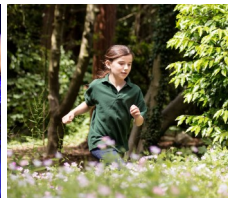




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 21st October 2022



Dear Parents

A VERY BRIGHT HARVEST

Thank you to Lower Prep for their superb Harvest Assembly this morning. They beautifully illustrated the importance of sharing what we have with others. It was also lovely to see everyone in their bright mufti clothes today. Thank you to Mrs Moss, Mrs Leclezio and Mrs Flude for their hard work with the class. Our collection for CAFOD currently stands at £207. If you have not yet made your donation, please do so via the ParentMail shop.

The volunteers at Number 5 Project on York Road in Guildford were very grateful to receive the huge donation from Rydes Hill today. They asked that if anyone is ever shopping nearby and is able to stretch to a few pints of milk or a loaf or two of bread, it really helps them. The one off collections are wonderful, but with 11 residents being supported on site and some 50 or more dropping in, the occasional smaller donation is also very gratefully received.

ISC SURVEY

We are taking part in the Independent Schools Council Parental Survey again this year. A link to this was sent via ParentMail and I can see that some people have already responded. Thank you for taking the time to complete this. If you have not filled it in yet, you have until Monday 31st October.

MCMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our MacMillan coffee morning this year. We raised £319!

BLUE PETER BADGES

When I was a child, a Blue Peter Badge was a very rare thing, and you could only get one by being on the show. Things are a little different these days and any child aged 6-15 can apply for one. There are a number of categories to choose from and, in order to get one, children have to complete a task. This can be as simple as drawing a picture! Once you have a badge, you can gain free entry to one of hundreds of attractions across the country. The link for applying for a badge is <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges> and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/attractions> is the link for the attractions covered.

SCHOLARSHIPS – YEARS 3 & 5

We have been running a scholarship programme for the past few years. These places are for external families who have a child who would benefit from a Rydes Hill education. They will be a good allrounder, and/or have an aptitude in PE, Drama or Music. For September 2023 we will be offering Scholarships in Year 3 and Year 5. When the scholarships were introduced there was a discussion at Parents' Forum, and a subsequent parental survey, regarding whether or not scholarships should be open to existing pupils. The overwhelming view of parents at the time was that it should be for external families only. If any parents would like to re-visit this discussion, please indicate this on the form for the next Parents' Forum. The meeting will take place on Friday 18th November at 8.30am and the form will go live on ParentMail after half term.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Most classes have a trip or visit of some sort each term. We try to give parents as much notice of this, both in terms of the date and venue as well as the cost. Not everyone has been paying for the trips on time, and the subsequent billing and associated administration that goes along with this is problematic. Parents will be sent reminders of how much is owed for trips, but if payment has not been made by the day of the trip, the child will be unable to attend.



POPPY APPEAL

We will be collecting money for the Royal British Legion as part of their Poppy Appeal again this year. Poppies will be available on the playground each morning after half term. There are also a limited number of other items that the Legion have provided for us (snap bands, zips pulls, wristbands). These will be sent directly to the classrooms for children to purchase. The minimum donation for these items is 50p per item and we are limiting it to one item per child to begin with, so that there are enough for everyone to have something. There is no minimum donation amount for a poppy.

RECYCLING BATTERIES

The Eco Team are very keen for everyone to recycle their batteries as they can be harmful to the environment when they are thrown away in the general rubbish. Little boxes for collecting used batteries are being sent home with children in UT upwards (we don't want very young children handling batteries). Spare boxes will be available in the School Office. Please fill up your box and either return it to school where we will recycle the batteries safely – or take them to your nearest battery recycling point. Please do read the safety guidance attached.

HALF TERM

School is closed for Term Time children for the next two weeks. All children return to School on Monday 7th November. I hope that everyone getting a break over half term has a happy and restful time.

Mrs Norville





Recycle Your Batteries




“Don’t throw away your batteries!” says the Eco team. “They have chemicals in them that pollute the ground.”

“Put them into the battery box and bring them back to School. The Eco Team will recycle them.”



Did you know, each year we throw away about 600 million batteries?

More than 20,000 tonnes of batteries end up in landfill sites – that’s as heavy as 4,000 elephants!



Diary dates for after half term

Tues 8th November 7.45pm	FRHPS meeting in the Library.
Fri 11th November 10.50am	Remembrance Assembly led by Upper Transition. Parents are welcome.
Mon 14th November	Anti Bullying Week. Lower Transition trip to the Natural History Museum.
Tues 15th November	Odd Socks Day – Celebrating our differences as part of Anti-Bullying Week. Children are invited to wear odd socks / funky tights with their School Uniform (Middle Prep invited to wear Mufti).
Weds 16th November	Middle Prep trip to St Alban's Cathedral. Mufti (own clothes) day in exchange for £2 or chocolate for the tombola at the Christmas Fair. NUT FREE CHOCOLATE ONLY PLEASE. (Middle Prep only to wear Mufti on Tuesday 15 th November instead).
Fri 18th November 8.30am	Parents' Forum 8.30am. All parents welcome.

Happy Birthday!

24th October	Wilfred M
27th October	Violet-Mae N
28th October	Mahika M
31st October	Lucinda F
31st October	Evie W
2nd November	Fenella L
5th November	Leo M

House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
100	96	137	131



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

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



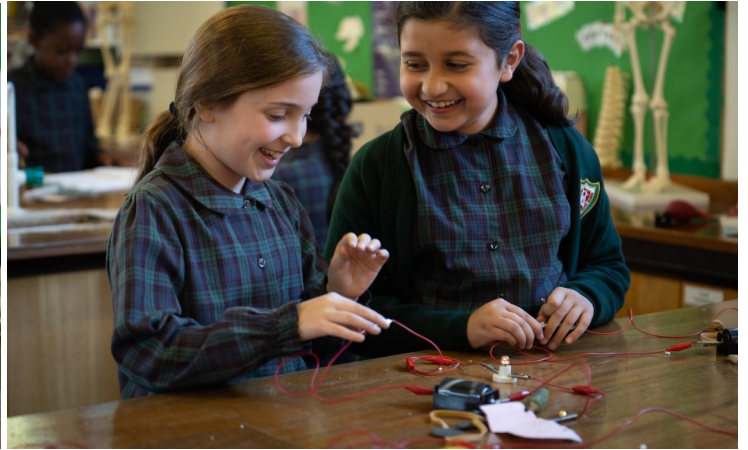
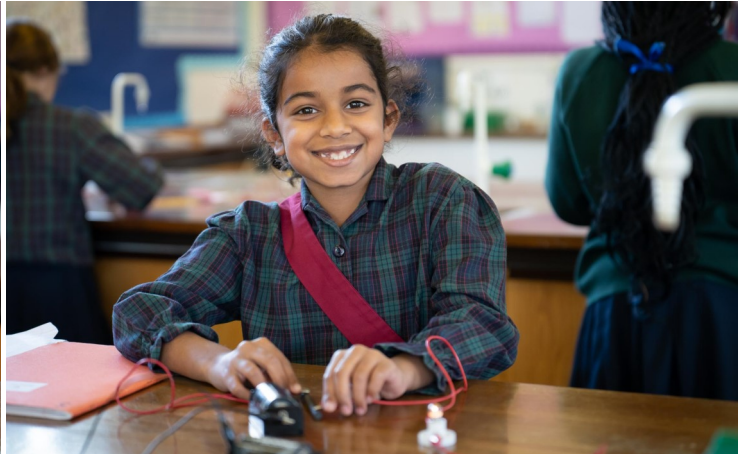
Kindergarten and Upper Transition Roasting Marshmallows in Forest School



Kindergarten's trip to RHS Wisley Gardens



Form One Constructing a Morse Code Machine and Middle Preparatory Exploring Conductors in their Science lessons



Making Weather Vanes and Rain Gauges in Higher Preparatory



Harvest Lunch - Holroyd Howe



Harvest Assembly by Lower Preparatory



Upper Transition making Fruit Kebabs in their DT lesson



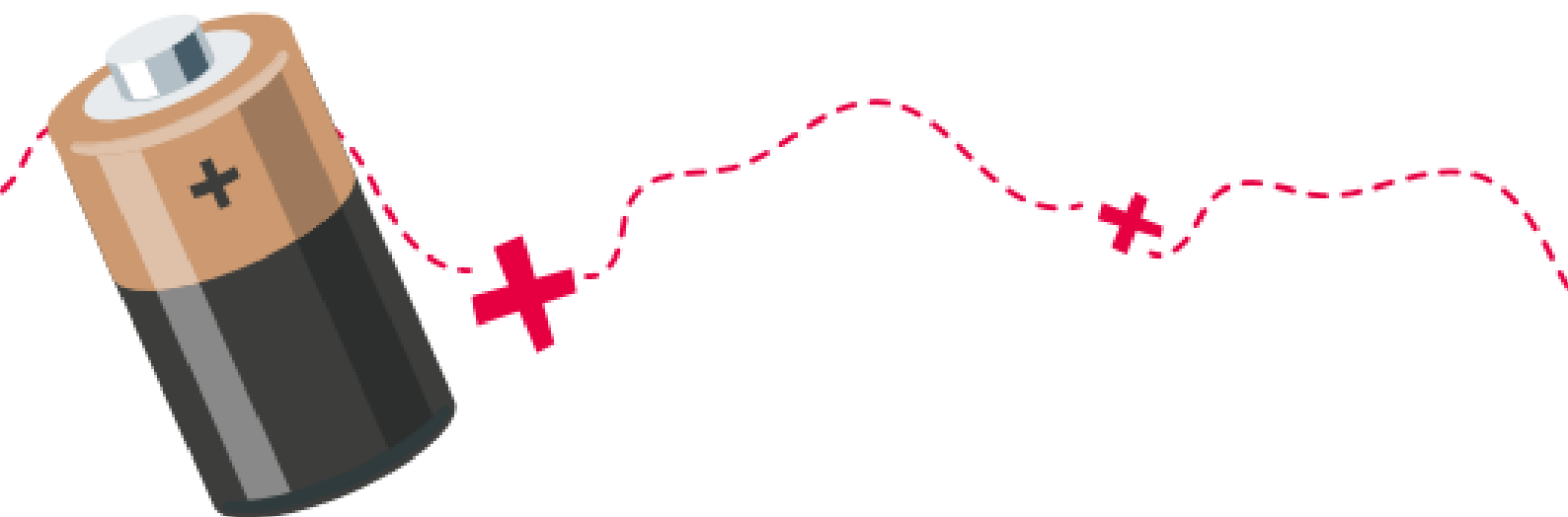


Safety instructions for adults supervising battery collecting

- Discarded batteries present a very small risk of fire and source of ignition. The risk can be greatly reduced by taking the following simple precautions:
 - Keep batteries dry and away from sources of heat.
 - If a battery is damaged or leaking use gloves and put it into a small plastic bag, cardboard or plastic container when taking it to a recycling point.
 - Store the box / batteries away from combustible or flammable materials.
 - Do not put any other items other than batteries in the recycling points.



- For this project, we are only collecting AAA, AA, C & D batteries, but please see guidance on alternative batteries:
 - Button cells present a choking / ingestion hazard – keep away from young children.
 - Insulate (tape up) terminals on batteries that can easily short circuit (e.g. 9V batteries)
 - Battery packs from laptops, mobile phones and power tools can only be accepted at certain recycling points and household waste recycling centres. Car batteries can be accepted at household recycling centres, garages, and scrap yards.



A photograph of a woman and a young child sitting at a wooden table. The woman, on the left, is wearing a white patterned cardigan over a white top. The child, on the right, is wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans. They are both looking down at a map or a piece of paper on the table. The background is a wooden wall.

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle
with your child's
bedtime?

Will your child
not sleep in
their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

 **03303 530 541**

Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am