

3rd March 2023



Mail on Friday

Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery Weekly Newsletter

Email us at: parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk

World Book Day

Children and staff got into the spirit of World Book Day and dressed as their favourite book character today. Throughout the day, the children enjoyed several book themed activities. All children have been given a World Book Day token to take home.



Parent Consultations

Please remember that the Spring 2023 parent consultations are on Tuesday 7th and Tuesday 14th March, and they will be either via MS Teams or face to face. Please check the following details below regarding which appointment you have booked to ensure you are at the right place at your appointment time:-

If your child is in Reception and KS1, the appointment on 7th March will be face to face in school.

If your child is in KS2, the appointment on 7th March will be via Teams.

If your child is in Reception and KS1, the appointment on 14th March will be via Teams.

If your child is in KS2, the appointment on 14th March will be face to face in school.

All nursery appointments are face to face in school.

Aspirations and Careers Week at Redhill Primary Academy - 22nd May 2023

We are looking forward to holding an exciting week where the children of Redhill become inspired by a range of activities which allow them to consider future aspirations and career options. With this in mind, we are looking for volunteers from local businesses and organisations who would be willing to take part in classroom discussions about their role and answer any questions the children may have. If you would be willing to give up your time or know someone who may be able to make our week truly memorable, please email Mrs Cartwright at Redhill@RedhillPrimary.co.uk.

Music Lessons

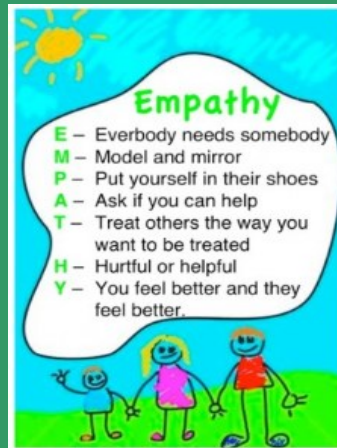
This week, we had Telford and Wrekin Music Service in school to play some musical instruments for the children in assembly.

If you would like your child to have music lessons at school, please use the link below to apply.

<https://www.telfordandwrekinmusic.co.uk/>

A Valued Me

Thank you for all your support with the core value for the first half of the spring term, which was responsibility. Throughout January and February, children learnt why being responsible is such an important quality to have as we grow older.



Our 'A Valued Me' core value for the second half of the spring term is Empathy.

What is Empathy?

1. Understanding that we all encounter a range of feelings at different times.
2. Being aware of others' emotions and feelings.
3. Being compassionate to others.

Suggestions for parents to work with children at home:

1. Talk with your children about empathy. Try to answer; 'What is empathy?' What is the difference between emphasising with others and not emphasising with? Discuss some examples.
2. Talk to your child about showing kindness to others. Model kind behaviours and provide positive reinforcement when your child does the same.
3. Discuss what your child could do when faced with different scenarios. For example, what would you do if a child from your class didn't have anyone to play with?
4. Start your own kindness jar; every time you see someone in your family doing something nice, write it down. At the end of each week, read all the notes with your child and talk about how these acts of kindness made them feel.
5. Whilst listening to your child read or when watching television programmes together, when appropriate, pause and ask how different characters are feeling and to consider how the character may behave as a result. Ask how your child may feel if they were placed in a similar situation.

Please let your child's teacher know if we can celebrate any work from home, in school. Feedback on the values and what you do at home is really valuable to us and we appreciate all your support.

Teachers will be working hard to ensure the children's learning is linked to our new 'A Valued Me' core value of empathy over the next few weeks.

Year 3 Shropshire Fire and Rescue Visit

On Monday, Year 3 were delighted to welcome the Shropshire fire and rescue service for their annual safety talk. The team talked about the work that they do and how you can become a fire fighter. The main focus was how we can keep ourselves safer at home by taking steps to help to prevent fires. The team talked to the children about smoke alarms, testing smoke alarms weekly, positioning them correctly, making an escape plan and being as safe as possible in our homes. The children took an active part in the discussion, asking and answering lots of questions. Thank you to the fire service for taking the time to share these important messages today.

Sports Update

On Wednesday evening, some KS2 children competed in a swimming gala at Thomas Telford School. The standard was very high and saw the children compete against schools from outside the Telford and Wrekin area. The children performed really well and were a credit to the school.

On Thursday, the Year 5 and 6 girls participated in a Telford and Wrekin schools' football competition.

They performed brilliantly, without losing a game, in the run up to the final. Unfortunately, they marginally missed out on a penalty shootout to a very strong Grange Park side, finishing in second place overall.

Well done to you all.



Earthquake Appeal

We are delighted to let you know that we raised £725 for the Earthquake Appeal.
Thank you for your support.

After School Club Annexe Children

Due to parent consultations, please note that on Tuesday 7th March and Tuesday 14th March collection for the full session will be from the nursery building.

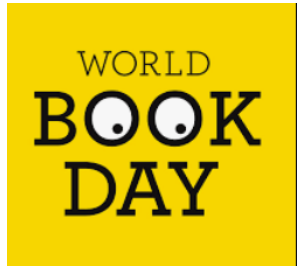
Year 3 Recorder Festival

On Tuesday, Year 3 had the opportunity to perform to an audience at The Place, Oakengates, in the annual Telford and Wrekin recorder festival. The children have only been playing their recorders since September but they impressed us all with the confidence of their performance and knowledge of musical notation. We were delighted to be part of a larger recorder ensemble with four other Telford schools, playing a range of pieces including ones arranged for different parts. The children were also inspired by listening to a professional recorder player performing pieces from Matilda, a Queen medley using electric recorder and a variety of classical pieces. We would like to thank the parents who supported us in the audience and all the teachers who helped us to learn the pieces. A final thank you to Sam Newth and the music service who arranged the festival.

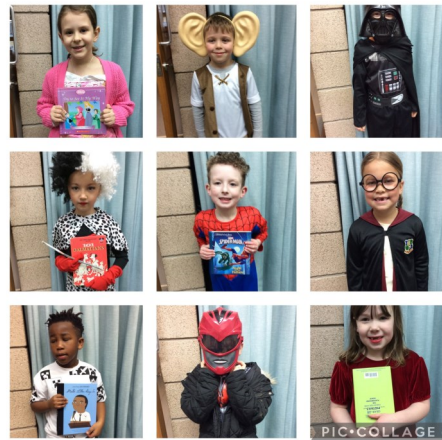
World Book Day
Reception

Today, we celebrated World Book Day. We came dressed as our favourite character from a book.
We shared with our class the character we had dressed up as and part in lots of fun activities.
Here are some pictures of us in our costumes.

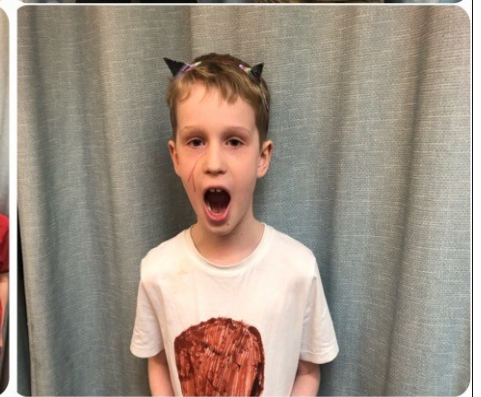




Today we came dressed up as a character from one of our favourite stories. In class, we have been looking at the story of the Gingerbread Man and today we listened to the story in French. We then learnt how to say 'Run, run, as fast as you can' in French and practiced during our story telling in forest school.







World book day 2023

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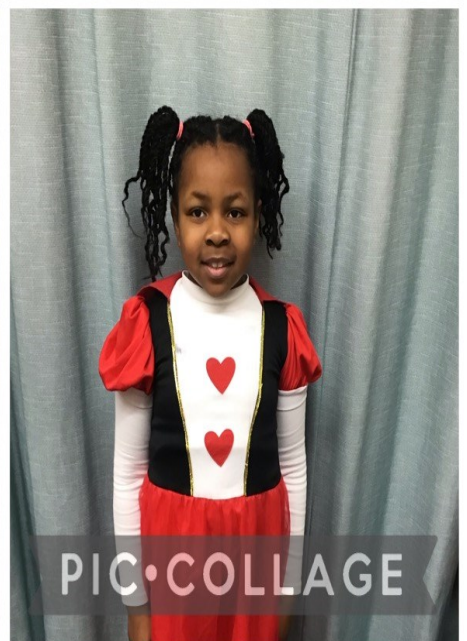


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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

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DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.3 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive: figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chance of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-16s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs: increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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A huge thank you to all who have logged on and registered with Easy Fundraising. It's so easy to do; it costs you nothing but makes us so much money. Have you signed up yet..? Don't forget the people who have raised the most money through easy fundraising are in with a chance of winning Merlin Attraction Passes for a whole 12 months full of fun! It's so, so simple.

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Booking a holiday? Go via easy fundraising and we can get up to £100! For free!!! By you doing nothing but booking a holiday!

Car, home, pet insurance, amazon, shoe shopping, clothes shopping, just eat and so many more, plus holidays, cars, weekly groceries, you name it, we will get paid for you to buy it! There is no catch, just cash!

The more you go through the fundraising app, the more chance you have of your family winning a merlin pass for a whole 12 months.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/>



Next week sees the launch of the Easter Raffle and Chocolate Amnesty with some "cracking" Easter prizes. This year's mufti day will be Friday, March 24th the prize draw being announced on Tuesday March 28th.



And Finally....
Attention Year 6 parents!

PROM 2023

We're not sure how this has happened already, but please make a note in your diary for the year's social event. This year's prom will be at school on Thursday July 13th, with further details coming soon. Also, the ever-popular year 6 leavers' hoodie is now available to order. Emails have been sent out to all year 6 parents this afternoon and spare order forms will be available from reception next week.



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PLEASE RETURN ORDER REPLY SLIP WITH FULL PAYMENT BY **3PM ON FRIDAY, 24TH MARCH 2023**
THANK YOU. **REGRETFULLY, WE CANNOT ACCEPT ORDERS AFTER THIS DATE.** FRIENDS OF REDHILL

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I would like to order a Redhill Leaver's Hoodie for my child (Year 6 only)

Child's name : Teacher :

I enclose full payment with this form of £

(Cash or cheque made payable to 'Friends of Redhill' please with child's name and Teacher's initials on the back - thanks.)

Choice of colour : (please circle one)

JET BLACK LIME GREEN PEPPERMINT BABY PINK

Size : (please circle one) 9/11yrs (32") 12/13 yrs (34") Small (36") Medium (40")

I give permission for my child's first name to be used on the reverse of the hoodie.

FIRST NAME ONLY : (please print clearly in capital letters)
PLEASE NOTE IF PUPILS HAVE THE SAME FIRST NAME & SPELLING THEN THE FIRST LETTER OF THE SURNAME WILL BE ADDED.

Signed : (parent/carer)

Should we have a query with the order and need to contact you, please fill in a telephone number below - many thanks. (optional)

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR ORDER THOROUGHLY AS WE CANNOT ISSUE REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES.
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