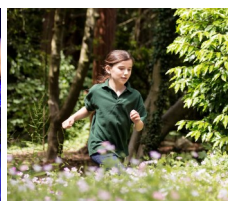




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 16th October 2020



Dear Parents

HAPPY HALF TERM

Thank you to all our wonderful children and staff for their incredible hard work this half term. Thank you, also, to their fantastic parents for supporting them. For all of us at Rydes Hill, the start of this term was a slightly easier ride than it was in other schools; we had already had everyone back in School, using Government guidelines and working in 'bubbles' across the whole school. However, there are still challenges to working in this way and it does require us all to work together. There are some changes that will take place after half term (see below for further details) as well as things that we had hoped to reinstate but are not yet able to. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

BALLET AND SWIMMING AFTER HALF TERM

We are pleased to announce that ballet for children in Kindergarten to Upper Transition will resume after half term. This will take place during the school day on a Wednesday. Children in Kindergarten will already be in PE kit for Forest School and so will just need to put ballet shoes on. Children in Lower Transition and Upper Transition will put ballet shoes on but will otherwise remain in uniform. Charges for ballet will appear on the next term's invoice. If you do not want your child to take part in ballet lessons this term, please email finance@rydeshill.com. Children who do not do ballet will work with their teacher in the classroom. Unfortunately, the current timetabling does not allow for an extra PE lesson. Boys in Upper Transition will be preparing for any assessments being undertaken at their next school.

We have been working with Surrey Sports' Park to try to return to swimming lessons after half term. Unfortunately, at the current time, we do not think that the procedures are in place for the children to safely return to school swimming lessons. Some schools are returning and we will review how this is going in November with a view to surveying parents for their views. The earliest start date for swimming will be January 2021.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

A few reminders from the FRHPS:

- Stockings and Christmas trees are now available to order on ParentMail. When you have completed the order form, please do not forget to go into the shop section to pay for what you have ordered
- The deadline for recipes for the FRHPS Cookbook is Monday 2nd November
- Christmas Card designs are being completed in School. The children will bring these home for you to look at. If you would like your child's design to be made into cards for you to purchase, please return the design to School by Monday 9th November at the latest

CYCLING TO SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who participated in Clean Air day last week by walking, scooting, cycling or 'park and striding' to School. We want to try to keep the momentum on sustainable travel going. There are two sets of bike racks in the School, one against the Music Lodge and one outside the School Office. If your child is able to cycle to School, please do make use of these. The FRHPS are looking into the possibility of funding more cycle storage but this will only be moved forward if there is a need.

HOUSE NETBALL

We are pleased to announce our annual House Netball Tournament will be taking place in mid-November this year. Unfortunately all planned Netball fixtures have been cancelled for the Autumn term but a House Netball Tournament will enable the girls to experience competitive matches in their safe bubbles.



SPEECH & DRAMA RESULTS

We are thrilled to announce that every child who took the Speech & Drama exams this term were awarded a distinction, with an incredible 12 pupils scoring 100%. We have been reliably informed that these results continue to place Rydes Hill as one of the top prep schools in the UK for Speech & Drama, of which we are extremely proud.

Astrid K	Distinction
Ella W	Distinction
Henry T	Distinction
Juliette D	Distinction
Isabelle H-F	Distinction
Emily B	Distinction
Annabel S	Distinction
Mehvish Y	Distinction
Tilly W	Distinction
Hugh L	Distinction
Lucinda F	Distinction
Eliana O	Distinction

Ruby B	Distinction
Alice A	Distinction
Natalie S	Distinction
Aurelia P	Distinction
Ching Yee C	Distinction
Mahika M	Distinction
Sophia J	Distinction
Josephine B	Distinction
Amelia W-C	Distinction
Freya B	Distinction
Alana W	Distinction

Top Table

To encourage good table manners and behaviour in the Dining Hall, the children are earning points for good behaviour during the lunch service all week. On a Friday we have a 'Top Table' where those children with the most points get a special place to sit for their lunch. This week on the Top Table (in their respective bubbles) were:

Lower and Upper Transition:

Ruby B, Stephanie B and Jai S

Lower and Middle Preparatory:

Amelia B, Emily B and Sophia J

Higher Prep & Form One:

Felicity F, Imogen F, Evie M and Cara McC



Happy Birthday!

16th October	Beth N
20th October	Luke F
21st October	Maya K
24th October	Wilf M
25th October	Lily B
26th October	Arthur G
26th October	Maddie G
27th October	Violet-Mae N
28th October	Rachel F
28th October	Mahika M
31st October	Evie W
31st October	Lucinda F
31st October	Amelie-Hope N
2nd November	Fenella L



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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/frhps/?invite=cuv4du&referral->



Please find below a link to this week's 'The Wednesday Word':

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=7.7>

House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
96	111	72	81

PE in the Autumn sunshine



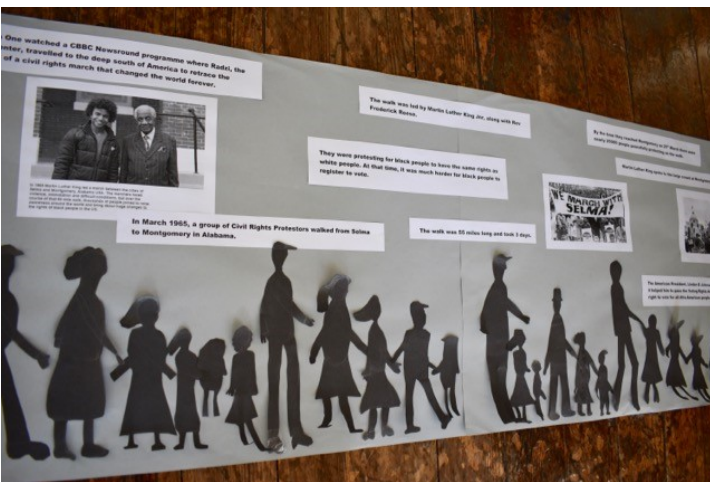
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PE across the School



Celebrating Black History Month



Friendship and Play



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