - Coding.

Kindness Award: The whole of the Rydes Hill family for the exceptional kindness they have shown to Mrs Norville this week.



If you're planning to book a staycation soon, remember to use #easyfundraising and raise a donation for Friends of Rydes Hill Preparatory School at the same time. Secret Escapes, Travelodge, Expedia and many more are all giving FREE donations when you book. Browse deals: <http://efraising.org/4MTuCdWdtg>

Toddler Time is back!

**Come and join us for
Forest School!**

Every Thursday 9.30am—10.30am

For 18 months - 4 year olds

Book early to avoid disappointment at:

<https://www.rydeshill.com/nursery/toddler-time-sessions>

Silver Awards this week

| YEAR GROUP | EXCELLENT WORK | EXCELLENT CONDUCT |
|--------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Nursery | Amelie N | Esmé H |
| Kindergarten | George O | Hannah C |
| Lower Trans | Joshua L | Arya S |
| Upper Trans | Ruby B | Oliver H |
| Lower Prep | Ella W | Isabelle H-F |
| Middle Prep | Sophia J | Ruby B |
| Higher Prep | Beth N | Kate M |
| Form One | Marilena M | Morayo F |

Happy Birthday!

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| 11th May | Ethan P |
| 15th May | Mila B |
| 15th May | Lily C |

House Points for this week

| CAMPION | GERALD | PATRICIA | PETER |
|---------|--------|----------|-------|
| 54 | 42 | 47 | 51 |



Good News for Families

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

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/care?pid=MTA101634&v=27.8>



Uniform Update

Dear all our loyal customers, parents, friends and little adults,

We've missed you!

At **Valentino Schoolwear** we know things continue to be very hard for many of us right now,

so, once again, we're ensuring our **Annual Discount Promotion** for 2021 is *bigger* and *better* than before and *available online* for our customers.



15% OFF All school uniform purchases: **21st – 29th May 2021**

Use discount code **MAY15** at the point of checkout

10% OFF All school uniform purchases: **30th May – 13th June 2021**

Use discount code **JUNE10** at the point of checkout

Returns: All items are subject to our normal returns policy. **Therefore, anything purchased now can be exchanged right up until schools open for the next school year.** These offers are available online and in store, by making an appointment (should we be able to open our doors before the end of the promotional period). Not to be used in conjunction with any other offers.

www.valentinoschoolwear.com

Books for our School!



The big prize draw is back again! We could **win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for our School's library**, enough to buy hundreds of new books and encourage our children to read for pleasure – and if your entry is picked, you'll also **get £100 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself!**

The more nominations for our school, the higher our chance of winning. Nominate Rydes Hill **HERE**



Lower Prep Trip to Nower Wood



Kindergarten - Planting flowers and making flowers!



Upper Transition– Forest School and Music

Upper Transition using sticks to make Sonograms in their Forest School and Music class...Great job Upper Trans!

