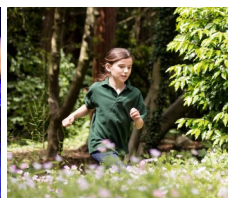




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Friday 20th March 2020



Dear Parents

SOME GOOD NEWS

In the current circumstances I think it is important to start with some good news! Congratulations to our superb swim team (Lakita T, Scarlett T, Izzy R and Angel L) for their amazing result at the ESSA Gala on Saturday evening. Thank you also to Tillie T for standing in at the last minute during the warm up. The team did amazingly well, winning the front crawl relay and medley relay by a considerable margin. Thank you to Mrs Morris for coaching the team and taking them to the event.

BEAR HUNT

Thank you to everyone who came to the Bear Hunt on Saturday. It was a very successful day. We were pleased to welcome 28 new families into our School, most of whom have now either registered or booked in for a personal tour.

CORONAVIRUS PLANS

We have sent ParentMails out with information regarding closure and what this means for various groups. Please read these carefully. There are a few more points to note:

- Key workers have been sent a booking form for next week. They will receive one of these each week. Please complete them as soon as possible after you get them, even if you do not require any days (there is a box to indicate this). I need to know numbers as quickly as possible to ascertain staffing levels. I know that everyone is being very supportive in not asking for help unless they genuinely need it.
- At present, the work we have sent home is paper based. This is to alleviate the need for computer access in the home and to limit internet traffic at an already busy time. We are looking at Teams / Google Classrooms as a way of providing online, face to face learning for children but we are not in a position to roll this out yet.
- The advice remains that if anyone in your household develops a fever (above 38 degrees) or new and persistent cough, all members of the household must self isolate for 14 days.

CANCELLED / POSTPONED EVENTS

The following events will not take place. If they are going to be rescheduled we will let you know as soon as we have a date:

- Parents' Evening is cancelled. Grade cards have gone out today (Form One's will be posted on Monday) to give you an indication of your child's achievements this term. We will arrange appointments with parents as soon as possible after Easter
- Founder's Day Concert is postponed
- Our 75th Anniversary Alumni event is postponed. Hopefully this will take place in September, which is when our actual birthday is!
- All sporting fixtures are cancelled until further notice
- The Lower Transition trip to Marwell Zoo is postponed
- All Speech & Drama exams are cancelled for the foreseeable future

FOND FAREWELL

A number of children, particularly Form Ones, were upset today because they worry that this is their last day at Rydes Hill. It is not. When you leave here there are celebrations, parties, prizes and laughter. We will have that day for our Form One girls, as well as for our Nursery leavers. Today is a fond farewell and, whilst we may not know when we will be back together as a Rydes Hill Family, we do know that we will be back together one day.

Thank you to everyone who has sent us messages of support and thanks. I would especially like to thank the amazing staff at Rydes Hill. They have stepped up to what is being asked of them and I am so very grateful for the dedication to our School. We will keep you all in our prayers. Please do the same for us.

Mrs Norville



ESSA Primary Schools Swimming Gala—Saturday 14th March

Rydes Hill took part in the ESSA Primary Schools Surrey Gala on Saturday 14th March 2020. The atmosphere in the pool was amazing and our girls swam brilliantly.

Tillie T was roped in for warm-ups and made a fantastic and willing reserve, rooting for her team and motivating them to succeed. Thank you Tillie for your enthusiasm.

Many congratulations go to Lakita T, Scarlett T, Izzy R and April L for coming 1st in both the Freestyle 1:06.21 and Medley 1:15.53 Small Schools Relays, winning two fantastic trophies for Rydes Hill. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the Regional Finals will take place on Saturday 9th May at the Spectrum for the next round. Watch this space, all going well - Rydes Hill may even make it to Nationals in Sheffield on the 20th June 2020. Well done girls - we are so proud of you.

Mrs Morris



Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Kindergarten	Annabelle S	Sophie S
Lower Trans	Ruby B	Violette-Mae
Upper Trans	Mehvish Y	Jaime P
Lower Prep	Maria R	Ruby B
Middle Prep	Cara McC	Bridget K
Higher Prep	Daisy P	Dunni B
Form One	Alice L	Scarlett T

Special Awards this week

Music Award: Amelia B (LP) for excellent participation in music lessons over several weeks.

Ballet Award: Emily B (UT) for hard work all term.

Science Award: Daisy P (HP) for excellent analytical skills.

RE Award: Joshua L (KG) for always contributing carefully in RE.

PE Award: Astrid K (UT) for growing confidence in the vault.

French Award: Lily B (MP) for active participation and efforts with homework.

Special Award: The whole Rydes Hill family; children, staff, and parents for pulling together and helping each other.

Kindness Award: Our amazing parents who work in the NHS, are teachers or other key workers. Thank you for all that you do.

Self Employed Support

If any of our parents are self employed or run small businesses, we would like to assist in any way we can. We are all being called to support our local community and it occurred to me that we may not know the skills and services we have within our School. If you provide a service, are self employed or run a small business and would like to promote this within our School community, please drop me an email and we will put a booklet together.

Mrs Norville

Our new style of congratulations at Achievement Assembly !

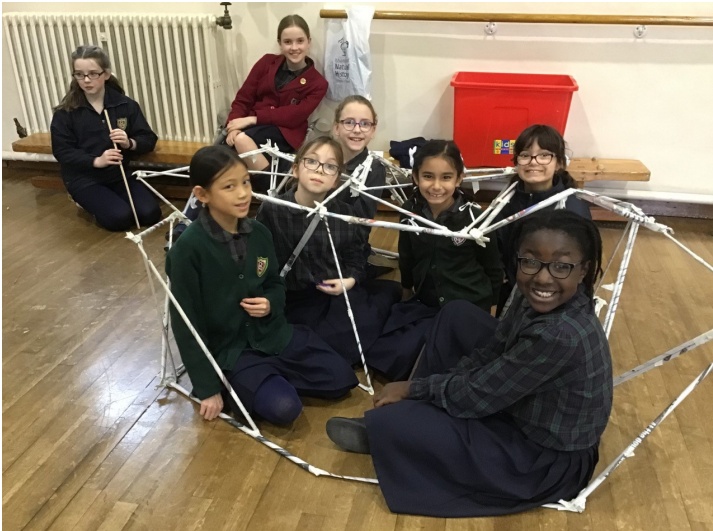
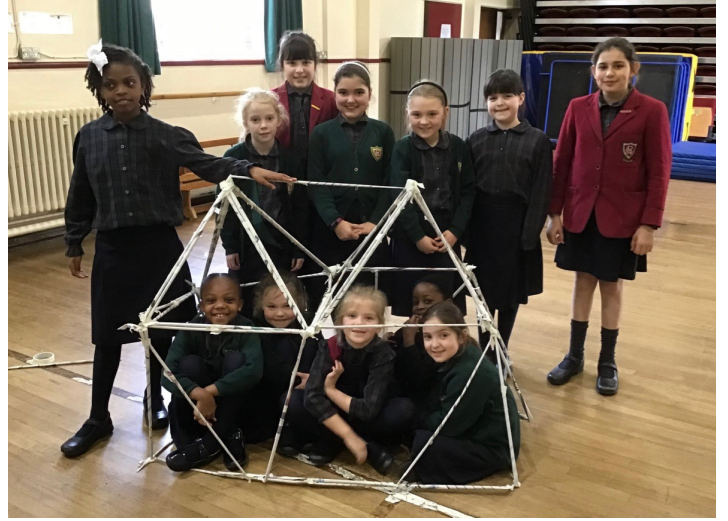


Form One sporting their hoodies early—we'll make sure we take lots more pictures when the girls are all next together!



Founder's Day STEM Activities

On Founder's Day the children were tasked with designing and making a shelter for the Quiet Area in the playground. They had to fit 5 children in the shelter and could only use a limited amount of newspaper and masking tape. They worked in their Houses to create newspaper rods to then join together to make their structure. The children learnt that the strongest shape in building is a triangle. They also put into practice the 5 C's: collaboration, communication, creativity, courage and curiosity. They worked really well and all achieved their task!



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Happy Birthday!

23rd March	Ezra C
23rd March	Mia L
27th March	Megan D

House Points for this week			
CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
41	20	18	20



New retailers have joined #easyfundraising! You can now raise donations with Jack & Jones, Seasalt, Deichmann, QVC, Itch, Voxel and many more! They will donate to Friends of Rydes Hill Preparatory School for FREE when you shop online with them. Visit: <http://efraising.org/nWk3LXC26D>

Holiday Clubs Update 2020

Camp	Date	Time	Hosted by	Cost	Booking Open?
EASTER HOLIDAY					
Netball Camp	Thursday 2nd April	9am to 4pm	Mrs Bowles and Mrs Luscombe	£45 per day, £80 for 2 days and £120 for 3 days	Yes
Forest School	Friday 3rd April	9am to 4pm	Mrs Morris	£42.50 including Lunch, £40 for siblings and £47.50 if added to termly bills.	Yes
Code Camp	Tuesday 7th April to Thursday 9th April	8.30pm to 4pm	Code Camp (External provider)	£199 for 3 days (£100 until 8th March 'Earlybird')	Yes
Musical Theatre	Tuesday 14th April	9am to 4pm	Mrs Quinn and Mrs Flude	£45 per day, £80 for 2 days and £120 for 3 days. Ages 6—11	Yes
Netball Camp	Monday 20th April	9am to 4pm	Mrs Bowles and Mrs Luscombe	£45 per day, £80 for 2 days and £120 for 3 days	Yes
Netball Camp	Tuesday 21st April	9am to 4pm	Mrs Bowles and Mrs Luscombe	£45 per day, £80 for 2 days and £120 for 3 days	Yes
SUMMER HALF TERM					
Forest School	Tuesday 26th May & Wednesday 27th May	9am to 4pm	Mrs Morris	£42.50 per day including Lunch. £40 for siblings	No
SUMMER HOLIDAY					
Happy Smiles	Monday 13th July to Tuesday 14th July	9am to 4pm	Sarah Smillie	TBC	No
Forest School	Monday 27th July to Friday 31st July	9am to 4pm	Mrs Morris	£42.50 including Lunch, £40 for siblings and £47.50 if added to termly bills.	No
Tea & Cake	Wednesday 22nd July to Friday 24th July	9.30am to 12.30pm	Tim Seymour	TBC	No
Forest School	Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th August	9am to 4pm	Mrs Morris	£42.50 including Lunch, £40 for siblings and £47.50 if added to termly bills.	No