

PRYDES HILL PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 20th January 2023



Dear Parents

WONDERFUL KINDERGARTEN

Well done to Kindergarten this week – not only did they attend their first School Mass (and behaved beautifully) but they also charmed our local community on their trip to the local shops. It was lovely to have some feedback from a local resident who complimented the children on their interest in learning and their excellent behaviour and manners. Well done Kindergarten!

SWIMMING

All children in Main School now take part in weekly swimming lessons. It is important for children to participate fully in these lessons. If a parent believes their child is not well enough to go swimming, then that child is not well enough to be in School and should be kept at home. We do not have staffing capacity to supervise non-swimmers at Surrey Sports Park, nor do we have available staff to supervise non-swimmers at School. If you choose to send your child to School but do not allow them to swim, you will be asked to collect them at 1.30pm.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

You may have seen in the news that teachers will be going on strike in the coming weeks. These strikes do not involve staff in independent schools as their salaries are set by the School, not by the Government. Rydes Hill will be open as usual on strike days.

REINDEER RUN

Thank you so much to everyone who fundraised for the Reindeer Run before Christmas. We raised £1512.28 for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. Well done!

LATENESS

At the start of a New Year, we would like everyone to work on making sure all children are in School on time. In Main School in particular, lateness is incredibly disruptive. Lessons begin promptly at 8.30am. A child who arrives after this time will miss the teaching input for this lesson. A late arrival not only disrupts those pupils who are already working, but requires the teacher to re-explain everything to that pupil. In classes where two or more children are late each morning, this is incredibly time consuming. I will be writing to parents of children whose regular lateness is having an impact on the class.

BATTERIES

Please remember that our Eco Council are keen to encourage families to recycle their batteries. We have a collection receptacle in the School Office.

FAMILY FIRST PARENTING MAGAZINE

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Mrs Norville



BALLET AUDITIONS

We are very proud of the girls who went to the English Youth Ballet Audition for their performance of Swan Lake. Mahika M, Eliana O and Soraya S have been offered places, and Lucinda F, Emily B and Ella W are on the reserve list. Their performance will take in Portsmouth in April.



U10 A AND B NETBALL V NOTRE DAME

On Tuesday 17th January we travelled to Notre Dame for an U10 A and B Netball match. It was a very cold afternoon so we played inside, in their sports hall (which was very exciting for our girls!). Everyone got off to a great start on both teams; the attacking was strong and the girls worked well as a team. The girls haven't played since before Christmas so they did incredibly well to secure their skills on the court again. A special mention and a big thank you to Shayna A in Middle Preparatory, for stepping in to play for the year above her!

The final results were:

'A' team WON 7-1

'B' team WON

Players of the match were awarded to Stephanie I and Shayna A. Thank you to those parents who travelled to Notre Dame to support the girls.

PE Department







Silver Awards this week		is week	Special Awards this week
YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT	RE Award: Charles B (LT) for thinking carefully about those who care for him.
Nursery	Jennifer C	Olivia T	Science Award: Evey S (LT) for her work on animal classifications.
Kindergarten	Edward F	Harry Y	Computing Award: Alayna K (MP) for a great start to coding on Scratch.
Lower Trans	Clara N	Emily T	French Award: Arlo A (KG) for amazing participation over the last two weeks.
Upper Trans	Lexi K	Zeyi G	PE Award: Miru O and Hermione T (LP) for creating a lovely sequence in Gymnastics.
Lower Prep	Emma W	Mia Z	Forest School Award: Mark M (UT) for excellent participation.
Middle Prep	Alayna K	Qiao Qiao X	Ballet Award: Thea K (MP) for successfully auditioning for Surrey Youth Ballet Associates.
Higher Prep	Lakshana D	Mehvish Y	Special Award: Kindergarten for being so wonderfully behaved at Mass and on their walk to the shops.
Form One	Soraya S	Flossy D	Kindness Award: Esmé H (LT) for looking after her friends.



Good News for Families Click here to view this week's 'The Wednesday Word':

https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/ happiness?pid=MTA101634&v=40.3

Happy	Birthday!

19th January	Josh M
21st January	Emily T



Higher Preparatory and Form One Epiphany



Kindergarten walk to the local shops





13th - 15th February 9am - 3pm

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Gosden House School 5 minutes from Guildford

to book or for more informtaion please contact us on facebook, instagram or via email

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