



Dear Parents

PARK AND STRIDE

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the notes from the Parents' Forum last week. Parking is a 'hot topic' and we ask all parents who are making use of the adventure playground after School to park in the adjacent streets to leave spaces free for parents who collect and go. In the week after half term we will be taking part in the Golden Boot Challenge. Whilst walking to School is not an option for everyone, why not consider parking a few streets away and walking the last part of the journey? This would help to alleviate the parking issues as well as having health benefits.

ASSEMBLIES

Thank you to everyone who came to Upper Transition's wonderful assembly this week. Parents in Lower Transition are invited to their class assembly next Thursday, 23rd May at 10.15am.

HEARING TESTS

Children in Kindergarten to Form One have the option of having a hearing test next Thursday. We can only administer tests for those children for whom we have a completed permission form.

ROAD WORKS

Mrs Mendoza has kindly highlighted that there will be some road works on Woodbridge Road in Guildford from May half term until the August school holidays that may affect your journey to and from School. A leaflet containing more information is attached to this Newsletter.

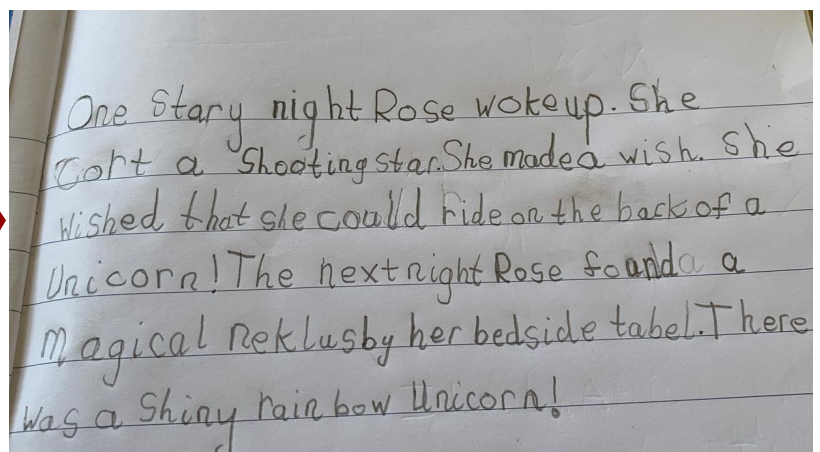
END OF YEAR PRODUCTION

Soon parents of children in Middle Prep, Higher Prep and Form One will be receiving information about tickets for the end of term production. Tickets will be available to Form One parents first and all tickets are allocated on a first come, first served basis. There will be no charge for tickets for the production but there will be a retiring collection for the White Lodge Centre in Chertsey which supports children with disabilities. One of our staff has a grandson who was born very prematurely and as a result has cerebral palsy. He has been very well supported by the Centre and we would like to add our support to this worthy cause.

WONDERFUL WORK

One of the joys of being a Headmistress is when children are sent to show me their work. I wanted to share a piece of creative writing Emily B in LT has recently written together with her first page from September, to show the amazing progress that children in our School achieve. Well done Emily!

Mrs Norville



Marketing Initiatives

At the latest Parent Forum, some parents expressed interest in our latest marketing initiatives and any statistics we could share on recent successes. We are pleased to be able to share that new visitors to rydeshill.com since January 2019 have increased by over **50%** compared to the same time period last year. Over **60 new families** have approached us since January to request a personal tour with Mrs Norville or attend an Open Day. As always, word of mouth is our most powerful marketing tool and we would like to thank our parents for being such positive ambassadors for our School. This summer term, we shall be shooting a video to capture life at Rydes Hill and we will continue to generate as much online presence as possible to raise the profile and awareness of our School.

Special Awards

PE Award: Kara H (KG) for her excellent skills and determination in athletics.

RE Award: Grace M (KG) for always saying our prayers beautifully in class.

Science Award: Kara H (KG) for interest at Wisley Gardens.

French Award: Sophia J (UT) for impeccable behaviour in French.

Music Award: Astrid K (LT) for amazing work in music.

Ballet Award: Maya Kelly (LP) for really hard work towards her Royal Ballet School audition.

Special Award: Sophia M (N) for competing in a skating competition, aged 4.

Silver Awards

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Rosie W	Emily O
Kindergarten	Christabel RC	Grace M
Lower Trans	Ching Yee C	Astrid K
Upper Trans	Theodora F	Lena O
Lower Prep	Iseult RC	Maryam M
Middle Prep	Alina WC	Morayo F
Higher Prep	Lily Y	Tally A
Form One	Jessica R	Charlotte HJ

Diary Dates for next week

Tues 21st	Speech & Drama Exams
Tues 21st	7.45pm: FRHPS Committee Meeting in the Lodge
Weds 22nd	LP-F1 Guildford & District Athletics Championships at Charterhouse School, Godalming
Weds 23rd	6.30pm: KG 2019 Transition Evening
Thurs 23rd	10.15am: LT Assembly - Parents Welcome
Thurs 23rd	Hearing Tests
Fri 24th	8.30am: LT and UT Parents Coffee Morning



A big thank you to everyone who supported us by shopping through #easyfundraising in April. We've now raised £2930.81, so it really does work. Can you help us raise even more this month? It's really easy - over 3,600 shops will send us free donations every time you shop online, at no extra cost to you

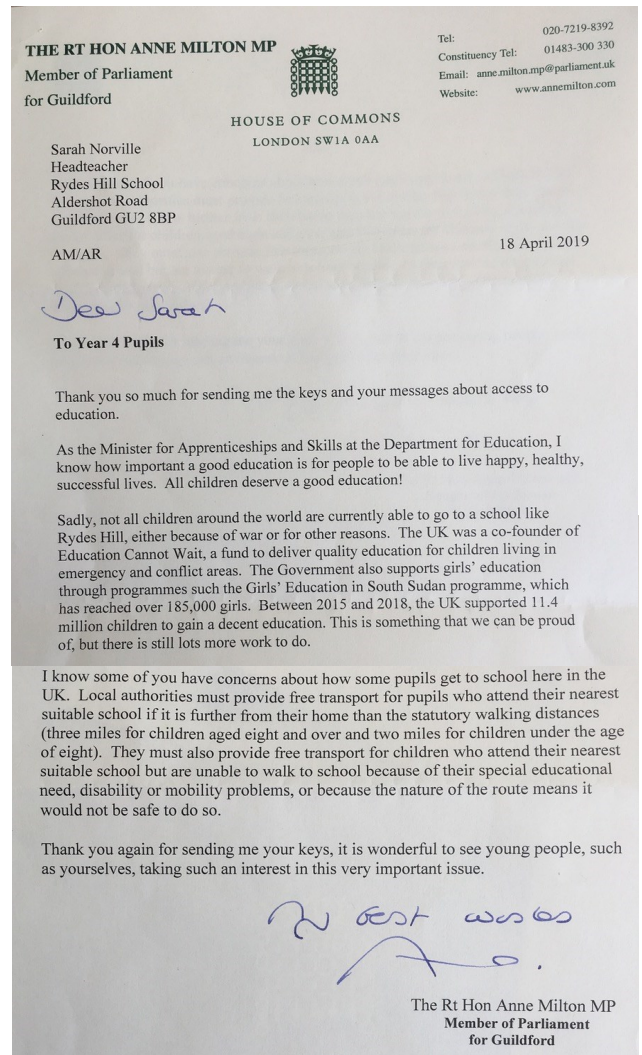
House Points totals for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
74	121	81	104

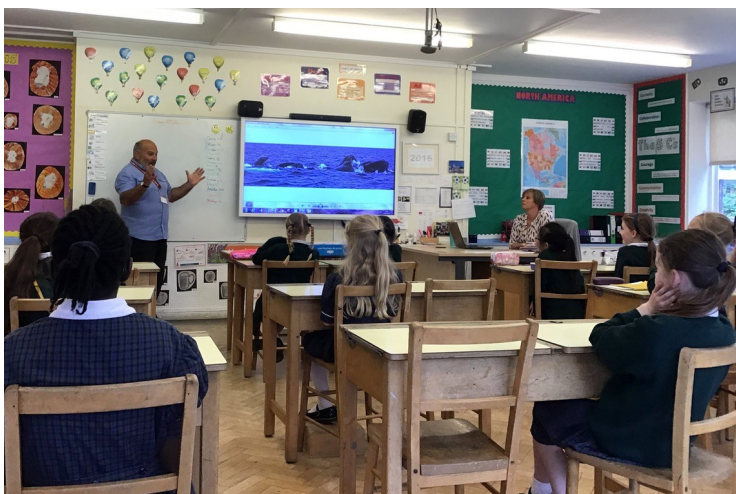


Expanding Horizons in Middle Prep

During PSHCE last term Middle Prep girls wrote to Anne Milton, our local MP, as part of the national campaign, Send My Friend to School. The girls wrote to UK politicians, calling for greater government funding to improve education for all children across the world. Middle Prep were delighted to receive a letter and photo from Anne Milton confirming that the girls' messages had been delivered to Parliament.



Following on from last term's Polar Regions topic, Middle Prep were treated to guest speaker Clem Collins, who works at Rothera Research Station in Antarctica. The girls thoroughly enjoyed hearing about life in Antarctica, the extreme weather conditions and the animals.



Kindi Visit to RHS Wisley Gardens



Upper Trans Assembly, 'Breakfast with Jesus'



Middle Prep—Visit to the British Wildlife Centre

