



# RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 24th February 2023



Dear Parents

## PARENTS' FORUM

All parents are warmly invited to attend the Parents' Forum session on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Friends' Hall. A form will be sent out via ParentMail over the weekend for parents to comment on the agenda items, whether or not they are able to attend.

## BABY NEWS

Huge congratulations to Mrs Bannister (Teaching Assistant in Kindergarten and Lower Transition, and mother of Phoebe in Acorns) and all the Bannister family as they welcomed baby Louis Edward on 12<sup>th</sup> February. We were lucky to meet him earlier this week. Mum and baby are doing well.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

We celebrate World Book Day this coming Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Children are invited to wear a costume but **PLEASE do not go to any expense or stress**. Own clothes are also fine! Children in Pre-Prep having swimming in the afternoon (some of them also have Forest School), so costumes need to be appropriate for the Forest and for changing quickly and easily at swimming. There will be prizes for ingenious / clever costumes. All children will receive a £1 book token at some point next week to spend on a new book.



## BOOK SWAP

Children are invited to bring in **one** unwanted book next week, any day up to and including Thursday. They will be given a token and on Thursday lunchtime we will have a book swap, where they can exchange their token for one of the books that has been brought in.

## REGISTRATION FOR 2023/24 AND BEYOND

We currently have some availability for Acorns Nursery from September 2023 but Oaks is full. Kindergarten 2023-24 already has 15 families who have registered. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in a place at Rydes Hill for Nursery or Kindergarten, please urge them to speak to Ms O'Neill as it is getting very busy for the next couple of years!

## HAPPY SMILES HOLIDAY CLUB

Happy Smiles holiday club will be running during the Easter holidays on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. In the Summer holidays it will be taking place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. The club is open to all children in Main School from Kindergarten to Form One and runs from 9am to 3pm each day. To book a space please contact Mrs Sarah Smillie on [sarah.smillie@rydeshill.com](mailto:sarah.smillie@rydeshill.com).

## MUSIC AND DRAMA AWARDS

The following awards were given out in assembly on Monday:

Music	Natalie S
Drama	Lucinda F
Performing Arts	Mia Z



## EASTER HOLIDAY NETBALL CAMP

Our PE Department are delighted to be able to offer a one day Easter Netball Camp on Monday 27th March for Upper Transition to Form One. This is a wonderful opportunity to improve Netball skills, join in a shooting competition and play lots of Netball games. At the end of this Newsletter, is a form to complete if you would like your child to attend.

### *Prior's Field U10 & U12 Gymnastics Festival 2023*

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, we took a team of 10 girls to compete at the Prior's Field Gymnastics Festival. There were 13 schools and over 140 children competing. Within the 2 age groups, U10 and U12, there were 3 competition levels; **Beginner, Intermediate and Elite**. The gymnasts competing in the U12 competition were up against a lot of Year 7 girls but they didn't let it phase them! In each category, the gymnasts had to perform a set Floor routine and complete a series of Vaults. The schools competing were: Rydes Hill, GHS, Tormead, Prior's Field, Manor House, St Hilary's, Claremont Fan Court, Danes Hill, The Study, Falcon Prep School, Highfield School, Hollycombe Primary and Prospect House.

When the results were announced we were delighted to be placed with **4 medals! 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place U10 Elite Floor – Amelia W-C
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place U10 Vault – Amelia W-C
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place U12 Beginner Floor – Alicia H
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place U12 Beginner Floor – Lucinda F


We were so proud of all the girls who represented Rydes Hill and they all performed brilliantly. Thank you to all the parents who came over to Prior's Field to support us throughout the afternoon.

#### PE Department



Silver Awards this week		
YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Arthur L	Isabelle Z
Kindergarten	Phoebe C	Edward F
Lower Trans	Esmé H	Emily T
Upper Trans	Evie H	Mark M
Lower Prep	Lucy A-Z	Hermione T
Middle Prep	Ruby B	Shayna A
Higher Prep	Lakshana D	Astrid K
Form One	Mahika M	Sophia J

Special Awards this week
<b>PE Award:</b> Ajalet B (LP) for progress in Straddle Vault.
<b>Science Award:</b> Shayna A (MP) for her observations and careful recording of materials.
<b>French Award:</b> Flossy D (F1) for amazing participation and excellent use of structures learnt last term.
<b>Music Award:</b> Thea K (MP) for consistent excellent work during music and for the hard work she did at home on her orchestra music.
<b>RE Award:</b> Zeyi G (UT) for her reflective work on the miracles of the Gospel.
<b>Forest School Award:</b> Zoe S (UT) for her colours and creativity cross.
<b>Ballet Award:</b> Lucinda F (F1) for successfully auditioning for English Youth Ballet with Swan Lake.
<b>Special Award:</b> All the girls who competed at the Prior's Field Gymnastics Competition.
<b>Kindness Award:</b> Maeve W (KG) for being very kind to visitors on a tour.


 Click here to view this week's 'The Wednesday Word':  
<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/happiness?pid=MTA101634&v=40.3>

House Points for this week			
CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
154	97	124	125

## Happy Birthday!

15th February	Flossy D
15th February	Maria R
20th February	Olivia T

23rd February	Stanley M
24th February	Emma W
25th February	Chloe H

Diary dates for next week	
Mon 27th February	Parents' Forum 7.30pm in the Main Hall.
Tues 28th February	IAPS U10/U11 swimming qualifiers. Acorns Nursery trip to Little Street. U9 Netball v Tormead (home) 3.45pm.
Weds 1st March	Oaks Nursery trip to Little Street.
Thurs 2nd March	World Book Day and Book Swap.



IAPS U11 Netball Squad



Kindergarten dressing up as 'People that help them'



# Lower Transition's Africa Day



*Nursery's half term trip to Polesden Lacey*



*Kindergarten's bottle planters in Forest School*



# Kindergarten's PE Lesson



# EASTER NETBALL CAMP

UT - F1



Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023



**RYDES HILL SCHOOL**

**Mrs Bowles & Mrs Luscombe**

**Time: 9am - 4pm**

**£45**

What to bring:

- Plenty of water, nut free snacks and packed lunch.
- Full school PE kit, no jewellery and hair tied back.

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## EASTER NETBALL CAMP

My child ..... would like to attend the Easter Netball Camp  
on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Emergency contact name and number on the day

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Any allergies and/or medical conditions we need to be aware of?

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Signed ..... Name .....

Payment by BACS or CASH only please

**A/C Name:** Mrs L Luscombe

**Sort Code:** 40-22-26

**A/C Number:** 31820125