



# RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 6th May 2022



**Dear Parents**

## **PLATINUM JUBILEE**

We are all looking forward to the Jubilee Celebrations, taking place in School on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May. We will be having a street party, a fashion show with costumes from the past 70 years, and we will crown the winner of our Jubilee Pudding. All children are invited to wear either red, white and blue clothes, or an outfit from the past 70 years. As it is Ascension Day, there will be Mass in the morning but, on this occasion, white ribbons and blazers will not be required!

## **PRIZE GIVING SPEAKER**

I am pleased to announce that our invited speaker for the Prep Prize Giving on 8<sup>th</sup> July is George Asprey. Mr Asprey is a stage, film and television actor. Since 2008, he has played the part of Scar in the West End production of The Lion King. I am sure that he will be a wonderful guest for our end of year celebrations.

## **KINDERGARTEN BAKE SALE**

The Kindergarten Bake Sale will now take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May after School. This is a week later than previously planned. Do come along to the sale to get a tasty treat.

## **MIDDLE PREP RESIDENTIAL TRIP**

Next week, Middle Prep will be venturing to Bath for an overnight residential trip. This is the first time Middle Prep have been away, and they are very excited! I am also very excited, as I will be joining them. I will be out of School on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Wood and Mrs Rowson, our wonderful Deputies, will ably take the helm while I am away.

## **KEY STAGE TWO SATS TESTS**

As an independent school, we are not required to take the National Curriculum SATs tests at the end of Year 6 (Form One). However, taking part in an externally marked, nationally standardised test is a useful exercise for us as a School. It also allows external groups, including the Sunday Times Parent Power survey, a way of benchmarking independent schools. Our Form One girls will take the tests in School next week. Given the amount of test preparation they have for 11+, this should not be daunting for them at all! Parents will receive the results in July, once they have been received by the School. This is usually after we break up for the Summer. We do not take part in any of the other National Curriculum tests.

## **UNDERWEAR**

We usually have a supply of spare children's underwear in case of accidents. This has been seriously depleted. If you have any that your child has grown out of, but is still in reasonable condition, (pants, knickers, tights, socks), please bring them to the School Office. If your child has borrowed any underwear, please wash and return them.

## **CROWNING OF OUR LADY**

The Crowning of Our Lady is a wonderful Rydes Hill tradition that takes place every year in May. Children are invited to bring either a small posy of flowers from their garden or a flowering indoor pot plant that can be placed in School after the ceremony. Girls who have made their First Holy Communion are invited to wear a white dress (provided by School if you do not have one) and be part of the procession. All parents are invited to the Crowning on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm on Our Lady's Lawn.



## SUMMER NETBALL CAMP

The PE Department are looking at running a two day Netball Camp during the summer holidays, this will be on Thursday 1st September and Friday 2nd September.

## MESSAGE FROM FRHPS

Join us for the Rydes Hill Summer Fair on Sunday June 12th from 12noon to 2pm. An unmissable family fun day out with stalls, food, and a wide assortment of games to play, with prizes to win.

It will be a fun day of activities with lots to entertain the children. A coconut shy, hook a duck, roll a penny and more. A chance to refresh your look with the outdoor nail and temporary tattoo, and maybe even show off your golf skills to win £5.

Make memories in the photo booth dress up, then offer love and a home to a Teddy from the Teddy Bear Hospital.

Adults and children can dine in style with hot food options catering for all dietary requirements, and an ice cream van and drinks to suit all taste's. Next week you will see the preorder options via ParentMail guaranteeing your food, but also at a discount, as we consider the environment and look to reduce any unnecessary waste.

The Summer Fair is best when we all work together, so talk to your Class Rep for how you can help. No matter how big or small, help is what keeps the Rydes Hill spirit ever present.

**Mrs Norville**

## Digital Skills Club

Last week we had our first Digital Skills Club. The children really enjoyed it and got off to a great start! We have made sure that we know all things safety ready for the weeks ahead of us. Your child will have come home with a little E-Safety booklet that they can keep referring to if they wish, and if you wish to have a look at it with them too that is of course welcomed! We learnt about E-Safety from a really cool website: [https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/about/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/about/) The children made their own video which you can see on our social media. We look forward to our next session when the children will be learning the first steps before a YouTuber sits in front of the camera!

**Hannah Clifford - Club Leader**



### Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Reneé J	Lyra F
Kindergarten	June L	Emily T
Lower Trans	Megan D	Sophie S
Upper Trans	Stephanie B	Kiana A
Lower Prep	Tito B	Qiao Qiao X
Middle Prep	Emily B	Annabel S
Higher Prep	Liann W	Aurelia P
Form One	Felicity F	Maryam M

### Special Awards this week

**RE Award:** Frances N (LT) for a beautiful creative piece of artwork showing Jesus returning to heaven.

**Science Award:** Thea K (LP) for very accurate measuring and observation of her growing plant.

**Ballet Award:** Martha L (F1) for hard work and helping out.

**Computing Award:** Cate M and Maryam M (F1) for helping others.

**French Award:** Tolu I (LT) for very good participation and excellent retention of the new vocabulary on food and drink.

**Music Award:** Serenna P (UT) for outstanding work on piano this week and for learning a new piece from memory.

**PE Award:** Cara McC (F1) for qualifying for the National IAPS Swimming Finals - representing Rydes Hill in Butterfly,

**Drama Award:** Evie H (LT) for her hard work in lessons and helping her fellow classmates.

**Forest School Award:** Joshua M (KG) for playing with Cody so nicely and Annabelle S (LT) for her excellent art.

**Kindness Award:** Evie H (LT) for lovely polite behaviour and Beth N (F1) and Felicity F (F1) for helping the office to take care of their friend.

### House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
54	63	81	107

### Diary dates for the next two weeks

<b>Tues 10th May</b>	Higher Prep Dance and Netball Workshop at Cranleigh School.
<b>Thurs 12th May - Fri 13th May</b>	Middle Prep residential trip to Bath.
<b>Mon 16th May</b>	Kindergarten Bake Sale.
<b>Tues 17th May</b>	Crowning of Our Lady on Our Lady's Lawn.



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

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



You can win bonus donations up to £50 for Rydes Hill every day during May in #easyfundraising's new Spin to Win giveaway.

It's completely free to enter, for your chance to win simply visit:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/spin-to-win?>

## Happy Birthday!

<b>2nd May</b>	Maeve W
<b>3rd May</b>	Joseph W
<b>6th May</b>	Cara McC
<b>9th May</b>	Thomas B
<b>9th May</b>	Ava M





*Lunchtime fun in the sun*

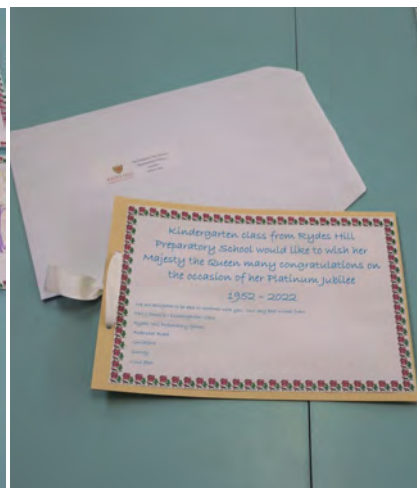




## Kindergarten outdoor play



## Kindergarten's Letter to The Queen for her Jubilee



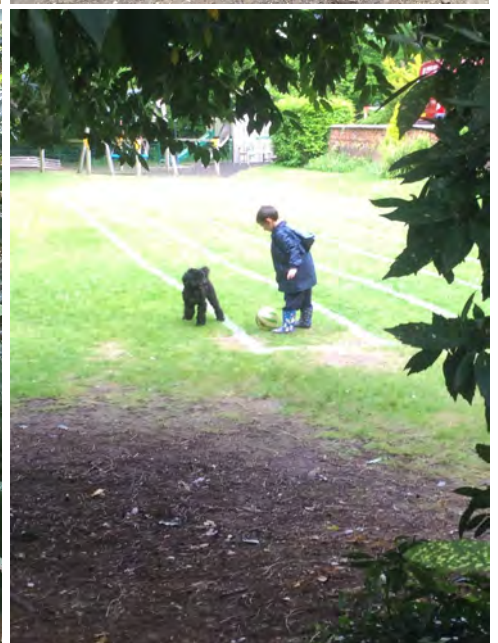


## Form One's Amazing Art





## Forest School Fun!





*Nursery tasting Jubilee Puddings and using  
a Tally Chart to choose their favourite*



*Nursery Acorns making Ladybird Biscuits*

