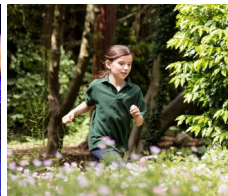




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Thurs 26th May 2022



Dear Parents

PARENTS' FORUM

Thank you to the parents who attended the Forum on Saturday and to anyone who submitted comments via the online form. The Minutes will be circulated after half term so you can read what was discussed in full. There was some information on plans for the next academic year that were shared at the meeting, including:

- Mrs J Smillie will no longer be teaching in Kindergarten. We have appointed Miss C Everard to teach in Kindergarten on a Thursday and Friday. Miss Everard has been working in the Early Years at RGS Prep and has a wealth of teaching experience. She will be attending the Kindergarten Transition meeting on Tuesday, 14th June, and we warmly welcome her to our staff team.
- Form One will be taught by a wider range of teachers. The reason for this is twofold; we want to help Form One with their transition to Senior School, where they will have far more teachers on a day-to-day basis. We also want to give Mrs Rowson and Mrs Wood additional time to carry out their Deputy Head duties. Mrs Wood will also be teaching computing to children in Upper Transition and above.
- Mrs J Smillie will teach in Form One on a Tuesday and will continue her Wellbeing lessons on a Wednesday. Mrs A Moss will teach Form One on a Thursday. Mrs Rowson and Mrs Wood will still see Form One every day, so there will be consistency for pastoral needs. The additional teachers will allow Form One to be taught in smaller groups in the run up to senior school entrance exams.
- As the senior school selection process has changed, we have changed how and what we are teaching to ensure the children are fully prepared. Detailed information will be contained in the Minutes.

Much more was discussed, so please do read the Minutes once they are sent. There was some discussion on topics that require further parental input (namely, reintroducing the minibus service and the introduction of trousers for girls as part of our uniform). A separate ParentMail form will be circulated about these after half-term.

JUBILEE PUDDING WINNER!

After a great deal of deliberation, the votes have now been counted and the winner of the Jubilee Pudding Competition has been decided:

Winner – Middle Prep's Biscoff Cake

2nd Place – Form One's Chocolate Brownie Bar

3rd Place – Kindergarten's Cookie and Ice Cream

It was incredibly close, so well done to all those who entered a recipe. Congratulations to Middle Prep. Biscoff Cake will now be our Jubilee Pudding and will feature on the Rydes Hill Menu from now on.



UNIFORM DISCOUNT

The annual discounts offered by Valentino have now started. They are offering 15% off until 29th May 2022 with the code SUMMER15 and 10% off 30th May – 5th June with the code SUMMER10. Offers are valid online and in store, and all items can be exchanged up to School starting in September.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Thank you very much to everyone who worked so hard to make our Jubilee Celebrations such a success. A special thanks to Chef John and Chef Dan for the Jubilee Puddings and Street Party; the staff for arranging lovely activities in the classrooms; and Miss Boyle and Miss Quinn for the superb fashion show today. An extra thanks to Miss Boyle for all the hard work she has put in on getting displays ready and ensuring that we are marking the Jubilee in style!

SUMMER PRODUCTION

We are pleased to welcome all parents to attend our wonderful Summer production of Joseph this year. The performances are as follows:

Wednesday 29th June – 2pm performance for all Pre-Prep children. Pre-Prep parents are welcome to attend and sit with their child. Grandparents / relatives are also welcome to attend.

Thursday 30th June – 7pm performance for parents / relatives of children in Middle Prep, Higher Prep and Form One.

Friday 1st July – 7pm performance for parents / relatives of children in Middle Prep, Higher Prep and Form One.

For both evening performances, we have allowed two seats per child. Seats will not be allocated in advance and the Main Hall doors will open at 6.40pm. If more seats are required, please email sarah.norville@rydeshill.com We ask for a donation to the Drama Department of £5 per **additional** seat for evening performances. All other seats are free of charge.

DRESSING UP COSTUMES

The FRHPS are looking for unwanted dressing up clothes for a stall at the Summer Fair. There is a collection box in the School Office.

Mrs Norville

<i>Diary dates for next week</i>	
Fri 27th May	Main School and Term Time Nursery closed.
Mon 30th May	Happy Smiles Holiday Club.
Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd May	Bank Holidays for the Queens Jubilee. AYR Nursery Closed.

Happy Birthday!

23rd May	Kevina L
23rd May	Georgina W
26th May	George H
30th May	Alice McA
30th May	James McG
31st May	Margot M



Guildford and District Athletics Championships

On Wednesday 25th May we took 24 girls to compete in the Guildford and District Athletics Championships, run by Guildford High School (GHS) and held at The Spectrum. There were a team of 6 girls from each age group competing in a Quadkids format. This involves all children taking part in each of the 4 events ; Short Sprint, Long Run, Vortex Throw, Long Jump. The girls scored points based on times and distances which accumulated throughout the day and to finish the day, they ran non scoring team relays and a Squadron relay.

There were 7 schools competing; Rydes Hill, GHS, Tormead, St Catherine's, St Hilary's, Manor House and Roman Prep. We had some wonderful individual successes overall:

Aurelia P 3rd place Yr 5 200m Final

Isabelle HF 3rd place Yr 4 75m Final

Jaime P 2nd place Yr 4 75m Final

Maya G 3rd place Yr 6 100m Final

Jaime P 3rd place Highest scoring Yr 4 individual athlete

We would like a special mention to the Middle Prep Relay Team who ran an AMAZING race with brilliant changeovers, finishing streaks ahead of everyone else!

We would like to say thank you to all the parents for coming to support us, Chef Dan and Chef John for lunch, Mr Parr and Mr Murray for our gazebo and a huge thank you to Mrs Lappage for joining the PE Department for the day.

Also a HUGE thank you to Isabella D in Form One for stepping in at the very, very last minute to compete in the competition for the Form One team.

The day was enjoyed by everyone and we look forward to next year!

PE Department

Well-being Wednesday

In Nursery Oaks and Kindergarten during our Mindfulness Dots sessions, the children have been exploring the breath. We have been learning how to focus our attention and have begun to notice how we breathe. We have started to understand what it is to practise something and to begin to notice when our minds wander. We have taken part in Tummy and Chest Breathing.

In Middle Prep and Form One we have introduced the idea of autopilot and have explored how we can step out of autopilot when we choose to. We have learnt how the hippocampus in our brain helps us to connect previous experiences with current ones. We have also practiced "Pause and Be" by remembering to pause, pay attention to our body breathing and "checking in" with our present moment awareness. We explored this idea a little further by taking part in a mindful mouthful practice, where we all chose to focus our attention on a piece of chocolate or a sweet as though we were seeing it for the first time. We explored it with our eyes and really examined it and then used our sense of smell before placing it in our mouth. We chose to eat it really slowly tuning in to the sensations, tastes and textures. The children all loved taking part in this practice noticing so much detail and experience in one small object! Why not try this at home over the half term?

Mrs J Smillie



Guildford and District Athletics Championships



This week's Jubilee Puddings



Kindergarten having fun in their sandpit



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