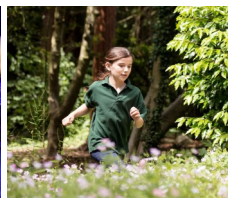




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 30th April 2021



Dear Parents

SLOW RETURN TO NORMALITY

It has been lovely to slowly and confidently take a few more steps towards School life as we know it! The Bake Sale on Monday was a great success; thank you to the parents who baked and volunteered. A total of **£141.62** was raised. The next Bake Sale is on 14th June, and will be led by Lower Prep and Middle Prep. Higher Prep and Form One's Bake Sale will be held at a later date.

This week we have also had our first 'face to face' event for Parents. Higher Prep parents met with School staff to discuss the process for applying to Senior Schools and had the opportunity to ask questions. This was very successful and it was lovely to be able to see people in person rather than just on a screen. Thank you to all the parents who attended and took their Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests prior to arrival. This gives us all the confidence that a return to a more normal way of life will be as safe as possible.

NEW PERFORMING ARTS SPACE

Plans for the new Nursery classrooms have now been submitted to Surrey County Council. We are also progressing with the plans for the Performing Arts space. The whole project should be finished and ready to use this September. In recent years we received a sizable donation for the performing arts from a family who left, and so one of the rooms will be named for this family. There are a number of items that will be going into the new space (ballet barre, sound system, interactive white board etc) and if any parents would like to make a similar donation, please contact Mr Halsall, our interim Bursar, on martin.halsall@rydeshill.com

BANK HOLIDAY

A reminder that Monday 3rd May is a Bank Holiday and both the Nursery and School will be closed. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday next week.

HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

It has been wonderful to see some of the beautiful depictions of Spring that children have captured for the House Photography Competition. Mrs Cardona, our Chair of Governors, had the unenviable task of judging and trying to select the winners. Huge congratulations to **ALL THE WINNERS**. The winning photographs are towards the end of this newsletter, but do keep an eye on our social media accounts to see the range of entries.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The second hand uniform shop is now online! You can order items in the 'payments>shop' section of your ParentMail app. Thank you to Mrs Lamont and Mrs Harris for their hard work in organizing and running the shop.

'CROWNING OF OUR LADY'

We are very pleased to be having some of our usual Summer term events and the first of these, the Crowning of Our Lady, takes place next week. Previously the children have brought in small posies to give to Our Lady, but this year the FRHPS reps have kindly agreed to co-ordinate a donation of small potted plants and flowers that the children will plant around the School. The traditional procession will take place, where girls who have received their First Holy Communion will be invited to take the lead. Parents of these girls will be invited into School to join us for the Crowning. An email has been sent to these parents with the details. The Crowning takes place on Thursday 6th May and children need to be in smart uniform and girls should have white ribbons in their hair. Lower Prep and Middle Prep have PE just before the Crowning and so will be in PE kit. Please could they bring their blazers into School to wear over their PE kit for the Crowning.

On a separate note, we want to let parents know we will be having a special Mass to celebrate the children who have received their First Holy Communion this year. Please let Ms O'Neill know Jacqui.oneill@rydeshill.com who is making this important step on their spiritual journey, along with the date and location of the Mass. Details of the celebration and Communion Breakfast in School will be sent out soon.

Mrs Norville



FRHPS Notices

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Following last week's message requesting volunteers to take over the Chair and Treasurer roles for the Friends from September, here is some information on what the roles entail, as many of you have not yet had the chance to attend an event run by the Friends;

- The Chairs run the Committee meetings (2 per term), which are informal and short (no more than an hour), where events are planned and fundraising ideas discussed. Meetings are currently on Zoom, so they are easy to attend, and when restrictions permit, will be held in person at School (with wine and biscuits!) and Zoom.
- The Chairs oversee the planning and running of fundraising events (1 per term) - Christmas Fair, Quiz Night and Summer Fair. They receive help and support from Class Reps and other parents and all events are tried and tested and straightforward to run.
- The Treasurer manages the Friends bank accounts and provides financial updates to the Committee. The current Treasurer, Nicole Li, has given us the following quote, "The role of Treasurer is an important responsibility but, I promise, not as daunting as it might at first look. In fact on the contrary, it has been a very enjoyable role and with excellent support from the rest of the Friends and of course the wonderful Mr Parr (Deputy Bursar of the School). The role is a great way to get more involved with school life and make new friends with parents in other year groups. I encourage anyone interested to get in touch for a friendly informal chat with either any member the Friends team or myself at frhpstreasurer@gmail.com"

Most importantly, the Chairs and the Treasurer play a key part in the purpose of the Friends - to raise funds for the School to benefit our children, and to create opportunities for the School family to get together and have fun. Without volunteers for these roles, we will not be able to run social occasions and our children will miss out on the great "nice to haves" that the funds raised to date have provided.

We already have two fabulous volunteers for the Chair role, but we need one more person please, plus a Treasurer (who does not need to be financially qualified). We (the current Chairs) will provide a full handover, including event plans and instructions, and we will be on hand to help with events in the coming school year to make sure you are supported in learning the role. It really is a lot of fun and very rewarding.

We will also need a few volunteers to take over as Class Reps - your current Class Reps will be in touch about this. As well as attending meetings and helping at events, in normal times Class Reps also organise social events (class dinners, dads'/mums' drinks etc), so it's a great opportunity to get involved and get to know your class better!

If you would like to have a chat with any of us about the roles in more detail, please ask the School Office to pass on our contact details.

Quiz night is back!

SAVE THE DATE 19TH JUNE 2021!

Having been cancelled in 2020, Quiz Night 2.0 is here for 2021!! While we would dearly love to hold the event in person at School, we have instead opted for a semi-virtual Quiz instead, in the hope that it can go ahead. While the Form One girls will take part at School under the watchful eye of Mrs Norville and Quiz Master Ana-Rosa Broster, everyone else is invited to join the quiz remotely on **Saturday 19th June at 7pm**.

Further details will be sent via ParentMail and your class reps will be in touch to put together teams.

We hope you grab this opportunity to pit your wits and knowledge against the Form One girls and to eat, drink and quiz with your classes!



Special Awards this week

Music Award: Eliana O for her fantastic attitude and start to learning the songs for the summer production.

Science Award: Alex W for his enthusiasm and his fabulous knowledge on dinosaurs.

Drama Award: Evie W for an excellent start to her Gingerbread Man script.

PE Award: Jaime P for her excellent sprinting - another child commented 'she makes it looks so easy'.

RE Award: Jai S for his sensitive and thoughtful responses during Collective Worship.

Forest School Award: Alex W for being the best slug hunter!

Ballet Award: Evie W for outstanding work.

Special Award: Harri S for achieving his purple belt in his martial arts grading.

Kindness Award: Thea K for the kindness and compassion she shows to her friends.



If you're planning to book a staycation soon, remember to use #easyfundraising and raise a donation for Friends of Rydes Hill Preparatory School at the same time. Secret Escapes, Travelodge, Expedia and many more are all giving FREE donations when you book. Browse deals: <http://efraising.org/4MTuCdWdtq>

Toddler Time is back!

**Come and join us for
Forest School!**

Every Thursday 9.30am—10.30am

For 18 months - 4 year olds

Book early to avoid disappointment at:

<https://www.rydeshill.com/nursery/toddler-time-sessions>

Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Luke C / Ethan	Nora
Kindergarten	Theo	Megan
Lower Trans	Evie	Serenna
Upper Trans	Shayna	Thea
Lower Prep	Freya	Jaime
Middle Prep	Mahika	Mary
Higher Prep	Rachel F	Maryam
Form One	Georgie	Kristen

Happy Birthday!

26th April	Josephine B
27th April	Sophia J
28th April	Sophia R
29th April	Qiao Qiao
30th April	Sum Yee
30th April	Harry H

House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
35	57	92	80



Good News for Families

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

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/growing?pid=MTA101634&v=25.6>



House photography competition winners!

Mrs Katie Cardona, our Chair of Governors, kindly judged our House Photography Competition. This was blind judging to ensure fairness, so all Mrs Cardona knew was the house the photographer was in. She was very impressed by all of the photographs entered and thought they were all of a high standard in their originality, their beautiful colours and thoughtful compositions. They all conveyed the theme of 'Spring' so effectively.

Winners Pre Prep

Campion	Megan D	KG
Gerard	Emily P	UT
Peter	Lexi K	KG
Patricia	Stephanie B	LT

Highly Commended Pre Prep

Campion	Ruby B	UT
Gerard	Violet Mae N	UT
Peter	Harri S	UT
Patricia	Mia Z	LT

Winners Prep

Campion	Rachel F	HP
Gerard	Angel L	F1
Peter	Lucinda F	MP
Patricia	Lizzi B	F1

Highly Commended Prep

Campion	Marilena M	F1
Gerard	Kate M	HP
Peter	Natalie S	MP
Patricia	Katie B	F1



Winner Nursery

Grace B for her beautiful daffodils

House photography competition - Champion



Pre Prep Winner - Megan D



Pre Prep Highly Commended - Ruby B



Prep Winner - Rachel F



Prep Highly Commended - Marilena M

House photography competition - Gerald

Pre Prep Highly Commended - Violet-Mae N



Pre Prep Winner - Emily P



Prep Highly Commended - Kate M



Prep Winner - Angel L

House photography competition – Peter



Pre Prep Winner - Lexi K



Pre Prep Highly Commended - Harri S

Prep Winner - Lucinda F

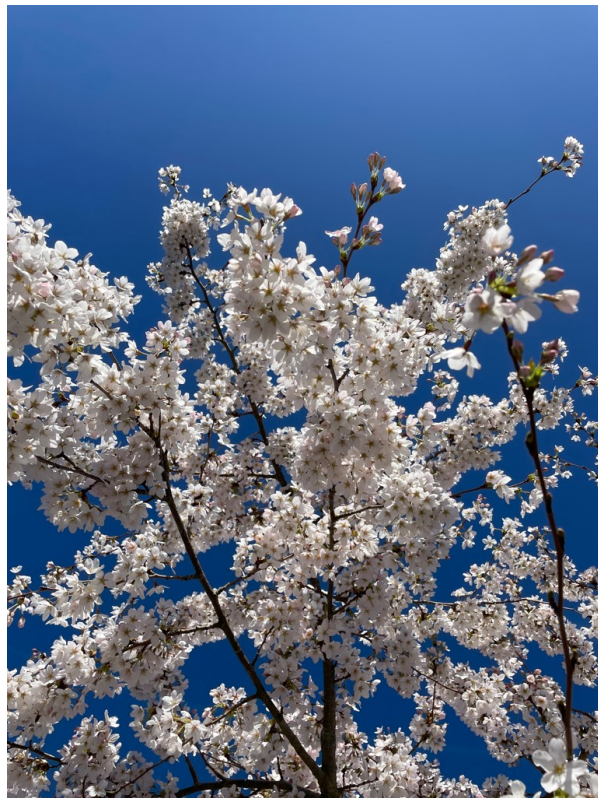


Prep Highly Commended - Natalie S

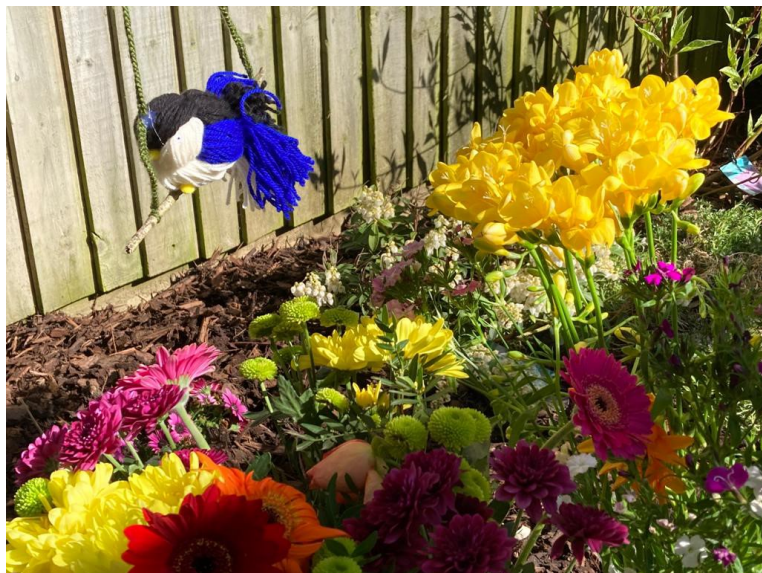


House photography competition— Patricia

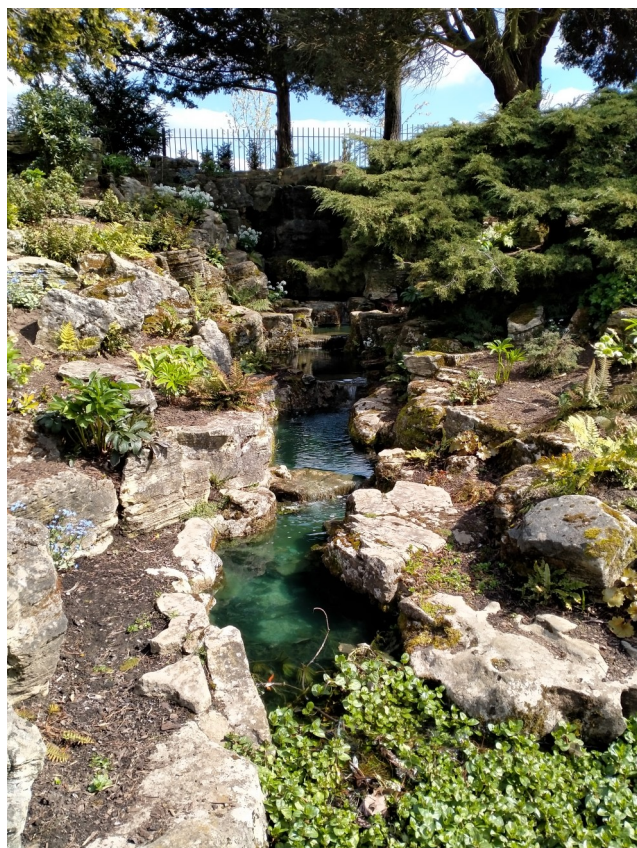
Pre Prep Highly Commended - Mia Z



Pre Prep Winner—Stephanie B



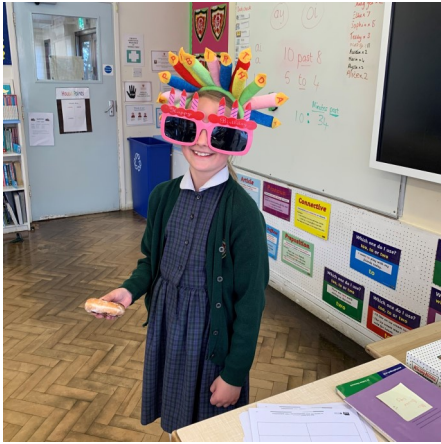
Prep Winner - Lizzie B



Prep Highly Commended - Katie B



Fun in School this week



Cricket with Lower and Middle Prep

