

2nd February 2024



Mail on Friday

Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery Weekly Newsletter

Email us at: parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk

Year 2 Ironbridge Trip

The Year 2 Ironbridge trip has been rearranged for Thursday 8th February. The Year 2 children have PE on Thursday, so they are able to attend the trip in their PE kit. As this is an outdoor trip, please ensure that your child wears their black hoodie under their coat with other suitable outdoor clothing e.g. gloves, hat, scarf.

We would be grateful if parents could provide their child with a plastic bag.

Year 3

Year 3 have been lucky enough to have a visit from Academy Catering this morning to link to our Fairtrade Cookies DT topic. We found out all about how the history of cookies, how cookies were made and even got to taste one at the end.



Photograph and Film Permissions

We have added the following to our photo/filming permissions:

I am happy for photos and films of my child to be uploaded to an online learning platform as a way of recording practical work (used by staff only).

I am happy for photos and films of my child (QR codes), to be used in children's exercise books that are taken home at the end of each school year.

If you **do not** give permission for these updates, please contact the school office on the email address above.

Parking Considerately

Please can we remind parents/cares to park considerately when dropping off or picking up from school. This includes not blocking the school driveway, blocking neighbours' driveways, parking on chevrons or on corners. Please always keep pavements free so that pedestrians can walk safely on them.

Thank you.

Year 2 Pizza Making

This week, we have been lucky enough to have completed some pizza workshops with our school caterers. It was a really informative workshop, where the children were able to learn about how to make pizza dough from scratch. They then kneaded and rolled out the dough before adding the sauce and cheese. We topped our pizzas with healthier options that we had been discussing within our DT block of work.

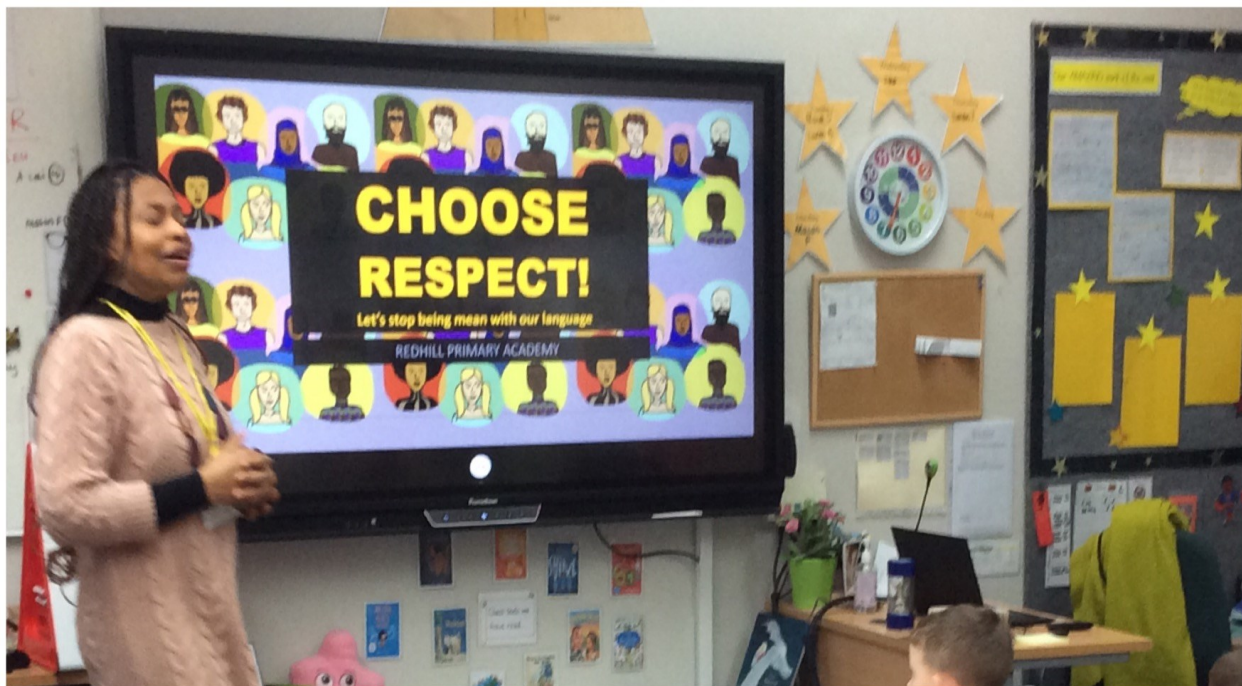
At the end of the session, we got to taste our pizzas and they were delicious!



Year 2 'Choose Respect' Workshop

Last Friday, Year 2 took part in a 'Choose Respect' workshop. We discussed all the British Values and focussed on the value of respect. The workshop reinforced our school value of respect and reminded the children that we should treat others how we expect to be treated at all times. We discussed how words can be hurtful and discussed the reasons why some people chose to be unkind.

We were given a challenge to spread kindness around school.



A Message from the Parents Safeguarding Board

In our most recent meeting, we were discussing the myths that surround the word safeguarding and how many see this as a taboo subject. We are hoping to dispel a few of these myths for you and give you an insight into the world of safeguarding.

There is a common misconception that 'Reporting someone to Social Services means that their children will be taken away from them immediately.' This is not the case and only happens in the most extreme circumstances where a child is at risk of immediate harm. Social workers are there to protect vulnerable children and offer support to families who need it. Sharing your concerns with social services may in fact stop this from happening, as the families will get the valuable support they need earlier and before escalation.

Another myth is that 'Involving the safeguarding team means that abuse has happened.' There are many reasons a member of the safeguarding team may be involved. There is a team within the T&W Safeguarding Partnership called Strengthening Families whose one goal is to support families with everything from eating nutritious meals to planning on a budget. They help with all elements of family life and are not social workers.

Everyone worries about friends, colleagues and family finding out that they have needed support from the safeguarding team at school or other agencies. Everything is confidential within school and the safeguarding team will only share information on a need-to-know basis with teachers who work directly with the child. If outside agencies are needed for support, this is done discretely.

We hope this has helped dispel some of these myths around safeguarding and if you have questions, please contact one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads at school or keep an eye out for the Parent Safeguarding Board at future events!

OFCOM - Online Nation Report 2023

Ofcom have released their latest top trends from people's online lives and, as always, it makes for an interesting read. Below are two of the standout trends relevant to all those involved with children and young people...

1. Nearly three quarters of teens said they had encountered one or more potential harms in the previous four weeks. The top 3 were:
 - Animal cruelty.
 - Promotion of suicide.
 - Promotion of self-harm.
2. Around 20% of children (8-17) with a social media profile use a false age over 18. This ties in with the numbers I find in school (KS2) when I'm talking to the children and when I ask why they're using a false age it's usually one of 2 reasons:

They just use the first age (year of birth) shown when signing up - this is all about the speed of getting into the app.

 - They are fully aware that if they give their true age they won't be allowed access.

You can see more top trends and you can download the full report
[Online Nation - 2023 Report \(ofcom.org.uk\)](https://www.ofcom.gov.uk/reports-and-publications/online-nation/online-nation-2023-report)



Dear Parents and Carers

Get set! We're taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2024 the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 11th - 22nd March 2024. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

We have talked about the benefits of active travel and are asking children to take part in this by walking, biking, scooting or park and stride.

Each day we will collect information to see how children have travelled to school. The class in each key stage with the highest number of children who have taken an active journey will be rewarded with a class mufti day. The children are very excited to take part in this and we encourage you to join us.

Why we are taking part.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

Plus there are some great prizes to be won every day, if we get enough children taking part!

Useful resources

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have hassle-free journey to school.

Download your free family guide using this link:

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-school-run-guide/>

For more information about the event go to www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk Enjoy the challenge!

Best wishes

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel





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SOUTHWATER DROP IN



Every Wednesday 9.30am - 12:30pm
Southwater Library – children's section

- Advice and signposting
- Information on parenting/
courses
- Support and guidance
around accessing local
community activities
- Family hubs information



Provided by
Strengthening Families
and Dandelion Peer
Parent support



NSPCC

Online gaming and keeping children safe

Do you know your whispers from your skins? Your Fortnite from your EA Sports FC 24?

As part of the NSPCC Game Safe Festival, we're encouraging parents, carers and those working with children and families to have conversations about online gaming.

GamCare will be sharing expert advice, and you'll hear directly from young people.

Our webinar will help you:

- understand how young people game online.
- learn about tools and resources that support safe play.
- gain the knowledge you need to keep children safe.



**GAME SAFE
FESTIVAL**

**7 February 2024, 7pm-8pm, via
Zoom. Book your place via this link:
nspcc.org.uk/gamesafe/tickets**

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

NSPCC 2023. National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Registered charity England and Wales 213005, Scotland SC017717 and Jersey 284.
Children and additional models. Photography by Tom P.R. 20230314.

A note from the Friends of Redhill Primary Academy



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Valentine's Disco

Due to a clash with the lunch time menu providing hot dogs for lunch on the day of the disco, we have now decided to provide children with a ham roll and crisps instead of hot dogs. The vegetarian option will be a jam roll and crisps. Don't forget to book tickets online at PTA events, <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryacademy/> or follow the QR code of the below posters.

Dates For Your Diary

We have lots of exciting events coming up. More information will be available closer to the time, so make sure you follow our Facebook page to keep updated and reminded:

- Valentine's Discos – Thursday 8th February
- King Cone Ice Cream Van – Friday 22nd March
 - Mufti-Day – Friday 19th April
- Chocolate Hamper Prize Draw – Thursday 25th April
 - End of Year Discos – Wednesday 26th June
 - Leaver's Hoodies – End of June
 - Year 6 Prom – July, date TBC
 - King Cone Ice Cream Van – Friday 19th July

Chocolate Hamper Prize Draw

We have decided to run this year's Chocolate Raffle online only, as a Prize Draw.

Prize Draws are the same as a raffle except that you must answer a multiple-choice question when you purchase tickets! (Prize Draws turn a game of chance (Raffles) into a game of skill (Prize Draw) and are therefore exempt from UK Gambling legislation).

When you add prize draw tickets to your basket, you will be asked a question when you checkout and you must agree to the terms and conditions of the draw. Only those participants who correctly answer the questions will be eligible for the prize draw. All customers will be sent the number of tickets that they have purchased. For example, if you purchase a £2 ticket and a £5 ticket you'll receive 7 e-tickets with unique numbers. When you answer the question correctly, you'll be entered into the prize draw.

When the prize draw has been held, all winning ticket holders will be notified immediately via email. The event detail page will also show winning ticket numbers.

A ticket costs £1 and can be bought online at PTA events, <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryacademy/> or follow the QR code on the below poster.

Easy Fundraising

A huge thank you to all who have logged on and used Easy Fundraising.

Please support Redhill Primary Academy and raise FREE donations with your everyday online shopping at Tesco, eBay, M&S, Expedia, Just Eat and many more! Join this month and we could win a £250 donation. Sign up here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/redhillprimaryacademy/>

Thank you!

The Friends

Upcoming Events 2024



FEBRUARY
08
*Valentine's
Disco*

MARCH
22
*King Cone Ice Cream
Van*

APRIL
19
Mufti Day
*Bring in an item of
chocolate*

APRIL
25
*Chocolate Hamper
Prize Draw*

JUNE
26
End of Year Discos

JUNE
LAST WEEK
Leavers Hoodies

JULY
**TO BE
CONFIRMED**
Year 6 Prom

JULY
19
*King Cone Ice Cream
Van*



Scan the QR code to
book tickets to events

Dates are subject to change



RECEPTION & KS1

Valentine's Disco

**THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY
5PM - 6PM**

**TICKET - £6
INCLUDES HAM/JAM ROLL,
CRISPS, DRINKS AND A
GOODY BAG**

**TICKETS SOLD VIA PTA
EVENTS. SCAN THE QR
CODE OR VISIT [WWW.PTA-
EVENTS.CO.UK/FRIENDSOF
REDHILLPRIMARYACADEMY](http://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FRIENDSOFREDHILLPRIMARYACADEMY)**





KS2

Valentine's DISCO

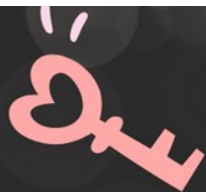
THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

6:15pm - 7:15pm

TICKETS - £3.50

INCLUDES A HAM/JAM ROLL, CRISPS AND
DRINKS

TUCK AND MERCH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO
BUY SO BRING SOME POCKET MONEY!
Tickets sold via PTA events. Scan the QR code or
visit [www.pta-
events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryacademy](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryacademy)



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Chocolate Hamper Prize Draw

**Friday 19th April - Mufti Day - children to bring in an item of chocolate
for the winning hampers**

**Thursday 25th April - Draw will be held
Friday 26th April - All prizes will be given to children**

**Prizes include a £10 voucher for Paint & Create at Apley Farm Shop, as
well as 24 chocolate hampers**

Tickets cost £1

**Buy tickets at PTA events at [https://www.pta-
events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryacademy/](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryacademy/) or scan the QR code**



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