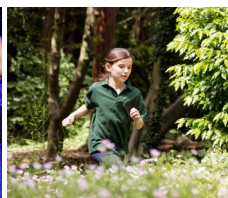




# RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Friday 15th May, 2020



Dear Parents

## PHASED REOPENING OF SCHOOLS

Following the Government's announcement this week regarding the phased re-opening of schools, we have been moving forward with our planning on how this might work at Rydes Hill. Our overriding objective when putting any plans in place has to be the safety of our children, staff and parents. I feel that I need to be entirely honest with parents regarding the issue of social distancing. When I was making the decision on whether to come into School after lockdown, both as a parent and a member of staff, this had to be based on the understanding that social distancing for children is incredibly difficult to enforce. We can encourage, we can put crosses on the floor for them to stand on and move their desks 2m apart, but children are sociable creatures and cannot keep away from others, especially in a School environment that feels as familiar to them as home does. If you are making the decision to send your child into School based solely on our ability to 100% enforce social distancing rules, you would need to seriously consider keeping your child at home. However, there are other very important factors to be taken into consideration. There are control measures in place within the School setting. These include;

- Any child with symptoms would be isolated and sent home immediately
- Every child will have their temperature taken prior to entering the School
- Children will be kept in class groups that do not mix during the School day, thus limiting the number of contacts
- Regular and meticulous handwashing
- Regular cleaning throughout the day
- Staff are the only adults allowed in the building
- Removal of soft furnishings / toys from the classroom

The full plan for phased re-opening is in draft form at present and will be sent home to all parents as soon as it is finalised. The decision about whether your child comes into School or not rests with each individual family and there cannot be any judgements made about decisions that are taken.

In order to aid our planning, please complete the ParentMail questionnaire that you have been sent as quickly as possible. Until we are clear about parents' views on reopening, it is very difficult for us to move forward with our planning. We will also be sending a questionnaire to Form One girls that will need to be completed via ParentMail. If you have any questions or concerns at any point in the coming weeks, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## FRHPS UPDATE

Following a FRHPS meeting on Tuesday evening, it has been decided that the Quiz Night will not take place this year. Anyone who paid for a ticket will be sent a ParentMail form with two options. They can either request a refund or they can donate the money to the Shooting Star Chase charity as this would have been the charity supported by the pudding auction at the event. As with many charities, the Shooting Star Chase is facing a huge drop in fundraising this year and has had to close one of its children's hospices. Your support for this worthy cause is greatly appreciated.

## THANK A TEACHER DAY

20<sup>th</sup> May is National Thank a Teacher day. Every day I am filled with admiration and respect for the amazing work that our Rydes Hill teachers are doing to ensure that learning carries on and that our children are supported, academically and emotionally. The hours they are working and the dedication they are putting into this new way of working is staggering. I am also very aware that the number of teachers at Rydes Hill has increased this term, as many parents are taking on additional teaching duties in supporting their children at home. Thank you to all our wonderful teachers! If you would like to thank your teacher on 20<sup>th</sup> May there are some lovely ideas on [www.thankateacher.co.uk](http://www.thankateacher.co.uk)

Mrs Norville



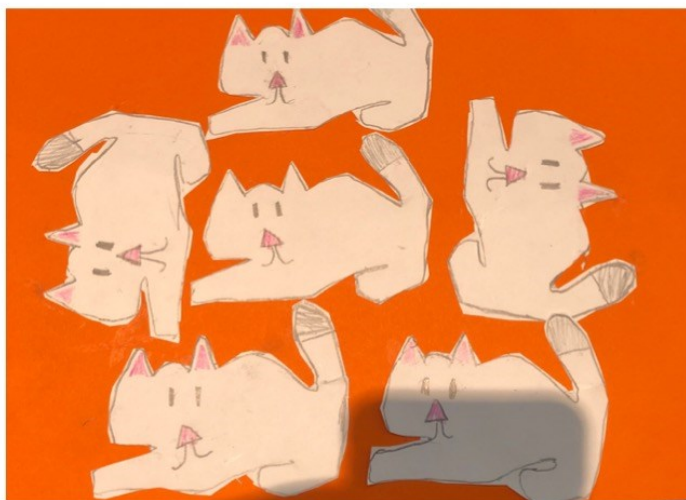
<i>Class</i>	<i>Special Achievements</i>
<b>Nursery</b>	Megan for the wonderful butterfly wings that she decorated.
<b>Kindergarten</b>	Evie for some wonderful work across all subjects this week. Most notably her Literacy work retelling the story of Fox's Hiccups.
<b>Lower Transition</b>	Violet-Mae for her creativity in English showing wonderful story ideas, drawing beautiful pictures and for a great poster in Science.
<b>Upper Transition</b>	Mehvish for working really hard and recommending books to her friends. Amelia for her amazing castle with a working drawbridge and her video explaining the features of a castle.
<b>Lower Preparatory</b>	Lucinda and Alice for being so organised this week at logging on for the teacher's input and then completing their tasks independently during the school day.
<b>Middle Preparatory</b>	Lily for taking the initiative to complete the VE Day task so beautifully before the School day began!
<b>Higher Preparatory</b>	Izzy for her superb artwork, beautiful presentation and excellent handwriting at all times. Her work is a pleasure to mark.
<b>Form One</b>	Martha for her very emotive writing in English, through the eyes of a child evacuee in the 2nd World War.
<b>SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT</b>	Grace for her incredible Drama performance of 'Being a Nose'.

## *Celebrating VE Day*





*Lower Preparatory's Imaginative Stencil Patterns*

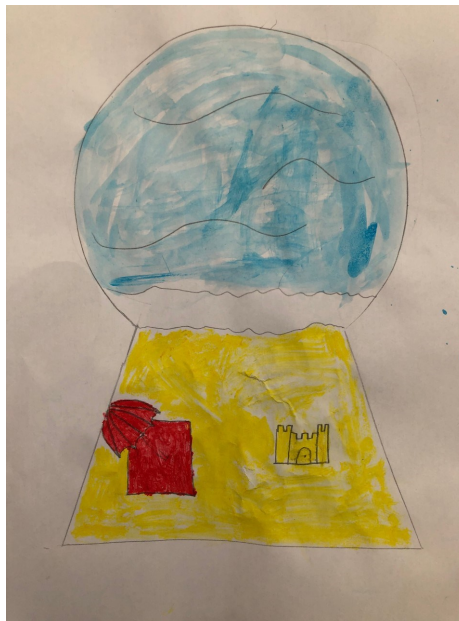




## Rydes Hill families from home.....



**ZURI'S DRAMA CERTIFICATE**



**WONDERFUL ART CLUB PICTURES BY NATALIE AND LUCINDA**



**GRACE'S PHONICS!**



**MEGAN'S BEAUTIFUL WINGS!**



**VIOLET-MAE'S WONDERFUL STORY IDEAS**



Double Donation Week is back!  
This week, you can raise twice as much for FRHPS when you shop online using #easyfundraising. John Lewis & Partners, Dunelm, Currys PC World, Boden, Etsy, notonthehighstreet, and more are doubling donations until the 17th of May. Head over to:  
<http://efraising.org/exKYPTcrP2>



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IZZY'S BEAUTIFUL ARTWORK



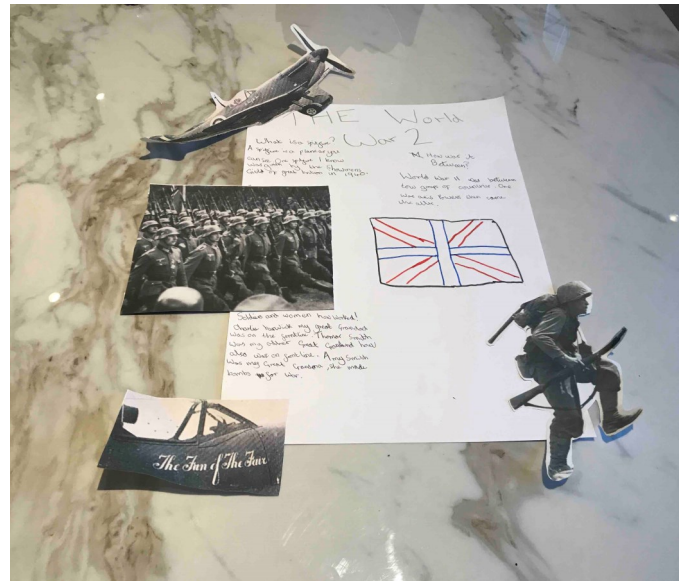
MEHVISH'S BOOK CHOICES



SCREENSHOT FROM AMELIA'S CASTLE VIDEO



EVIE WITH SISTER MAEVE (ON HER 2ND BIRTHDAY!)



LILY TAKING THE INITIATIVE WITH HER VE PROJECT





## Rydes Hill families from home.....



**LUCINDA AND ALICE HARD AT WORK AT RYDES HILL**



**NEW ARRIVALS AT THE LAMONT'S HOUSEHOLD: JOY, JOHN, STRAWBERRY AND BANANA!**



**CAPACITY WITH EMILY**



**SHAYNA WEIGHING AND ORDERING BY WEIGHT**





## Rydes Hill families from home.....



**BRIDGET AND ASTRID MAKING CAKES FOIR VE DAY**



**RUBY MEASURING OUT CAPACITY**



**JONAH HARD AT WORK**

## Book Recommendation from Mrs Trinkwon

On the literacy trust website a new children's book by Katherine Rundall called 'The Book of Hopes' has been made available for free. The book is an extraordinary collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures from more than 110 children's writers and illustrators. It contains some lovely stories of hope for children and families during this time.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>

