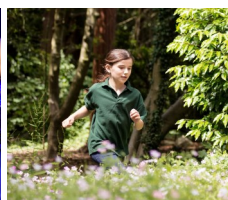




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 7th February 2020



Dear Parents

SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS

We have heard this week that we have another scholarship to add to our wonderful total this year, meaning that this is the most scholarships we have ever had in one year - 15. Huge congratulations to:

Maya D	Academic from Tormead
Scarlett DGW	Exhibition from Guildford High School
Scarlett DGW	Sport from Prior's Field
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Scarlett DGW	Sport from Tormead
Rebecca F	Creative Writing from Prior's Field
Isobel G	Academic from Prior's Field
Sophie H	Maths from Prior's Field
Chloe R	Music from Farnborough Hill
Chloe R	Music from St Teresa's
Inés R	Creative Writing from Prior's Field
Isabel R	Music from Tormead
Lakita T	Sport from St Teresa's
Zuri T	Academic from St Teresa's
Zuri T	Drama from St Teresa's

HOMEWORK

This week at the staff meeting, teachers began discussing the thorny topic of homework. From my experience, both parental and teacher views on this can vary quite considerably. We will spend this term looking at what homework is set, how long it takes, what the purpose is and how children are accessing it. It would help teachers a great deal if parents could write at the bottom of each piece of written work how long it took the child to complete (please be honest!) and who, if anyone, helped them. This should give us a better understanding and will aid our discussions.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is Thursday 5th March. Higher Preparatory will be away on this day, so we are moving our Book Day activities to Tuesday 3rd March. Children are invited to make their favourite book character using the medium of vegetables! It could be a potato Gruffalo, or a carrot Horrid Henry! The best three from each class will be displayed in the corridor and there will be a certificate for everyone who enters. Please note, these should be book characters – not TV or film characters. The children are asked to bring a copy of the book along with their creation. This should also be the children's work – we have some wonderfully creative parents, but on this occasion, they need to hold back and let their child do the work! All entries need to be brought into School on the morning of 3rd March for judging. We will not be dressing up this year.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Please can anyone entering the School from St Mary's car park use the pedestrian gates between The Lodge and the Presbytery. If this is locked, please use the pedestrian part of the exit gates, not the main gate that cars drive through. This is for everyone's safety. Thank you.

Mrs Norville



U10 'A' AND U11 'A' TEAM V MANOR HOUSE

On Thursday 6th February the U10 and U11 'A' teams travelled to Manor House for a Netball fixture. The girls were looking forward to the matches and both age groups took an early lead in the first quarter. Play was a little rushed to start with and the U10 match was incredibly close right up to the final quarter when they scored a further 4 goals in 6 minutes winning the match 7-11. The U11 team secured a strong lead in the second quarter playing beautiful Netball and went on to score 5 goals in the final 6 minutes giving them an impressive 6-19 win! Tillie T and Izzie R were awarded player of the match.

Thank you to Mrs Newton for travelling with us to the fixture and umpiring the matches with Mrs Bowles. Well done to all the girls who played - another great win for Rydes Hill!

PE Department

Silver Awards this week		
YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Oliver B	Alexandra G
Kindergarten	Arya S	Miru O
Lower Trans	Tito B	Harri S
Upper Trans	Henry T	Isabelle H-F
Lower Prep	Josie B	Maria R
Middle Prep	Felicity F	Evie M
Higher Prep	Kristen L	Imogen F
Form One	Chloe R	Scarlett D-G

Special Awards this week	
Music Award:	Lakita T (F1) for wonderful work at her singing.
Ballet Award:	Felicity F (MP) for hard work.
Science Award:	Tilly W (UT) for bringing in and leading a science investigation about the properties of materials.
RE Award:	Tally A (F1) for making excellent links from past learning in RE.
PE Award:	Rebecca P (F1) for learning defending skills in PE.
French Award:	Alina W-C (MP) for enthusiasm in completing her homework and eagerness to share her accomplishments with the class.
Kindness Award:	Isabelle H-F (UT) for sharing her money with other children at the bake sale.
Special Award:	Whole School for their amazing hard work and achievement for the RE Inspection.

Diary dates for next week	
Mon 12th	3.15pm: Upper Transition Bake Sale
Tues 11th	Form One Outing to Watts Gallery
Tues 11th	U11 Netball B and C v St Joseph's
Tues 11th	7.45pm: FRHPS Committee Meeting
Wed 12th	Higher Preparatory Science Workshop in the laboratory
Thurs 13th	Middle Preparatory trip to Kidzania
Thurs 13th	U9 and U10 A Netball Teams v Tormead at Home
Thurs 13th	3.45pm: Open Classrooms
Friday 14th	Last day of term



Thanks to everyone who raised a donation for FRHPS in January - together, we raised £65.29! If you're not supporting us yet, please take a moment to sign up for free. When you do, we'll be entered to WIN a £500 donation and 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us for free every time you use #easyfundraising to shop online! Visit: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/frhps/?invite=L4FOKQ&referral-campaign=c2s>



BAG2SCHOOL

FRHPS are kindly arranging the Bag2School initiative once again which is generally a great fundraiser for the School. A letter and collection bag will be sent home with the children prior to half term and Bag2School have arranged to collect all filled bags on Friday 29th February. Bag2School specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used. All bags are weighed and we are paid according to the total weight collected.

Bag2School accept good quality adults' and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels. They do not accept duvets, pillows or cushions. Thank you for your support.



House Points for this week			
CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
103	126	74	109

Happy Birthday!

11th Feb	Scarlett T
12th Feb	Alana W

15th Feb	Maria R
15th Feb	Flossy D

Holiday Clubs Update

February Half Term

SYNERGY DANCE

Following the popularity of Synergy Dance during the October half term, they will be returning to Rydes Hill during February half term on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February. Monday's theme is 'Frozen' and Tuesday's theme is 'The Secret Life of Pets'.

The cost per day is £37.50 excluding lunch and booking is available via ParentMail.



FOREST SCHOOL

The wonderful Forest School with Mrs Morris will be returning on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th February at a cost of £42.50 per day (9am - 4pm) including lunch. Booking is available via ParentMail.

Both clubs are open to siblings, friends and external pupils.



Easter Holidays

NETBALL CAMP

We would like to give advance notice that Mrs Bowles and Mrs Luscombe will be running three Netball Camp days over the Easter holidays for children in Upper Transition to Form One on the following dates:

Thursday 2nd April

Monday 20th April

Tuesday 21st April

The camps will run from 9am to 4pm and the cost is £45 per day, £80 for 2 days or £120 for 3 days with the option for a 10% sibling discount.



Board Games Club with Mrs Moss!



Kindergarten walk to the local shops



Lower Preparatory - Alfred Wallis inspired paintings on cardboard

