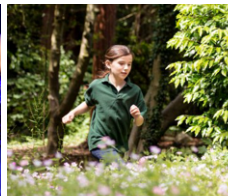




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 2nd December 2022



Dear Parents

CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are all getting ready for the fun of the Fair! Thank you to everyone who is helping to set up today. Please keep an eye on your class group chats for any last minute messages. If you are unable to attend and would like to put a bid on one of the many fantastic hampers on offer, please email sarah.norville@rydeshill.com with the hamper you are interested in and the maximum price you would be willing to pay. If you are at the Fair, do come to the hall for the hamper auction at 2pm to see the excitement (and hopefully put in a bid!) The raffle will be drawn at 2.30pm. Thank you in advance to everyone who has already given their time to help get the Fair ready. If you have not yet signed up for a slot to help on the day, it isn't too late! Offers of help will always be gratefully received.

TERRIFIC TUDORS

Higher Prep spent a wonderful few days in the Dorset countryside this week, living as Tudors in a real Tudor manor house. The girls were exemplary, and the staff at Hooke Court commented on what polite, kind and hard working girls they were. Thank you to Higher Prep for their enthusiasm and for being great ambassadors for our School. Huge thanks to Miss Boyle, Mrs Messinger and Mrs Morris for giving up their time to go on the trip.

SENIOR SCHOOL VISITS

I have been very lucky this week to visit both Tormead and St Catherine's schools. It is fantastic to get back out to visit the schools that parents are looking for as the next step after Rydes Hill. It is also lovely to see our former pupils and find out how they are getting on. In all cases this week, our alumni are happy, settled and enjoying life at Senior School.

We were also very grateful that Mr Carllier, Headmaster at Aldro, joined us at the Lower Transition and Upper Transition coffee morning last Friday. Many of our boys have had a happy and successful move to Aldro, so it was useful for him to meet the parents of boys in the School. We hope to have more opportunities to invite the Headteachers of other boys schools into Rydes Hill in the future.

OUR SCHOOL FAMILY

I am always very grateful to be part of the Rydes Hill family, but this week I was overwhelmed by your superb and swift generosity. On Monday I sent out a ParentMail about furniture that was needed for one of our Ukrainian families. Within 24hrs we had almost everything they needed, plus other very generous donations. Thank you so much to everyone who has given something. An especially huge thank you to Mrs Barnett who, as well as being one of the key organisers of the Christmas Fair this week, has been instrumental in getting all the donations together. I know the family are incredibly grateful for your support and generosity.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

A ParentMail form went out on Thursday to book seats for the Christmas productions. There is not a limit on numbers, but it would be useful to know in advance if we need to put extra chairs out and to get an idea for catering. If you require more seats than the form allows you to specify, please let the Office know how many seats you need. Please keep an eye on ParentMails this week as they will contain important information regarding when the children need to arrive at School for performances and what they need to bring.



FOOD WASTE

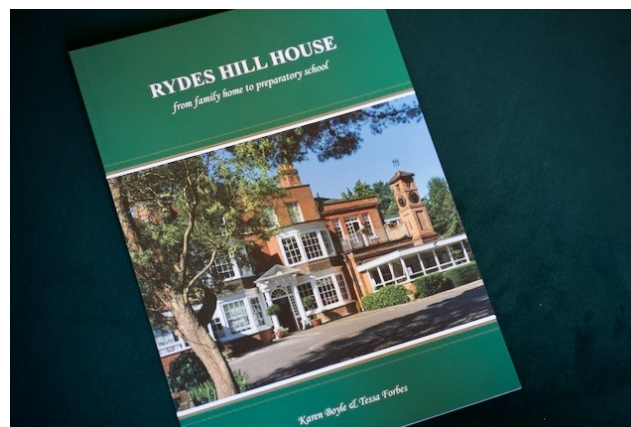
We are challenging all of our School community to reduce the amount of food that is scraped off their plates and into the bin each day. We have very little waste from the kitchen – the vast majority of what we prepare is served. However, there are on average 17kg of uneaten food that is thrown from children's plates each day. We have discussed this in assembly today and given children strategies for improving this. For example, eat all the food on your plate, or take a slightly smaller portion and if you are still hungry, go back and have a little more but try to eat what you take. Food costs have, in School as everywhere else, rocketed and we are avoiding passing that cost to parents for as long as we can. We will, therefore, work with our kitchen team to try to get the waste reduced. Our Eco Captains are on the case and will help support the children in making good choices.

SHOOTING STAR CHASE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE GIFTS

A reminder that we are collecting gifts for the Shooting Star Chase Children's Hospice. This amazing charity aims to provide a Christmas gift for each child they care for. This amounts to some 900 presents. We would like our School community to support them this year by providing **new** gifts that can be given to children across a range of ages. They have provided an Amazon Wish List with some ideas <https://amzn.eu/hvpOvO7> Each class will be allocated a sack for the **unwrapped** presents to be put into. They will all be collected on Friday 9th December. Thank you for your support.

RYDES HILL HOUSE BOOK

Miss Boyle still has copies of the Rydes Hill History book for sale—they make an excellent Christmas gift! We had some wonderful feedback recently from one of our alumni who bought the book. "What a joy! Your dedication to the research, the history surrounding the house, grounds and most of all the families – absolutely fascinating – the walls can certainly tell a secret or two.....! And of course, most importantly, the history of our dear school and our beloved nuns. Times have certainly changed but it is quite evident that the school's spirit remains the same as it was during the 50s when I attended. I was extremely fortunate to receive my initial education at Rydes Hill. The devotion, love and patience that I received from Mothers Patricia, Mary Gerald and Marie Goretti accompanied me through life and for which I am very grateful. The teachers too, were also so very kind – very special! Thank you for letting me reminisce."



Mrs Norville

U8 AND U9 NETBALL V ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

On Thursday 1st December we welcomed a team of Year 3 and Year 4 children over from St Thomas's school and hosted an afternoon of Netball matches during the LP and MP PE lesson. All parents were invited to watch and we had a wonderful afternoon which began with a warm up, practising some passing, receiving and moving into a space before the games began. EVERYONE was so excited to play, we managed to rotate around lots of different positions and show what skills we have been learning in our PE lessons and Netball club. The final scores were;

LP Lost 0-2

MP Won 9-0

Congratulations to Miru O and Shayna A who were awarded player of the match in their classes. Well done to EVERYONE who played, what a fantastic afternoon, we are so proud of all of you. A special thank you to the Parents who came to support us in the cold weather and for helping with match teas at the end!

PE Department

BALLET EXAM RESULTS SUMMER 2022


Well done to all the girls that took their ballet exams in the summer. All the girls received great results!



<u>Primary:</u>		
Stephanie B	Merit	Silver Medal
Kiana A	High Merit	Silver Medal
Ava M	High Merit	Silver Medal
Serenna P	High Merit	Silver Medal
Evie W	High Merit	Silver Medal
Miru O	Distinction	Gold Medal
Mia Z	Distinction	Gold Medal
<u>Grade One:</u>		
Ruby B	Merit	Silver Medal
Shayna A	High Merit	Silver Medal
Thea K	High Merit	Silver Medal
Emily P	Distinction	Gold Medal
<u>Grade Two:</u>		
Alicia H	Merit	Silver Medal
<u>Grade Three:</u>		
Ruby B	Distinction	Gold Medal
<u>Grade One Performance Award:</u>		
Ruby B	Distinction	Gold Medal
Mahika M	High Distinction	Gold Medal

Silver Awards this week			Special Awards this week
YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT	RE Award: Kevina L (MP) for great retelling and understanding of the story of David and Goliath and its relevance.
Nursery	Lucas M	Chloe H	Science Award: Mark M (UT) for his amazing Diorama of a Savanna.
Kindergarten	Phoebe C	Arlo A	French Award: Leah Y (UT) for excellent participation and retention of vocabulary on our 'clothes' topic.
Lower Trans	Clara N	Sebastian W	Computing Award: Evey S (LT) for logging in all by herself and quickly!
Upper Trans	Leah Y	Evie H	Ballet Award: Mahika M (F1) for outstanding achievement.
Lower Prep	Hermione T	Stephanie B	Music Award: Mahnoor M (KG) for lovely singing in rehearsals this week.
Middle Prep	Alayna K	Thea K	PE Award: Tito B (MP) for her fantastic resilience on the netball court.
Higher Prep	Jaime P	Lakshana D	Forest School Award: Fenella L (UT) for her love of nature and whittling skills.
Form One	Sophia J	Natalie S	Drama Award: Kiana A (LP) for her contributions to the Christmas Production.
			Kindness Award: Our School Community for their kindness and generosity to those in need.
			Special Award: Freya B (HP) for her superb behaviour at Hooke Court - thoughtfulness, kindness, helpfulness.

Diary dates for next week	
Mon 5th December 6pm	Christmas Concert in the Friends Hall.
Tues 6th December 9am	Advent Mass led by Higher Preparatory.
Tues 6th December 3.30pm	U11 Netball v Queen Eleanor's (home).
Thurs 8th December 2pm	LT, UT, LP Nativity Performance.
Fri 9th December 6pm	LT, UT, LP Nativity Performance.



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
23	13	16	7

Happy Birthday!

29th November	Emmanuel Y
1st December	Soraya S
1st December	Natalie S



Form One decorating the Christmas Tree



Splash and Dash Costumes!



U8 and U9 Netball match v St Thomas of Canterbury School



Higher Preparatory's Residential to Hooke Court



Lower Transition designing and sewing their own Christmas Baubles





FRHPS Christmas Raffle

★ £1 per ticket ★

★ DRAW WILL BE
HELD ON 4TH DECEMBER @2PM
IN THE FRIENDS HALL ★

★ PRIZES INCLUDE: ★

iPAD | VELVETISER | SPA DAY | CHAMPAGNE
FITNESS PASSES | CAR VALET | CHRISTMAS WREATH
ART CLASSES | TEETH WHITENING (WORTH £350)
KIDS CLUB VOUCHERS | BEAUTY SETS | FITBIT
TOUR OF GOOGLE OFFICES WITH LUNCH

