



RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 27th January 2023



Dear Parents

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

There will be an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher(s) in the final week of this half-term. Appointments will go live on ParentMail on Monday 30th January at 8pm and allocated on a first come, first served basis. All appointments are planned as face-to-face in the classroom, so that you can look at your child's books and classroom displays. We do urge all parents to make sure they book an appointment.

HOCKEY LESSONS

All children in Lower Preparatory to Form One have now started hockey lessons. All children require shin guards and mouth guards, otherwise they cannot participate in the lesson. This week, the number of children who did not bring these in meant that the lesson had to be completely changed at the last minute. From next week, if a mouth guard or shin guards have not been provided, we will provide one for the child and parents will be billed for these items.

Please be aware that it will be significantly cheaper for you to buy these for your child on Amazon or similar.

STAFFING

We wish Mrs Banister well as she goes on maternity leave this week. Her day in Lower Transition will be covered by Mrs Davenport, who will also cover in Kindergarten on a Thursday. Mondays and Tuesdays in Kindergarten will be covered by Mrs McEnery. There are a few weeks when Mrs Hutchinson (who many of you may know as Ms Appleby!) will be in Kindergarten.

NURSERY REPORTS

We are making a slight change to the annual reporting arrangements for Nursery. Acorns' reports will go out at Easter. Oaks will have their reports at the end of the academic year. Any Acorns who join in the Summer term will be offered an optional Parents' Evening at the end of the academic year.

CONFERENCE

I will be out of School at a conference from Wednesday to Friday next week. The School will be in the very capable hands of the Senior Leadership Team in my absence, but I am contactable by email if needed.

NETBALL TOURNAMENT

We are hosting six schools for our annual U10 netball tournament this Saturday, with matches starting at 9.15am. Parents are welcome to bring their children to cheer on Rydes Hill! Thank you to Mrs Bowles and Mrs Luscombe for organising the event.

NITS

Hopefully, you will have seen the ParentMail that went out this week regarding nits. Please can you make sure you treat your child's hair if you find evidence of nits. Long hair should be tied up at all times.

HAPPY SMILES HOLIDAY CLUB

We are delighted to announce that the ever popular Happy Smiles holiday club will be running during the forthcoming half-term holiday. The club is open to all children from Kindergarten to Form One and will run on Tuesday 14th February from 9am to 3pm. Mrs Sarah Smillie runs the club, along with one of our wonderful teaching assistants. Activities will be varied and will include arts and crafts, puzzles, construction toys, lots of outdoor play and a baking activity. To book a space for your child either complete the booking form at the end of this Newsletter, or contact Mrs Smillie directly on sarah.smillie@rydeshill.com.

Sarah Norville

Headmistress

ECO TEAM LITTER PICKING

This week the Eco Team and friends carried out a litter pick around the School grounds. They were pleased to have picked up lots of plastic, which could be harmful to our wildlife. Another i-Dot achieved! (we had a visit from the Wildlife Aid Foundation in the Autumn term <https://www.wildlifeaid.org.uk/idot-pledge->



BALLET SUCCESS

Congratulations to Soraya S, Emily B and Thea K for successfully auditioning for the Surrey Youth Ballet Associate Program.



U11 NETBALL MATCH V NOTRE DAME

On Tuesday 24th January we hosted an U11 Netball match against Notre Dame. It was a cold afternoon but the girls were all keen to play! From the start, the girls knew it would be a tough match as the opposition were very strong. Both teams worked hard to secure goals with the final results as;

‘A’ team lost 3-7

‘B’ team WON 8-7

Well done to Aurelia P and Alicia H who were awarded Players of the Match. Thank you to those parents who came to support us on a very cold afternoon, and to Chef Dan for the Match Teas. Well done everyone who played!

PE Department



Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Khadija H	Adam A
Kindergarten	Moses L	James M
Lower Trans	Isabel C	Wilfred M
Upper Trans	Hannah C	Sophie S
Lower Prep	Izzy B-J	Arya S
Middle Prep	Kevina L	Ruby B
Higher Prep	Annabel S	Freya B
Form One	Alicia H	Aurelia P

Special Awards this week

French Award: Annabel S (HP) for outstanding work and diligent attitude throughout the lesson.

Science Award: Lakshana D (HP) for her interpretation of our experiment on evaporation.

Computing Award: Moses L (KG) for good mouse control and understanding coding.

Music Award: Lexi K (UT) for excellent effort during all musical activities.

PE Award: Lucy A-Z (LP) for being so persistent and successful with learning a forward roll.

Forest School Award: Kiana A (LP) for perseverance and determination.

Ballet Award: Emily B (HP) for successfully auditioning for Surrey Youth Ballet Associates.

Kindness Award: Fenella L (UT) for being fantastic when Nursery had to invade her violin lesson!

Special Award: Alicia H (F1) for a superb speech as a Victorian servant living at Rydes Hill.



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
131	103	113	109

Happy Birthday!

23rd January	Serenna P
24th January	Edward F
24th January	Isla W
25th January	Evey S
25th January	Ruby S



Form One - Victorian Afternoon



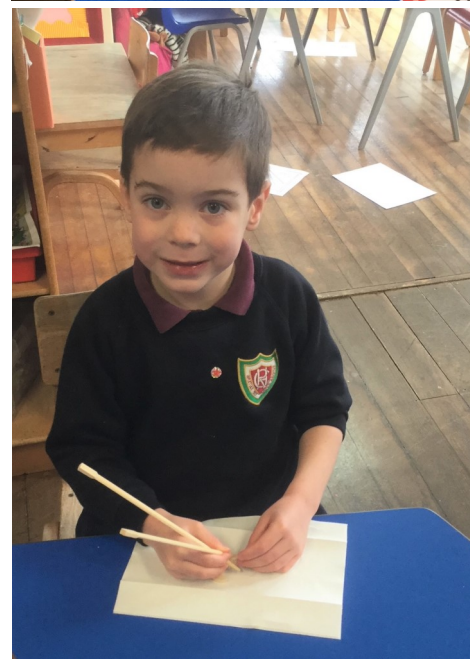
Form One learning Sports Acrobatics In Gymnastics



Lower and Middle Preparatory enjoying using scarves in Gymnastics



Kindergarten and Upper Transition celebrating Chinese New Year





Happy Smiles News Flash

Half Term Holiday Club

Where: Kindergarten classroom

When: Tuesday 14th February

What time: 9am to 3pm

Who: Staffed by Mrs S Smillie and other members of Rydes Hill staff

Cost: £37.50

Open to all children from Kindergarten to F1

Activities will include:

- Valentine's Day crafts
- Creative activities for older children
- Arts and crafts
- Outside play
- Adventure playground
- Cookery
- Puzzles, games and construction toys

Please send your child to Happy Smiles with a **water bottle, a morning snack and a nut free packed lunch**. If there is a particular toy or game that they would like to share with their friends they can bring that too. We will be outside a lot so please also provide a coat.

Payment by bank transfer please to:

Mrs Sarah Smillie, account number: 89179986 sort code: 600733

I would like my child to attend Happy Smiles on:

Tuesday 14th February

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Child's name: -----

Emergency contact number: -----

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

Signed: ----- Name: -----

FOUNTAINS AND FIGURES

Half Term children's workshop 2023

SIME
GALLERY

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of art and crafts based around the work of local artist Sidney Sime. Suitable for ages 4-12, but siblings welcome too. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Thursday 16th February 2 – 4pm

Worplesdon Memorial Hall, Perry Hill, Worplesdon, Guildford GU3 3RF

Free parking

Toilets

Refreshments

Located close to children's play area

Email: enquiries@sidneysimegallery.org.uk

Telephone: 07415 372620

Suggested donation £3