

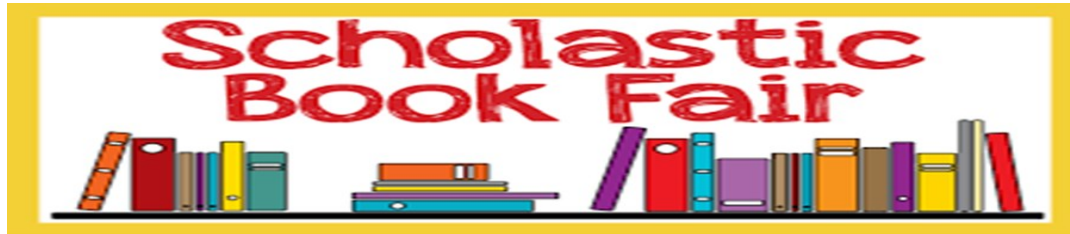
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Mail on Friday

Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery Weekly Newsletter

Email us at: parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk



The Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to Redhill on Thursday 7th December and will be collected on the 14th December (school days only). The Scholastic Book Fair is a pop-up celebration of reading that puts the very best books directly into our pupils' hands, all while raising rewards to spend on free books and essential resources for our school. Children will have the opportunity to view the books during school time and for those who are unable to make it, an order can be placed online. Details to follow. Please be aware if you are visiting the Book Fair on these days it is cashless so orders will be placed through your mobile.

Science-Selfie Competition

Over the past two weeks, each of our classes has enjoyed taking part in a 'No Pens Day' which has been used in part as an added opportunity to engage in some hands-on science activities. Because this has been so well-received by the children, we thought it might be nice to share some of the things they've done, so that they can have a go at doing some simple but exciting activities at home.

To encourage participation, we are going to be running a 'Science-Selfie' competition which, as the title suggests, is simply about the children sending in a photograph of themselves doing something science-related at home. This could be taken from one of the attached suggestions, it could be something nature-related or anything else that captures their imagination. A small prize will be awarded to the best entry from each year group.

Please note that we are not expecting to see pictures of children dressed up in white lab coats, as in school we have been working towards broadening their understanding of the vast range of careers and activities that are underpinned by science.

Photographs along with a short explanation of what the activity or experiment was about, must be emailed to parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk by Friday 22nd December.

Please note that some of the suggested activities require adult supervision, particularly with younger children.

<https://spark.iop.org/collections/marvin-and-milo>

Reception Places 2024-2025

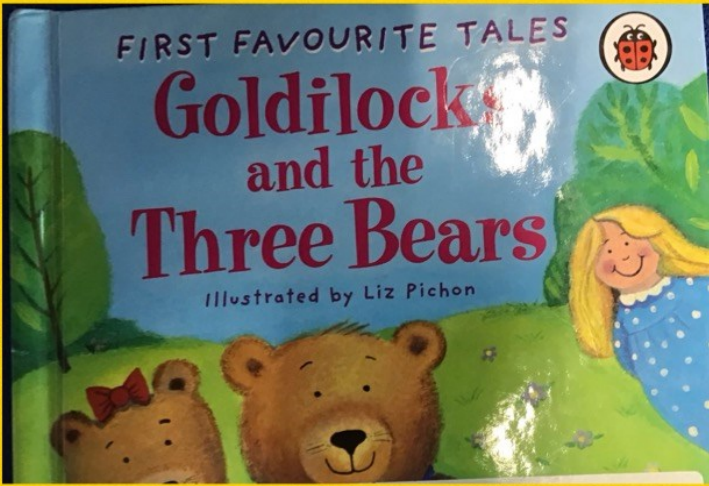
Starting primary school is a significant milestone for your child's learning and development. Children usually start the reception year at primary school at the start of September following their fourth birthday. Children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 will start primary school from September 2024. Parents need to apply for a reception place by 15 January 2024.

To apply for a primary school place, you will need to complete and submit an online application form using the link on the Telford and Wrekin website.

You are strongly advised to apply to four local schools including your nearest or catchment area school.

You must complete an application form even if your child attends Redhill nursery.

If you have any questions, please contact admissions@telford.gov.uk or download the primary school booklet from the Telford and Wrekin website. Thank you.



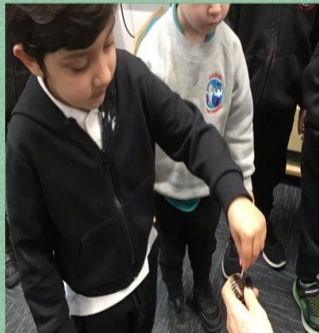
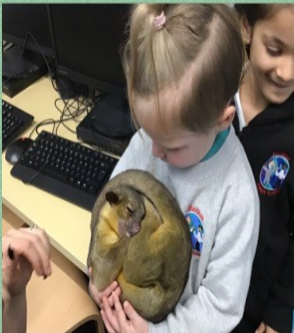
No Pens Day!

We made houses, built beds and chairs, and created bowls for the three bears.





The Animal Lady came to visit and we met and learnt about different animals. We also had chance to touch them!

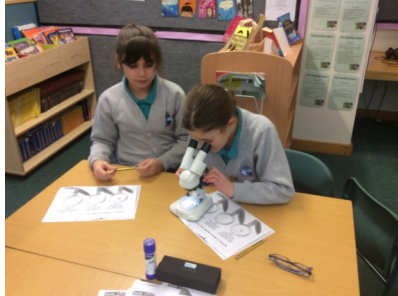


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Year 6 No Pens Day
Science – Making Observations

As part of our No Pens Day, we completed a session of microscopy using a set of microscopes from the Royal Microscopical Society (RMS). The children were tasked with choosing a specimen from the box (ranging from sugar to wasps to a 2p coin), drawing what they could see and then predicting what the specimen may look like once under the microscope.

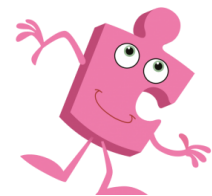
Finally, they then drew what they observed under the microscope.



PSHCE – Celebrating Differences

Today we started to think about what it meant to have power over someone. We looked at example scenarios where one person has power over another or over a group. We thought about why that person had the power before looking at how that power balance can be changed.

“The Year 3 girl has the power as she is the one telling others they can’t join in.”



A Year 3 girl is very popular and has a lot of friends. She tells another child that she can't join in a game as she is "Not one of the group".

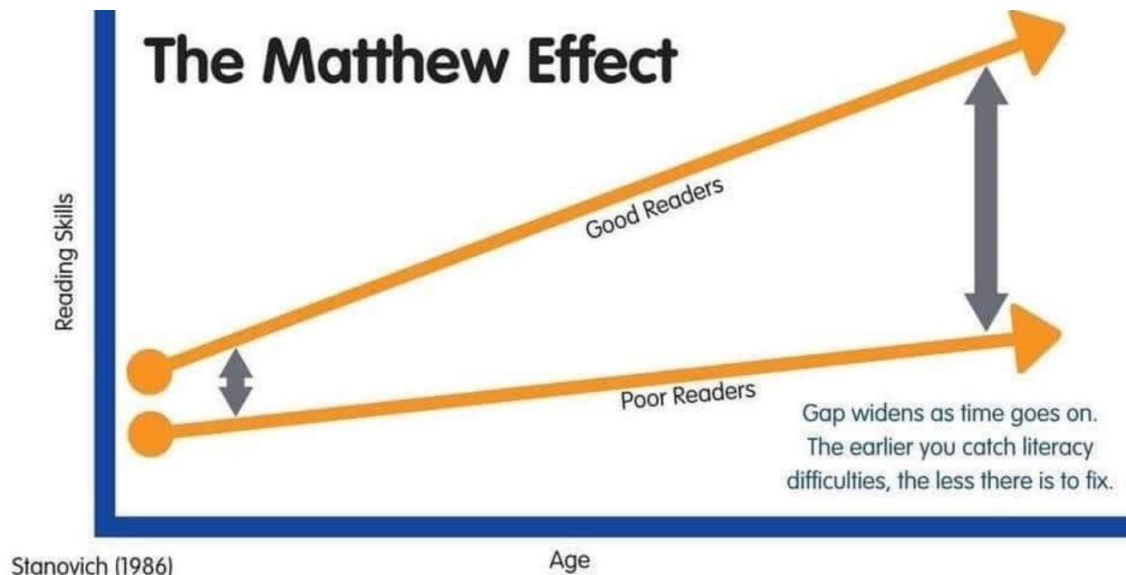
“The girl who wants to join in the game has the power as she should tell an adult that she is being excluded.”

“The girl’s friends have the power, as they should tell her to let the other girl join in the game.”

The Importance of Reading

Here at Redhill, we truly believe that reading is the key to unlocking success in all areas of the curriculum. It is one of our key priorities in ensuring that every child who leaves us at the end of year 6 is a fluent and confident reader with a real enthusiasm for books.

This is why we work so hard to promote and encourage reading, both in school and at home, from the moment children start at the Academy. As demonstrated in the image below, it is well-known that children who don't develop good reading skills from an early age, rarely catch up.



Here are some ways in which you can help your child develop a love of reading:

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| I spy ...play I spy games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a...? How many ... can you see? | Ask questions ...ask questions about the story as you read it i.e. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why? | |
| Make it fun ...enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound. | Be seen ...make sure you are seen reading. Keep books and magazines at easy reach. | Get out ...go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a kid to read together. |
| Create ...use reading to inspire drawings or new stories. | Go online ...look online & in app stores for appropriate word & spelling games. | Make space ...have a special place or a certain time when you read together. |
| Read everything out loud. Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels... anything that is close to hand! | | |

A note from the Friends of Redhill Primary Academy



Hello everyone!

What an amazing time we all had at Winter Wonderland! Thank you so much for your support – we will announce the total amount raised very soon!

‘The Big One’ Raffle is in full swing – so many fabulous prizes have been donated already – will you be a winner?! Tickets can be bought at all Christmas Plays and at our Wreath Making event – and can also be purchased online pta-events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryacademy/

An evening of Wreath Making is planned at school for Thursday 7th December – bookings are open on PTA Events now, but spaces are limited.

Chocolate bar sales for our Wonka Bar event are online now – will your child find a Golden Ticket in their bar?! All chocolate will be given to the children on Monday 18th December!

Wolverhampton Wanderers will be hosting a special assembly at school on Monday 4th December – all goody bags and certificates will be handed into school for the teachers to give out over the week.

Our Christmas PTA Social is planned for Wednesday 20th December – 6.30pm at The Lion, Priorslee – we would love to see you all there to celebrate 2023!

With thanks,

The Friends

'The Big One' Raffle



West Midlands Safari - 4 x entrance tickets

Glee Club Birmingham - 2 tickets for a weekend show

Maurice Chandler Mkt Drayton - 4 x ice skating tickets

Elements Hair & Beauty - Wash and Blow Dry voucher

Jungle land - 2 x entrance tickets

Juice bar - 4 x Fruit smoothies voucher

T&W leisure - 1 x free family soft play at Telford ice rink, 1 x free junior adventure golf @ Telford town park, 1 x free family swim, 1 x free family ice skate, 2 x free family foot golf, 1 x free family adventure golf, 4 x free junior ice skate, 1 x free junior foot golf, 3 x 2 for 1 ice skate entry

Ten Pin bowling Telford - 2 x vouchers for a family of 4 game of bowling

Pizza Express Southwater - Meal for two (inc 2 x mains, starters or desserts & 2 set drinks)

Pizza Hut - £20 voucher

Calendar club - 1 x Lol dolls calendar

Lower Drayton Farm - 1 x PLAY pass for a family of 4

Warped Sports Paintball - Booklet of 10 x VIP tickets

Weston Park - Entrance for 2 adults and 3 children

Wolverhampton Grand - 50% off up to 6 tickets to Snow White

Shifnal Balti - Sunday Banqueting meal for 2

LUXE Skin & Laser Clinic - £50 voucher

Trentham Monkey Forest - 2 x free entrance tickets



Only
£20!

Christmas

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Join us for a fun filled evening of christmas music, giggles, drinks, snacks, oh and wreath making!

7-8pm on Thursday 7th December 2023 @ Redhill Primary Academy,
TF2 9GZ

Ticket includes a welcome drink on arrival (glass of Prosecco/Mulled Wine/Non Alcoholic Wine), mince pies, and all materials to make your own wreath (please bring your own gardening gloves)

Open to all but places are limited. Please book
now via PTA Events!



Disclaimer - 18+ Event, Oh and we can't promise your wreath will look like the above when you've finished 😊



**Will you find a
Golden Ticket?**



**WONKA®
DAY!**

**To celebrate the
release of Wonka!**

**Pre-ordered chocolate bars to be
given out during the school day
on Monday 18th December**

**All chocolate must be
pre-ordered via PTA Events
before 15th December!**





Golden Ticket Prizes!



ODEON

2 tickets for any screening!

 cineworld

2 tickets for any screening!



2 entry tickets for Telford!



£50 gift voucher towards any celebration cake!

1 More
Chocolate

Reindeer chocolates!



£10 Entertainer Voucher!

**Pre-order yours now
on PTA Events!**

