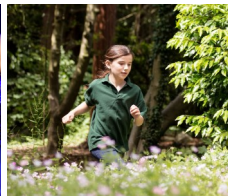




# RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 19th May 2023



**Dear Parents**

## **QUIZ NIGHT**

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped to make Quiz Night such a success! Special thanks go to Mrs Broster (Alumnus and former RH parent) for being a superb Quiz Master. We will be making a donation to her chosen charity, Chimneys Dog Rescue. Thank you to Chef Dan for his excellent catering of the event, Mr Murray and Ms Knight for helping set up and clear up, and the teachers who gamely took part. Most importantly, huge thanks goes to the Form One parents, most especially Mrs Biszczanik for organising decorations, Mrs Ost for taking charge of the bar and licencing and the wonderful team of Mrs Pettifor and Mrs Driscoll for their superb overall organisation. It was lovely to have the Quiz Night back on the calendar and for parents (and Form One girls!) to have the chance to socialize together!

## **FINALISTS – MUDDY STILETTOS SCHOOL AWARDS**

We are incredibly proud to have been named as one of 5 finalists from across the country in the Muddy Stilettos Best School Awards, in the category of 'Originality In Teaching Music And The Arts'. Our application focused on our cross curricular teaching of the Arts, including the use of costumes in teaching. The winners will be announced on 6<sup>th</sup> June, but being a finalist is already a huge achievement of which we are very proud! Thank you to all the staff who were part of the application process, especially Miss Boyle, Mrs Flude, Mrs Morris, , Miss Quinn, Mrs Rowson, Mrs Rutt and Mrs Wood stiletto

## **CHARITY ICE LOLLY SALE**

There will be a charity ice lolly sale at lunchtime next Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 12.45pm in aid of Missio, the Pope's charity for World Mission. The Chaplaincy Team will take all funds raised to the Deanery Mass on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. If your child would like to have a lolly at lunchtime, they need to bring in a minimum donation of £1 on the morning on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

## **MUFTI DAY**

There will be an additional Mufti (own clothes) day in exchange for either a gold coin or wrapped sweets (no nuts, no chocolate) on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. These donations will go towards the Summer Fair. Children who have PE on Tuesday still need PE kit as mufti clothes are often not suitable for PE lessons. They should follow the usual pattern of either coming in kit and changing or vice versa.

## **PARENTS' FORUM**

The Forum takes place this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 3pm. We will be discussing how Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) is taught across the School. We will also be discussing how we cover the protected characteristics as set out in the Equalities Act 2010. All parents have been sent a form to indicate whether or not they will be attending, and to add any comments or questions. This form expires at 10am on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

## **PARENTS' LUNCH**

Thank you to everyone who came to the Parent Lunches this week. These were busy but it was a great opportunity for parents to share lunch with their child/ren and see how lunch service at Rydes Hill works. Thank you to the Kitchen Team for all their hard work. We will repeat these next year, but with a different class each half-term so that there are plenty of opportunities across the year, but slightly less busy for everyone in the Dining Hall! More details to follow in due course.



## LATENESS

We still have a number of families who are late every day. This has a huge impact on not only that child's learning, but the Class as a whole, as the teacher has to re-cap her input from the beginning of the lesson for the child who was late. Please see the chart below for an illustration of the impact that lateness has.

**In Main School, the day starts at 8.20am.**

Getting your child to School on time really matters		
If your child is late every day by...	In a week, your child will have lost ...	In a year, your child will have lost....
5 minutes	25 mins of learning	2 ½ days from School
10 minutes	50 mins of learning	5 days from School
15 minutes	1 hour & 15 mins of learning	7 ½ days from School
20 minutes	1 hour & 40 mins of learning	10 days from School
30 minutes	2 hours & 30 mins of learning	15 days from School

**On most days, the first lessons of the day are in Maths or English. Please think about how much core teaching time your child is missing if they are late.**

## PARENTS' SURVEY

You should all have been sent the link to our Parents' Survey. Please do take the time to fill this in. It is entirely anonymous. Please check your ParentMail for the link so that we can ensure that only current Rydes Hill parents complete it.

**Mrs Norville**

## Form One Quiz Night!



### Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Olivia T	Theo T
Kindergarten	Mahnoor M	Phoebe C
Lower Trans	Joshua M	Emily T
Upper Trans	Tolu I	Lexi K
Lower Prep	Aleesha N	Izzy B-J
Middle Prep	Ruby S	Qiao Qiao X
Higher Prep	Annabel S	Alana W
Form One	Mary K	Lucinda F

### Special Awards this week

**PE Award:** Natalie S (F1) for her grit and determination at the Swimming Gala.

**Science Award:** Moses L (KG) for his interest in the life cycle of plants and insects.

**French Award:** Emily B (HP) for fantastic work in French on the topic of travel.

**Music Award:** All those who performed in the Concert last night for doing an amazing job.

**Ballet Award:** Fenella L (UT) for hard work in ballet.

**Drama Award:** All those who performed their poems in last night's Concert.

**Kindness Award:** Vera V-N (F1) for collecting and carrying all her friends' bags.

**Special Award:** Form One for representing the School so well at the Junior Citizen event.

### Diary dates for next week

Sun 21st May	3pm - Parents' Forum.
Tues 23rd May	12.45pm - Ice-lolly sale for Missio. Mufti (own clothes) day for the Summer Fair.
Weds 24th May	District Athletics.
Thurs 25th May	Form One water sports day.
Fri 26th May	INSET Day - Main School and Term Time Nursery closed.

### House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
302	191	200	280



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

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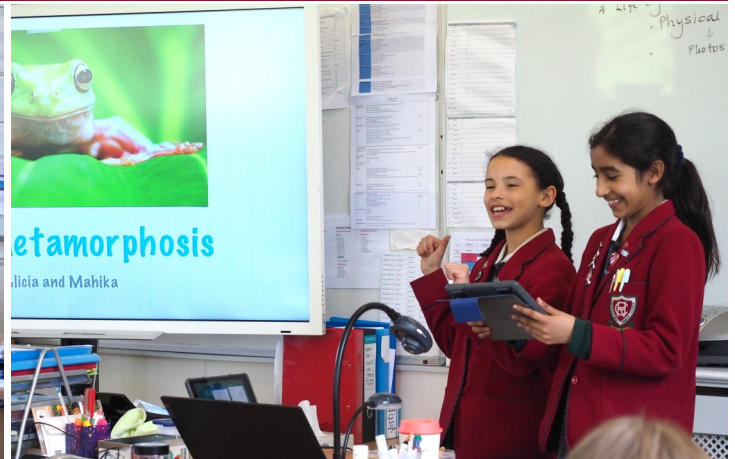
## Happy Birthday!

12th May	Hermione T
18th May	Ethan G
21st May	Arlo C





## Form One presenting their frog metamorphosis projects in Science



## Middle Preparatory's 3D structures

