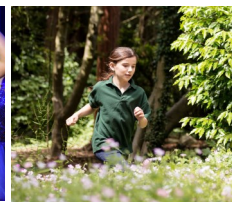




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 21st May 2021



Dear Parents

DROP OFF AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

Please can parents remember that it is sometimes difficult for teachers to recognise parents when they are wearing masks, particularly when they have hoods or umbrellas up. Dismissal times can be challenging and teachers are very mindful of making sure children go with the correct adult. Please help them by making sure you come forward to collect your child and then take them straight home to avoid congestion in the car park. We have some older children who drop younger Nursery siblings off in the morning. Please can siblings walk together through the School to the Nursery as we are concerned about safety in the staff car park in the mornings.

FOUNDER'S DAY CONCERT

Our much-anticipated Founder's Day Concert takes place next Thursday 27th May at 6pm. The Concert will showcase the talents of Higher Prep and Form One this year. For the children performing, one parent per child is able to attend in person. Please arrive at the Friends Hall at 5.45pm via the side doors. You will need to wear a mask and bring with you evidence of a negative Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test. The rest of the School are welcome to watch the Concert via Zoom. The code will be sent out to all families via ParentMail on Monday.

SENIOR SCHOOLS

The usual Open Days for Senior Schools have had to adapt and change in the past year. Having spoken to other Prep School Heads, 'meet the Head' evenings are a great way of parents having a chance to meet a Senior School Head and ask questions. We have kindly been offered this opportunity from James Whitehead, Headmaster at Woldingham School. Woldingham has a very similar ethos to Rydes Hill and there are many synergies between the two Schools. Parents of children in Middle Prep and Higher Prep will be sent an invitation to the event, which is taking place on Wednesday 9th June at 7.30pm via Zoom. When you receive it, please do respond to the invitation, including any questions that you would like to ask. <https://www.woldinghamschool.co.uk/>

LOWER TRANS AND UPPER TRANS COFFEE MORNING

Parents of children in Lower and Upper Transition are warmly invited to join us for a coffee morning next Friday 28th May at 8.30am. This will take place outside the conservatory. Please make your way along Our Lady's Lawn to the rear of the dining hall, where refreshments will be served. Parents are asked to have carried out a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test and be able to provide evidence of a negative result. If it rains, unfortunately the event will have to be cancelled.

MR NORVILLE UPDATE

Thank you all for your incredible kindness and support this week. Mr Norville was moved out of intensive care yesterday and is making steady progress. Whilst there is no news about when he will be out of hospital, this is a significant step and we are grateful that his rehabilitation is moving in a positive direction.

THE NEW GARDENER!

Mr Halsall, our Interim Bursar, has been very 'hands on' this week, helping plant some of the wonderful flowers and trees that were donated at the Crowning of Our Lady. One of the children speculated that he must be the new gardener, which lead me to realise that, although we did introduce him when he joined us, not many children or parents may have met him! We are very grateful to Mr Halsall for his excellent knowledge and expertise (as well as his gardening skills!) As things open up a little more, hopefully you will see more of him around School.

MIDDLE PREP READING CHALLENGE

The winner of the gold medal and trophy this week was Flossy, with 616 minutes of reading, Sophia won the silver medal for 559 minutes of reading and joint winners of the bronze medal were Aurelia with 482 minutes of reading and Teddy with 480 minutes of reading. Well done girls!

Mrs Norville



Mr Halsall, 'The Gardener', helping Middle Prep



Summer Half Term - Clubs

Date	Club or Class	Time	Open to:
Wednesday 2nd June	Forest School	9am – 3.30pm	Kindergarten – Form One
Thursday 3rd June	Forest School	9am – 3.30pm	Kindergarten – Form One

IAPS Drama Results

A special congratulations to our winners from the IAPS Drama competition.

Ella W in Lower Prep for 1st place in the Yrs 3 and 4 competition

Angel L in Form 1 for 2nd place in verse speaking

Ava B in Form 1 for 2nd place in solo acting.

Well done girls we're really proud of you all!



Special Awards this week

Music Award: George (LT) for lovely singing during music.

Science Award: Dunni (F1) for her considered and systematic approach to scientific investigations.

Drama Award: All the girls who took part in the IAPS final. Everyone did so well and we are very proud of you all, Ella W, Flossy, Kate M, Martha L, Cara McC, Izzy, Ava, and Angel.

PE Award: Evie (HP) for her excellent efforts in PE indoor circuit training.

RE Award: Serenna (LT) for her wonderfully creative interpretation of the story of the calming storm.

Ballet Award: Dunni (F1) for always working hard and smiling.

Special Award: Stephanie B (LT) for showing such bravery and strength this week.

Kindness Award: Evie H (KG) for her kindness to Mrs Norville.

Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Nefeli	Rylin
Kindergarten	Frances	Leah
Lower Trans	Myra	Kiana
Upper Trans	Thea	Jai
Lower Prep	Juliette	Amelia W-C
Middle Prep	Teddy	Flossy
Higher Prep	Lily	Alina
Form One	Amelia	Lizzie

Happy Birthday!

23rd May

Georgina W



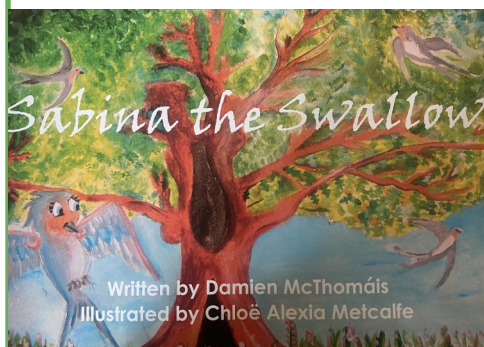
If you're planning to book a staycation soon, remember to use #easyfundraising and raise a donation for Friends of Rydes Hill Preparatory School at the same time. Secret Escapes, Travelodge, Expedia and many more are all giving FREE donations when you book. Browse deals: <http://efraising.org/4MTuCdWdtg>

House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
70	70	105	98

Rydes Hill Alumni

We love to hear what our former pupils go on to achieve after they leave us, and this week we'd like to give a special mention to **Chloë Alexia Metcalfe** who has recently illustrated 3 beautiful books for the Irish red cross.



They're stunning and we're incredibly proud of Chloë.



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

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word?peacpid=MTA101634&v=28.9>



Kindergarten PE



Tasting Menu at School



Fun in the playground!

