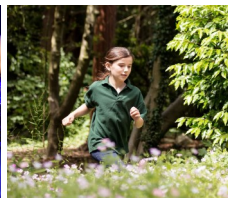




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 9th February 2024



Dear Parents

GOODBYE MISS HARRISON

We are all very sad to be saying goodbye to the wonderful Miss Harrison this week. I first met her when she was my son's key worker at his Nursery when I returned to work after maternity leave, so I completely understand the affection that the Nursery parents have for her! She has a wonderful way of getting to know your child so completely that she can make them feel settled, happy, and get them learning something new in an incredibly short space of time. Miss Harrison has been hugely influential in the development and success of our Nursery, and I have no doubt that she will go on to do the same in her new role. I have been reminding her for weeks that once you are part of the Rydes Hill family, you remain so, and I am sure she will keep in touch and let us know how she is doing. In the meantime, we wish her every success and happiness in the future.

MRS NORVILLE HAS BEEN LEARNING!

Last week I attended the annual Catholic Independent Schools Council (CISC) conference in Cardiff. It was a very useful few days and I have been keen to return to school and share some of what I learnt, including an interesting and informative session on 'AI: Saint or Sinner'. There was also a useful update from a team of lawyers and accountants about the possibility of VAT on fees and what schools should be doing. I am pleased to say that we stacked up well against the suggestions that were made! In the coming months, the Labour Party will need to publish its manifesto which will outline what VAT on fees will actually look like. This will allow us to carry out more specific planning and modelling, which we will share with parents in due course. If you have any concerns or questions, please do speak to me.

MEASLES VACCINATION

Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey on ParentMail. It would be useful to have a few more responses, but so far the percentage of our community who is vaccinated appears to be very strong (high 90%). If you have not yet had your child vaccinated with MMR, please speak to your GP practice.

HAPPY HALF TERM

I hope all those who are having half term next week have a relaxing and enjoyable time. All Year Round Nursery is open as normal. We look forward to welcoming all Term Time children (both Nursery and Main School) back on Monday 19th February.

MUSICAL SUCCESS

Congratulations to Leah (LP) who was invited to the Woking Young Musician of the Year concert and was presented the Dame Ethel Smyth Award by the Mayor of Woking and Jonathan Lord MP. This award is given annually for the best performance of a composition by a female composer.

Sarah Norville



U8 Netball match v Tormead

Red Team **WON** 6-0

Blue Team **WON** 4-0

Players of the Match:

Lexi K and Sum Yee



IAPS U11 Netball Regional Qualifying Tournament

On Monday 5th February, we took an U11 Netball squad to Cranleigh School to compete in the annual **IAPS U11 Netball Regional Qualifying Tournament** alongside 19 other schools from around the South East. We played our pool matches first and we got off to a great start,

Rydes Hill **WON** v St Teresa's **3-0**.

Rydes Hill **LOST** v Berkhamsted **0-6**

Rydes Hill **WON** v St Neots **9-1**

Rydes Hill **WON** v York House **2-1**

Winning three out of our four matches meant Rydes Hill were in the **top 8 schools out of 20** and progressed through to the next round – the **Quarter Finals of the Cup competition!** The girls faced Bute House, from London who were a tough team to beat and we sadly lost 2-5, which meant we were knocked out.

It was an incredibly tough tournament but the girls had a great day and learnt a lot from the experience of playing so many different schools.

PE Department



Silver Awards this week			Special Awards this week	
YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT	Computing Award: Luna H (UT) for great understanding why not to share personal information online.	
Nursery	Miss Harrison	Charlotte S	Science Award: Sebastian W (UT) for making excellent observations in our count the drops investigation.	
Kindergarten	Amai B	Reuben D	RE Award: Izzy B-J (MP) for her understanding of the Parable of the Sower.	
Lower Trans	Phoebe C	Moses L	Forest School Award: Jack S (KG) for his excellent mobile and Isaac Y (KG) for his mini beast hotel.	
Upper Trans	Grace W	Isabel C	Music Award: Claire K (HP) for working hard in all areas of music.	
Lower Prep	Tia A	Sophie S	PE Award: IAPS U11 Netball Tournament.	
Middle Prep	Kiana A	Miru O	Drama Award: Lower Transition for their excellent start to filming Princess and the Pea.	
Higher Prep	Claire K	Shayna A	Ballet Award: Ruby V (LT) for outstanding work.	
Form One	Miloslava M	Amelia W-C	Special Award: Adam M (KG) for always looking out for everyone and helping others.	

Diary dates for the next two weeks	
Tues 20th Feb	Little Street trip for Nursery Oaks.
Weds 21st Feb	Little Street trip for Nursery Acorns.
Weds 21st Feb - Fri 23rd Feb	Form One PGL Residential.
Fri 23rd Feb	Higher Preparatory India Day.

Happy Birthday!

7th February	Luna H
10th February	Izzy B-J
12th February	Oliver B
12th February	Alana W
17th February	Lucy W



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

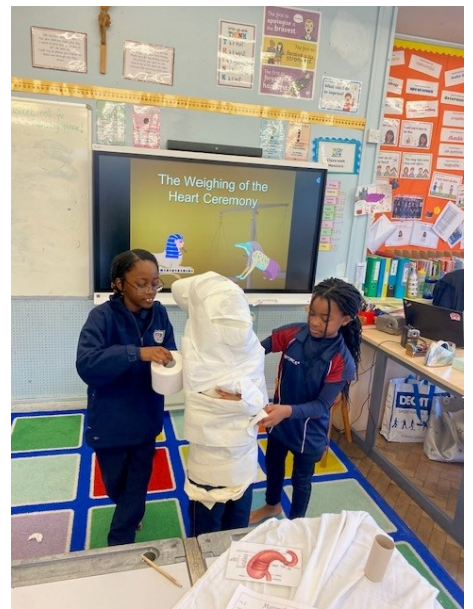
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Open PE Class



Lower Preparatory Mummification History lesson





Happy Smiles Holiday Club
Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th March 9am to 4pm
Kindergarten to Form One
Based in Kindergarten classroom and run by Rydes Hill staff
One day - £40, two days - £75, three days - £110

Lots of fun Easter activities to be enjoyed including:

- Easter art and craft activities
- Easter egg hunt with prizes!
- Decorating Easter cupcakes
- Outdoor play
- Fun and games!

Please tick if you would like your child to attend and complete the emergency contact details below. Kindly return completed form with payment by cash or bank transfer to Mrs. Sarah Smillie. Account number 89179986. Sort code 60-07-33.

Please send your child to Happy Smiles with a coat, a water bottle, a morning snack and a nut free packed lunch. We will be playing outside and they may get messy so please ensure they are wearing suitable clothing.

I would like my child to attend Happy Smiles on:

Monday 25th March ☐ Tuesday 26th March ☐ Wednesday 27th March ☐

Child's name: _____

Emergency contact number: _____

Any allergies and/or medical conditions we need to be aware of?: _____

Signed: _____



**Thursday 11th & Friday 12th April
2024**



RYDES HILL SCHOOL

Mrs Bowles & Mrs Luscombe

Time: 9am - 4pm

£45 one day or £80 for both days

What to bring:

- Plenty of water, nut free snacks and packed lunch.
- Full school PE kit, no jewellery and hair tied back.

EASTER NETBALL CAMP

My child would like to attend the Easter Netball Camp
on (please tick)

Thursday 11th April

Friday 12th April

Emergency contact name and number on the day

Any allergies and/or medical conditions we need to be aware of?

Signed Name

Payment by BACS or CASH only please

A/C Name: Mrs L Luscombe

Sort Code: 40-22-26

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