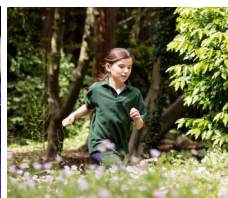




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 22nd January, 2021



Dear Parents

SENIOR SCHOOL ENTRANCE 2021

We are starting to hear the offers that are being made to our girls for entry to Senior Schools in 2021. I wanted to take the opportunity to share with the whole School community how amazingly well our girls have managed this process in the current circumstances. Many of the exams were moved, at incredibly short notice, to before Christmas. For some, the format changed entirely. For others, the exams were cancelled altogether. Throughout, our girls have remained positive and rolled with the changes. It is unsurprising that we are seeing offers come in already and I am confident that the girls will have some superb schools to choose from. I would like to thank the teachers who have worked so tirelessly with our Form One girls to get them to the standard required, the parents who have supported their daughters so excellently and, of course, the girls themselves for all their hard work.

REINDEER RUN

Thank you to everyone who supported the Reindeer Run before Christmas. Rydes Hill parents raised an amazing £1800 for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care. The charity has to find £20,000 per day to ensure they are able to continue to provide their excellent care free of charge to the local community. This is challenging at the best of times, but with the reduction in fundraising activity and the closure of their 18 shops, this is increasingly difficult. Your support is greatly appreciated.

PARENTAL FEEDBACK ON REMOTE LEARNING

Thank you to all the parents who have already completed the questionnaire that has been sent to all parents in Main School via ParentMail. If you have not yet completed this, please do so by 9am on Monday 25th January.

LATERAL FLOW DEVICE TESTING

The Government have provided School with rapid Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing for all staff to begin this Monday 25th January. Staff will test twice a week at home. The tests are designed to find asymptomatic cases and are around 80% effective. They do not replace any of the existing measures in place, but are an additional strategy in the fight against the virus.

LIVE PE ZOOM LESSONS

Mrs Bowles and Mrs Luscombe have been very impressed by all the Prep classes who turn up to the live PE lessons in their PE kit and ready for action. Can we remind all children, especially in the lower years, not to eat snacks while participating in the PE lessons and to ideally wear their PE kit.

PHOTOS FROM HOME

Thank you for taking the time to send photographs from home over the past couple of weeks. We have loved seeing pictures of the children and it has certainly made us feel more connected in these isolating times. Do keep sending photographs from home to bridget.torlesse@rydeshill.com and Mrs Torlesse will endeavour to put them in our Newsletter or on our Facebook feeds.

Mrs Norville

**Happy
Birthday!**

23rd January	Serenna P
25th January	Evey S
25th January	Ruby S



As we are all doing our shopping online during lockdown, a really simple way to support us during this time is to sign up to #easyfundraising. Every time you do your online shopping via easyfundraising, retailers donate money to FRHPS and it's completely free! Please sign up here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/frhps/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=c19-f7

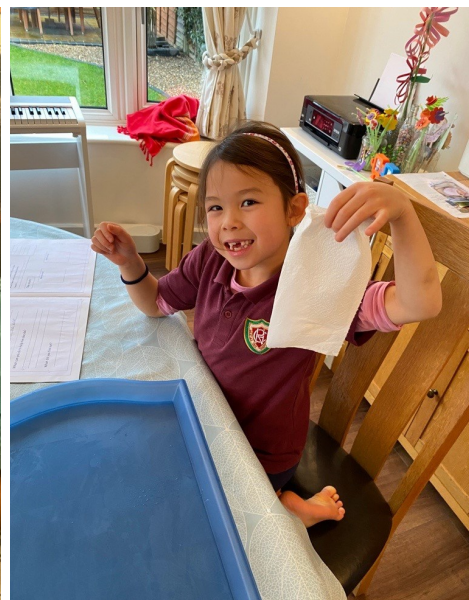


The link to this week's 'The Wednesday Word' is below:
<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/community?pid=MTA101634&v=15.6>



<i>Class</i>	<i>Special Achievements</i>
Nursery	Kavi - for being very enthusiastic in his 'Show and Tell' sessions. Amelie - for drawing a beautiful picture of everyone in her family having a race.
Kindergarten	Megan - for always being ready to learn on Zoom and for putting her hand up and answering questions so enthusiastically as well as completing fantastic work. Honor - for participating fully in all Zoom sessions and for completing all of her work so accurately and carefully.
Lower Trans	Myra and Arya - for their fantastic Goldilocks and the Three Bears story writing using well thought out sentences, super adjectives and even conjunctions!
Upper Trans	QiaoQiao - for settling in so well and working really hard in every subject. Oliver - for working so hard and even managing to submit work whilst on the move!
Lower Prep	Astrid - for always being organised and ready to learn in spite of internet problems as well as trying hard and succeeding in solving a tricky maths challenge this week. Juliette - for always being organised, enthusiastic and ready to learn and for checking back on her work (on Showbie) for feedback and acting on the feedback given.
Middle Prep	Josie - for her hard work and determination in all subjects and her positive attitude to home learning. Also, for her exceptional story she wrote in Creative Writing this week based on The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe and her very funny song which she wrote with Ava called 'The Twelve Days of Home Learning'.
Higher Prep	Martha for excellent Covenant with Noah and enhancing the history lesson by showing us the Tudor parts of her house on Zoom. Rachel for superb work on the History of India including how it affects life today.
Form One	Ava for working very hard on her class work.
Award	<i>Special Awards</i>
PE	All of Lower Transition for working so hard on learning and remembering their dance during their live Zoom PE lessons.
Music	Serenna for excellent participation and engagement in lessons.
Science	Imogen for her creativity in producing a science PowerPoint on the planets.
RE	Ethan, Honor, Megan and Clara - for making state-of-the-art bug hotels by measuring their string with tape measures and sourcing different types of recycled and natural materials. They look so good – Mrs Morris think the bugs will be moving in soon.

Science experiments with Upper Transition



Bug Hotels and Bird Feeder with Kindergarten Forest School



Our budding artists



Fitness Friday Fancy Dress!



History Guest Speaker with Lower Prep!

Lower Prep were so honoured today to be visited by Mrs Jane Shuter, the author of our history text book. Mrs Shuter spoke to the girls about the River Nile and its importance and then answered questions. A big thank you to Mrs Walker, who put us in contact with Mrs Shuter.

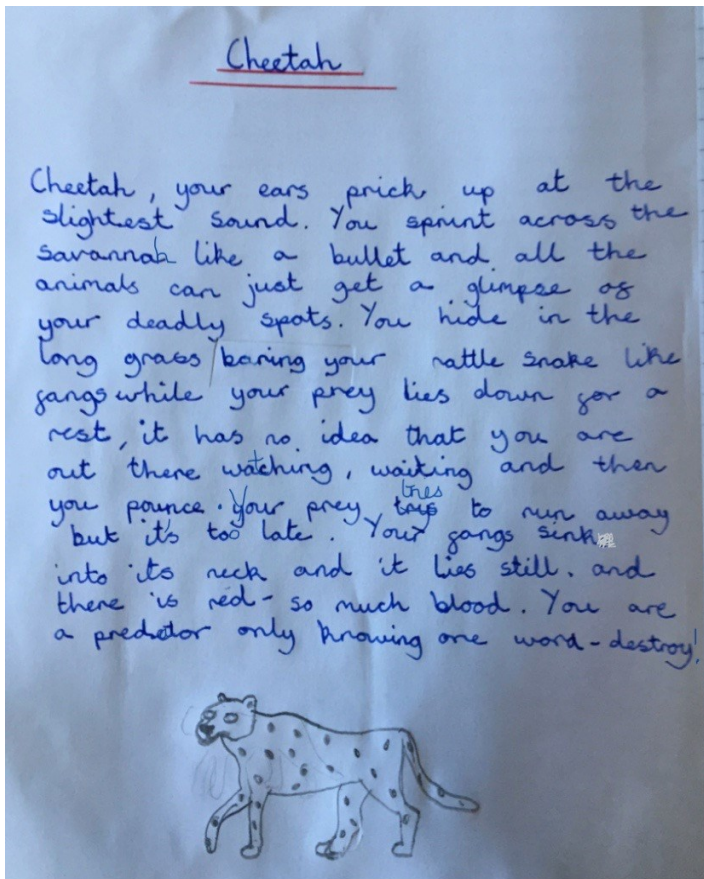


Passing the gates on lock-down!

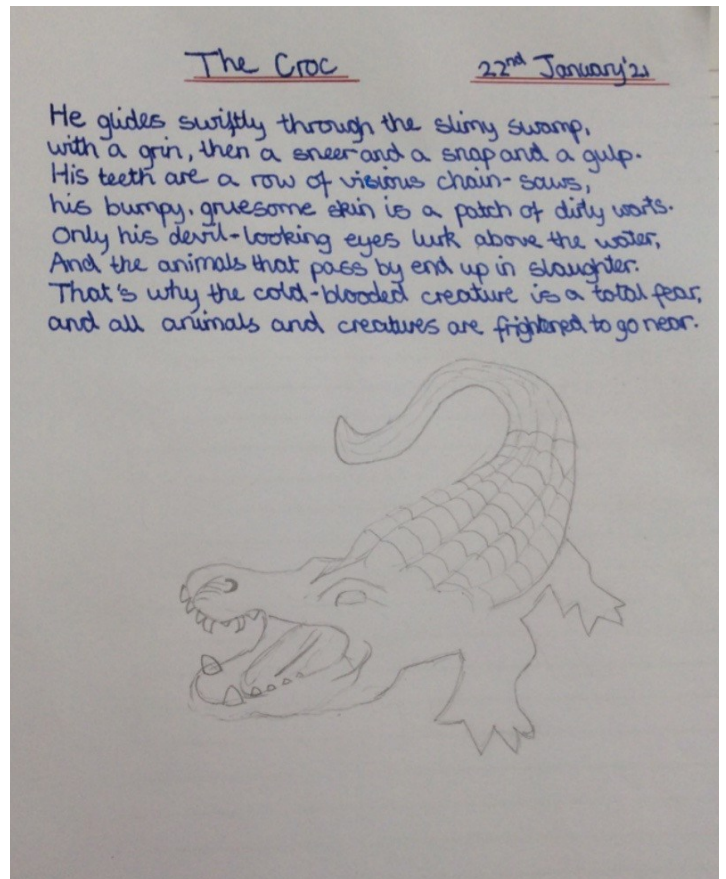


Form One Poems

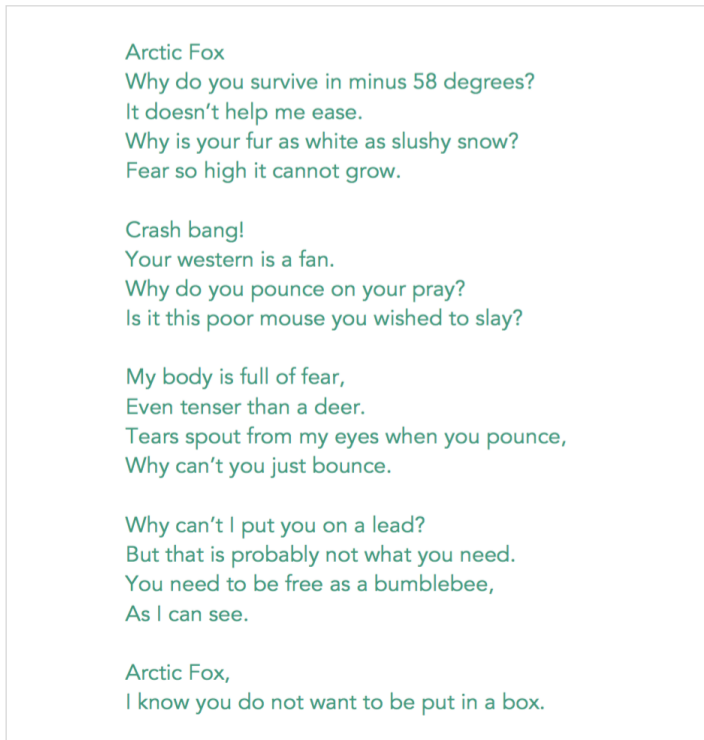
Mrs Wood was very impressed by Form One's animal poems this week using some imaginative figurative language.



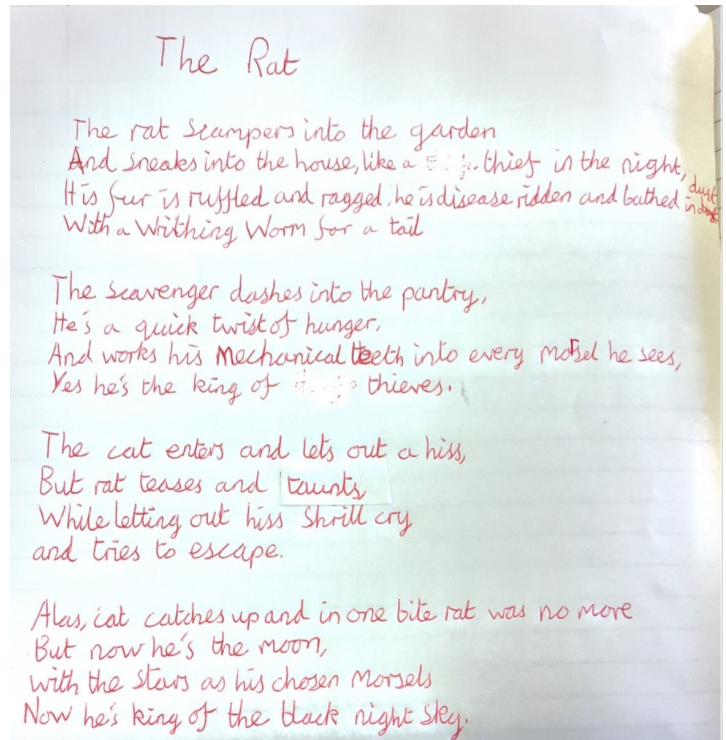
'Cheetah' by Izzy



'The Croc' by Angel



'Arctic Fox' by Amelia



'The Rat' by Imogen

