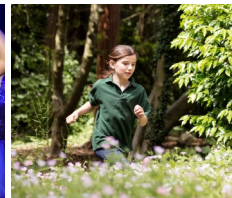




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 28th April 2023



Dear Parents

QUIZ NIGHT

If you haven't booked your tickets for the Quiz Night on 12th May, please go to <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CIII> to book. This will be a fun night and a great opportunity for our parent community to get together for the first time since COVID. We would love to see each class with a team, but we can join groups up if needed so don't worry if there are not enough people from your class. Whilst there is an overall Eurovision theme, the Quiz questions are general knowledge. This will be a great opportunity to meet other parents and have a fun night out!

CROWNING OF OUR LADY TUESDAY 2nd MAY - 2.45pm (change of time)

In the month of May, we show our love of Mary by singing and bringing flowers to place by the statue on Our Lady's Lawn. Catholics do not worship Mary; she is not God, but she is very special. All children are invited to bring potted bedding plants or potted indoor plants to School on Tuesday 2nd May as part of the liturgy on Tuesday afternoon. Parents are welcome to attend, and the Service will start at **2.45pm**. Children in Main School should wear blazers, and girls should have white ribbons in their hair.

CORONATION CELEBRATION

We are looking forward to our Coronation Celebrations on Friday 5th May. All children are invited to come to School dressed as a King, Queen, Prince or Princess. This could be someone real or fictional, someone from the past or someone more modern. When the bell rings at 8.20am, we will raise the Union flag on our Mr Parr Memorial Flag Pole. There will be a Coronation Assembly at 10am led by Higher Preparatory and Lower Transition (Parents welcome). The children will have a special Coronation Lunch and at some point during the day will be presented with a Coronation Gift, kindly being given to all the children by Worplesdon Parish Council. We hope you all enjoy your own Coronation Celebrations over the weekend, including the additional Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May, when School will be closed to all children.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

We are looking for a couple of people to help put donated stock into the second hand uniform shop once or twice a month. Miss Canning is now working in Nursery more frequently, and this means that donations sometimes build up in the School Office. If you have an hour or so to spare once a month and would be willing to help out, please speak to Mrs Norville or Mrs Kattapuram (mother of Lexi in Upper Transition and Thea in Middle Preparatory).

SNAPCHAT

I am sure parents are aware that the Snapchat App is age rated 13+, and as such children at Rydes Hill should not have access to it. However, I thought it was important to let you know about some recent changes to the App which are causing concern. The App has introduced a new AI bot that is installed as standard and cannot be deleted in the free version of the App. The AI bot is automatically given information about the user's location (in fact, location settings are turned on and displayed publicly as standard). There have been cases of children going to their local park, as suggested by the AI bot, so that they can 'meet up'. Whilst the bot is not a real person, and therefore won't be there to meet a child, a child wandering around a park looking for their new and unknown 'friend' obviously presents a serious safeguarding concern. There have also been occasions where the AI bot has become aggressive, or has presented misinformation. Snapchat's own information on the AI bot states that it, "may include biased, incorrect, harmful or misleading content." As adults, we work hard to protect our children in both the online and real world. If you ever have concerns about what your child is accessing, or would like further advice, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Wood.

PARENTS' LUNCH

Following on from the discussion at Parents' Forum, we will be inviting parents to have lunch with their child on 18th or 19th of May. There will be a limited number of spaces as we cannot accommodate every parent in the Dining Hall all at once! Spaces will be bookable via "trybooking" using this link <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CJHT> Bookings go live at 10am tomorrow, 29th April and will be on a first come, first served basis.

AMAZING SWIMMING

Well done to Daniyal K (Lower Transition) for moving up a group in swimming this week. Super swimming Daniyal!

Mrs Norville

Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Emily K	Leo M
Kindergarten	Edward F	Moses L
Lower Trans	Isabel C	Vinudi R
Upper Trans	Mark M	Hannah C
Lower Prep	Kiana A	Mia Z
Middle Prep	Trip to Bath	Trip to Bath
Higher Prep	Freya B	Jaime P
Form One	Alicia H	Tanya A-Z

Special Awards this week

PE Award: Tanya A-Z (F1) for her consistently positive attitude in PE lessons.

Science Award: Thea K (MP) for her ability to make links between her knowledge of Greek Myths and natural world.

French Award: Lexi K (UT) for excellent contribution in lesson on the topic of hobbies.

RE Award: Moses L (KG) for his thoughtful ideas of what heaven might be like.

Computing Award: Esme H (LT) for a beautiful King Charles stamp.

Music Award: Astrid K (HP) for her enthusiastic and diligent approach to all musical activities.

Forest School Award: Mahnoor M (KG) for perseverance and creativity.

Ballet Award: Serenna P (LP) for working hard on her Grade One.

Drama Award: All the exam girls for outstanding results.

Kindness Award: Ella W (HP) for being so kind to Grace and helping with her bags.

Special Award: Eliana O, Mahika M, Lucinda F and Soraya S (F1) for performing in the English Youth Ballet this week.

Diary dates for next week

Tues 1st May	Bank Holiday - School Closed.
Tues 2nd May	Summer uniform for all pupils from today. 2:45pm - Crowning of Our Lady.
Fri 5th May	Coronation Day Celebration (Dress up as a King, Queen, Prince or Princess). 10am - Coronation Assembly led by Lower Transition and Higher Preparatory. Coronation Lunch.

Happy Birthday!

24th April	Arlo A
25th April	Mahnoor M
25th April	Charlotte S
25th April	Florence V
26th April	Josie B
27th April	Sophia J
28th April	Charles B
29th April	Qiao Qiao X
30th April	Sum Yee C



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

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



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 **CORONATION**

VOLUNTEERS AFTERNOON CREAM TEA AT
The Sime Gallery Monday 8th May 2-4pm

SIME GALLERY

Do YOU fancy being a local volunteer? King Charles is anxious to encourage us all! Why not join us for a cream tea and see what is involved in volunteering just once a month for 2hrs at the Sime Gallery or 'Ta Ta' café

Other volunteer opportunities include getting involved at children's workshops, helping with projects with disadvantaged groups, organising a fundraising event, or helping with an admin publicity or marketing task

A Tree planting ceremony to commemorate both the Coronation and the late Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee will take place during the afternoon.

The Sime Gallery is located at Worpleston Memorial Hall, GU33RF



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