

Mail on Friday

Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery Weekly Newsletter

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Royal Society's Young People's Book Award

We are excited to announce that we have been selected to help judge the books shortlisted for the Royal Society's Young People's Book Award, which awards a prize to the author of the best science-related book of the year.

We will be sharing the books in classes and inviting some children to form a judging panel.



Children's Sight Tests

Please remember that children are entitled to free NHS sight tests at opticians. If you don't take your child regularly for a sight test, please consider making an appointment so that any issues that may arise can be picked up early. Thank you.

A Valued Me

Thank you for all your support with our value for autumn first half term which was Respect. Throughout September and October, children learnt the importance of being respectful towards all individuals by treating them equally and looking after people, animals, the environment and property. We also discussed the importance of having good manners and showing gratitude to others.

Our 'A Valued Me' core value for the second half of our autumn term is Friendship.

Friendship is an act of giving to others.

Ideas for the theme of Friendship are -

Discuss 'What is a Friend?'

Talk about how we can care for our friends.

Get your child to draw a picture of a special friend and write why they like them.

Discuss 'The only way to find a friend is to be one'.

Talk about being a good friend and get your child to think about what kind of friend they are.

How does being a friend influence their behaviour?

Get your child to make two lists -

What have you done this week that was friendly to others?

What have you done this week that was unfriendly to others?

Discuss what they write and give positive praise and encouragement for friendly behaviour.

Talk about what makes a good friend - this can be to brothers and sisters too!

Complete each of these with as many answers as possible:

I'll try to be a good friend by....

What I like about my friends is

Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Performances and Nativities

Details will be sent out soon for how to order tickets for our Christmas Performances/Nativities.

Please note that dates and times are subject to change.

As always, tickets are limited to two tickets per family in total, not two tickets per performance.

A creche will be provided for babies/children who do not attend school.

All creche places must be booked at least five days in advance of your child's performance due to staffing organisation.

We are unable to accommodate non-school babies/children to watch Christmas Performances/Nativities, even sitting on knees.

Please remember that we cannot accommodate prams/pushchairs either.

Thursday 30th November	1.30pm	Nursery and Reception
Friday 1st December	9.30am	Nursery and Reception
Thursday 7th December	1.30am	Year 1 and Year 2
Friday 8th December	9.30pm	Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday 14th December	9.30am	Year 3 and Year 4
Friday 15th December	1.30pm	Year 3 and Year 4
Tuesday 19th December	6pm	Year 5 and Year 6 Carols

Year 5 and Year 6 Carol Singing

The children in Year 5 and Year 6 take part in carol singing. The children will learn a selection of traditional carols and some which are more modern.

Children are encouraged to wear their school trousers/skirts with Christmas jumpers and/or Santa hats/tinsel.

Adults are invited into school from 5.50pm and the carol concert starts at approximately 6pm.

The event usually lasts for approximately 3/4 hour.

Tickets are not issued for this event.

Year 5/6 Remembrance at the Clock Tower

This morning, some of the Year 5/6 children attended a community remembrance service at the Clock Tower in Priorslee.

The children were amazing and showed respect at all times.



<u>Tuesday 24th October 2023</u> <u>Visit from the Firefighters</u>

Year 3 were lucky enough to have a visit from the firefighters to talk about fire safety. During the talk, we found out all about how to keep our homes fire safe. These are five of the things they told us:

- 1. Check your fire alarms weekly.
- 2. Create an escape plan so everyone knows where to go if there is a fire.
- 3. Put your keys near the front door so you can easily escape.
- 4. If there is a fire, call 999 straight away and don't go back inside for your belongings.
- 5. Make sure you know your postcode to tell the operator, along with any features that will help them to identify your house.









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On Wednesday, the children of year 6 paid a visit to RAF Cosford. This served as an introduction to our history topic -'How innovations changed warfare between 1914 and 1945'.

We visited several hangars, learning about the history of the Royal Airforce following its formation in 1918. We gained an appreciation of how planes developed from the small fighter planes of WW1, which included wooden parts, to legendary aircraft from the Battle of Britain such as the Spitfire and Hurricane, before then seeing how bombers had such a huge impact on World War 2. Year 6 were able to see the cramped conditions inside these planes, stand under the huge bomb doors, which swung open to deliver their payload and even sit in a fighter cockpit. The Vickers Wellington was a particular favourite.



At the end of our visit, groups were able to design and build their own rockets, and fire them within the hangar. After a trial run and the opportunity to make adjustments, a competition was held with

stickers awarded to the rockets which travelled the furthest and with the most style!





Year 6 would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who supported us on this visit!



The competition winners!







Mrs Davies' Class Miller Homes Remembrance Event Visit

The children in Mrs Davies' class were invited to take part in a special remembrance event hosted by Miller Homes today.

The children made poppies in school as part of this event to take with them.

They hung their poppies on the street names, which have been named after some local people who sadly lost their lives during World War 1.







Sports

Well done to our U10 boys' team who won the Telford and Wrekin round of the SSCFA competition today. They won 3 and drew 2 and it went down to goal difference to decide the winner. Congratulations to Max, Charlie C, Charlie P, Jacob H, Oakley, Blake, George and Ethan. A great day!



Congratulations to our U10 girls' team who took part in the SSCFA tournament at TCAT today. They played 5 matches, with 2 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss, finishing 3rd overall. Well done to Hope, Harleigh, Amelia, Kaeto, Bella, Bailey, Eva and Simrit. Brilliant team work!





British Values Week

This week was British Values Week at Redhill. The children spent the week focussing on the five fundamental British values which we are so fortunate to have within our society.

Firstly, classes discussed mutual respect, which is also our current 'A Valued Me' theme, focussing on differences between us all. Then, came discussions around tolerance of different faiths and cultures comparing our own lives with people from different parts of the world. Thirdly, children looked at the rule of law, considering the police, the legal system and court process that we have here in Britain.

Democracy was our penultimate theme, where children extended their understanding around voting, parliament and the election process. To end our British Values week, we concentrated on the importance around individual liberty and the rights which we are lucky enough to possess here in Britain.

Please take a look at some of the wonderful work and activities which have been taking place in your child's class this week.





Expect Respect - Today we read the story I am too absolutely small for school' by Lauren Child . We discussed how we might choose new friends -what we would look for in a friend? We then played a game agree/ disagree with a selection of statements that the children might say to a new child to get them to be their friend. We though very carefully about these and whether we agreed with them or not. We then did some role play of scenarios of how we could meet and make new friends.









Mutual Respect— We thought about our own families and how they might be similar and different from other peoples families.





Tolerance to other beliefs and cultures - We thought about how life in Africa is similar and different to ours. We listened to the story of a young girl called Okello who lives in Uganda.



The Role of Police in Keeping us safe - We talked about the roles of a Police Officer and then we turned into police officers. created our own warrant card. On our warrant card we wrote down one way that the police help to keep us safe.





Year 2 British Values Week 2023

This is what we have been up to for British Values Week

Focus: Mutual Respect

We discussed which careers we thought were carried out by men or women and talked about some of the assumptions made on the basis of gender. We then thought about how making assumptions might affect behaviour, attitudes and their own ideas about future careers. To end we thought about jobs we wanted to do in the future.





Focus: Tolerance

We talked about tolerance of other cultures and faiths. We explored the differences between our lives in Britain and people living in the Caribbean. We researched what life is like there and talked about the similarities and differences. We sorted pictures of food, houses, beaches into 2 piles.

Focus: Rule of Law

We talked about the Rule of Law and what it means. We discussed that nobody is above the law and that everyone has to follow the same laws in our country.





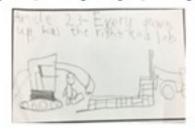




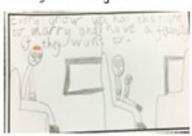


Focus: Individual Liberty

We read a story and watched a video about our rights. We focused on the feeling of being "born free". Draw a picture of yourself showing how you feel being "born free", focusing on one of the articles of human rights..



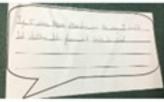




Focus: Democracy

Today we looked at the role of the Prime Minister, how they are elected and what they do. We imagined what we would do if we were Prime Minister for the day.







On Monday, we talked about our school rules and how to show respect to one another.

On Tuesday, we shared stories from other cultures and read a Western African creation story, which helped us to think about tolerance of others. We also looked at the Rule of Law, discussing who enforces the law and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as displayed in the book, Born Free.

On Wednesday, we learnt all about parliament and shared our findings.

We learnt about democracy and even had a class vote.

Finally, on Thursday, we looked at Individual Liberty and rights which we feel are most important to us.

We each came up with something we were grateful for about living in Britain.

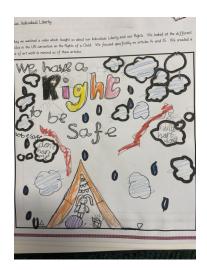


Year 4 explored the value of Mutual Respect. We explored our similarities and differences within the class and learnt that we should show mutual respect for any differences. We discussed how our differences are what makes the world exciting and colourful. We watched an inspirational video by Ade Adepitan and discussed our mutual respect for his achievement and how inspirational his story is.

We looked at the value of Tolerance. We thought about what our daily life is like and compared this with the life of Evangiline, a young girl living in Kenya. We learnt about scenarios where we might show tolerance, being sympathetic or understanding of people with different lives and beliefs.

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We have also learned about the Rule of Law. We were given a challenge to come up with our own laws – our teachers were very impressed! Lots of these laws were about preventing climate change and treating all people equally, well done!

We learnt about Democracy and the introduction of the Magna Carter. We talked about the

importance of using our vote during elections.. Finally we looked at

Individual Liberty and the rights we have. We thought about the particular rights that were important to use as children.

С	hallenge
W	rite your ideas down and discuss each one fully, explaining why it is important and who ould benefit from the new law.
1.	Cutting down trees because it is bad gor our environment.
2.	No littering because it can kill animals.
3.	Don't cut down animals homes but is you do it then rebuiled it.

Year 4 have had a brilliant week exploring our British Values. Both Mrs Davies and Miss Dhillon have been so proud of the mature comments and knowledge that the children have demonstrated.

Well done everyone!

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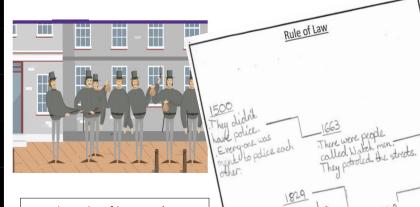
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For The rule of law, we've created timelines showing the history of the Police Service since its foundation in the C18th.

Thinking about Mutual respect, we've explored the importance of sharing secrets if they worry us and considering the different people we could talk to.

Remember, some secrets should not be kept, even if you have been asked to by a friend.

It is ok to ask for help and to keep asking for help until you get some. There are many different people who can help.

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Tolerance

Geeta's Day

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GEETA'S DAY

We compared our own lives with that of a child living in another country to develop the idea of Tolerance

For Individual Liberty, we thought about the importance of education and why education is important. We know that it is one of the key rights that all children have.

What Do MPs Do?

MPs debate important topics and laws in the House of Commons Chamber. It's here that MPs can challenge the work of the Government.

MPs work both at the House of Commons and in their constituency.

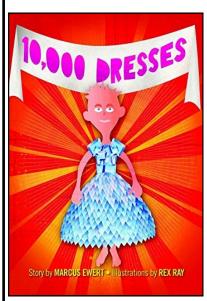
They hold 'surgeries' where they meet people from their constituency who might have a problem, need help or want the MP to do something for them. Surgeries can take place in local libraries, community halls and



Every week MPs get lots of emails, phone calls and letters. They try to answer every one and have researchers and caseworkers to

For Democracy, we learnt all about parliament and the role of MPs. We learnt about the Houses of Parliament and House of Lords and what people do there.

Mutual Respect



We watched a video that explained many of the different sexual and gender identities that exist here in Britain. We then read a wonderful story called 10,000 Dresses which followed a day in the life of Bailey - a transgender child who had been born as a boy but identified as a girl and loved to make extravagant dresses. We discussed how other characters within the story reacted to Bailey's passion and talked about the importance of showing respect and kindness no matter what. Finally, the children wrote rhyming poems about respecting everybody's differences and being unique. To the right, you will find an example of a poem formed from verses written by lots of different children. We hope you enjoy it.

It's hard to be different,

To act just like you,

To love your uniqueness,

In whatever you do.

You are extraordinary, You make people smile, You are unique and beautiful

And always go the extra mile.

No matter your gender,
No matter your race,
We are all human,
And deserve a safe place.

There is one thing you need to know

Whenever you are blue,

To our friendship,

Just remember you are the glue.

You may be young,
You may be old,
But always remember
What you have been told.

It's hard to be different,

To act just like you,

To love your uniqueness

In whatever you do.

Rule of Law and Democracy

Children learnt about the role of a jury and the main political parties in England. They had an opportunity to read child-friendly versions of the 2019 manifestos and expressed their personal opinions on each party's values.



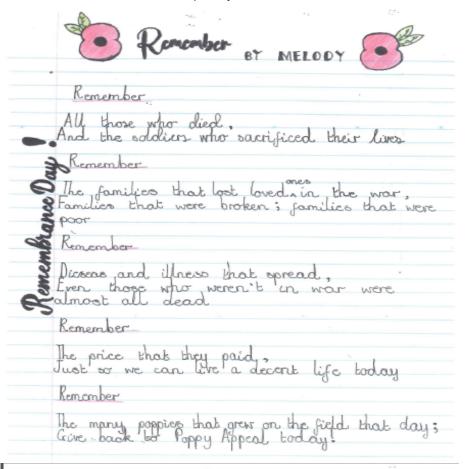
Individual Liberty

We focused on modern-day slavery and read a case study about a boy called James who became involved in a gang that forced him to carry out illegal activities. James was scared and eventually sought advice from a teacher. The teacher, together with the Police, enabled James to escape the gang. The children were reminded about the importance of sharing concerns with trusted adults.



Well done!

A big well done to Melody in Year 6 who was inspired by the poetry reading in assembly this week....she wrote her own Remembrance poetry at home and we think it is brilliant!



Rest in peace all who died

every tear was for our good

men and women suffered a lot

cleven o'clock is when the war

Many mourned at the loss of
loved ones

broken hearts bore people apart

remember those who fought for
a good ruture

dir raids where were heard

Never forget the soldiers

come together and raise money

every penny counts

Death was the consequence

of our actions

a lot of sorrow was brought
yes, wear a poppy!



WAYS TO BE



Showing kindness online can mean so much to someone else. It is a choice we can all make that helps others, puts people's needs before our own and which can generate feelings of empathy and compassion. Small gestures can have a large impact and often one act of kindness can lead to more, making the world a happier and more positive place. That's why we've created this guide to suggest a few simple 'acts of kindness online' that can benefit people's mental health, support their wellbeing and encourage a more positive approach to engaging online.



Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten up someone else's day.



Sometimes a friend or family member might post a question online or ask for help with something they can't do themselves. If you know the answer or are able to offer help, provide support and send a response. Something that may be easy for you might be difficult for someone else.



If somebody you know has done something good or shown kindness themselves, thank them for it. It costs nothing and showing them that you appreciate it

4. SHARE FUNNY VIDEOS OR IMAGES WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY

We often come across funny videos or images online that make us laugh and then we move on. If you found it funny, your friends and family might too. It could help someone smile who may be having a bad day.



5. LIKE, LOVE & CELEBRATE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, like it, love it or celebrate it! It's a small gesture but could mean a lot.

8. SHARE POSITIVE POSTS

If you see something online that inspires you, share it with people you know. An inspirational quote, a beautiful photo or a motivational video can lift spirits, improve self-esteem and help make people feel better about themselves.

6. VIDEO CALL YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY

It can be easy to be consumed by daily routine.
Using apps like Zoom, FaceTime or WhatsApp
are great for connecting with others far away and shows are great for connecting with others far away and shows you're thinking of them even though you can't physically meet them in person.



We can't always tell how people are feeling online and just dropping somebody a messa to ask if they're ok or that you're thinking of them could literally make their day.

3 1 9. HOST AN ONLINE QUIZ

Video conferencing apps are a great way to get friends and family together. If you know someone who is feeling lonely, host an online quiz and invite them to join in. It could really cheer them up.

10. THINK BEFORE YOU COMMENT

X!#B Sometimes thinking before you act can be just as significant as acting in the first place. Showing thought before you comment could stop you posting something hurtful, offensive or negative. It's always better to post positively or post nothing at all.

11. BE COMPASSIONATE & UNDERSTANDING



Being empathetic towards others and their situation is often an act of kindness and selflessness that gets overlooked. If you notice someone who is upset, drop them a message and offer to listen.

12. CONNECT FRIENDS & FAMILY WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS

You may know two people amongst your friends and family who you trust and know well who have similar interests and likes. Introducing them can be a great way for them to make new friends but remember to always ask their permission first.



13. RECOMMEND SOMETHING YOU ENJOY DOING TO OTHERS

If you enjoy doing something online, such as playing a game, or if you've found a great learning resource, share it with others. Even if you've watched a good film, letting others know can be an act of generosity that brings them excitement or pleasure at a time when they might need it



Meet our expert

This guide has been written by Anna Bateman. Anna is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green page. green paper.





14. PRAISE OTHERS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

Sometimes your friends or family might post something online that they're proud to have done. It might be an exam they're passed, learning a new skill or just completing a task. Either way, it's always kind to recognise hard work and effort through praise and celebration.



A note from the Friends of Redhill Primary Academy



Hello everyone!

Thanks to those that attended the AGM last night – the chairpersons report is below – please get in touch if you have any queries!

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- Bag2School will be coming next Tuesday 14th November please bring unwanted clothes, shoes, linens etc to school on that morning (we will be there between 8-9am) please look out for us! Don't forget, if you don't have a Bag2School bag, any bin bag will do!
- The decision has been made to move the Nursery/Reception party to
 Tuesday 5th December please look out for more communications on this via email!
- There will be a Mufti Day on Friday 17th November please bring in a bottle prize for the tombola at the Winter Wonderland!
- Plans are in full swing for our annual winter event Winter Wonderland! Expect lots of Christmassy fun like Santa's Grotto, Redhill Choir, Bars, Food Stalls! If you can help in any way shape or form at this event, please get in touch with us via Facebook, or register via PTA Events! https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryacademy
- We would like to start a new initiative this year of a pre-loved Christmas Jumper sale. Every year, 1 in 4 Christmas Jumpers end up thrown away or never worn again with your help we can change this! Please bring in your Christmas T-Shirts, Tops and Jumpers to school reception and the Friends will pick them up and make them ready for sale at our Winter Wonderland event!
- FYI, we have chased the Wolverhampton Wanderers Foundation on the date for the special assembly (and the goody bags of course!) and will relay this out as soon as they get back to us!

With thanks,



Friends of Redhill Primary Academy Chairpersons Report 22/23



What a school year 2022-2023 was!

We had lots of fun putting on so many well attended events – raising money for the school and giving all the children a great time too! And what a treat having the ice cream van popping in at the end of term too!

The theme for Prom this year was 'Under the Sea' – the children enjoyed themselves immensely and we were so lucky the weather held out! All Year 6 children got their Leavers Hoodies too which are a special memory they can treasure



This year the prom was under the sea themed, and the children had a great time. They also all got leaver's hoodies too.

I would like to thank Mrs. Whiting and the governors for giving us the freedom to try new ways to raise funds, and to the staff at school for their support too.

The cost-of-living crisis has hit us all and times are hard for each one of our families and children, the effects of covid are still felt alongside the raise of many bills. So, to still have so much support from our parent/ carers of Redhill is truly appreciated and you help us put the fun into fundraising. Thank you.

Finally, to the team of volunteers we have, the school and I are so lucky to have you. You are a group of passionate people who selflessly give up your time and work tirelessly to produce the most incredible events every year, come rain or shine. Without you, we couldn't raise any of this money that benefits the children. I am very much looking forward to taking the role of Chair on and having you all by side.

With thanks, Grace XX

LOOK OUT FOR OUR NEXT BIG EVENT!

Winter Wonderland - Sat 25th November 12-3pm

Did you know? Throughout the country, 3.9 million children benefit from having a PTA in their school!

Here's what we achieved in the 22/23 Academic Year...

Funds used to pay for:

- Coaches for extracurricular trips
- Upkeep of the minibus
- 15 iPads for classrooms

Every year we organise a variety of events to fundraise and are looking forward to putting on lots more events in the years to come!

Why not get involved?

- Don't be put off if you feel you can't give your time, haven't been asked or unsure what's involved.
- We have parents who work full time or part-time. Any time you can give is welcome.
- Having a child at this school means you can join us. We can use any skills you have, and you might even learn new ones!
- Being involved is a great way to get to know the school and other parents.







This is what we can accept:

- Mens, Ladies and Childrens clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- · Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- · Belts
- · Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

We can't accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- · Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material textext text

Collection will be Tues 14th Nov AM!





The Friends of Redhill are hosting a

MUFTI

on Friday 17th November!

Please bring in a bottle prize for the tombola at the Winter Wonderland!





External Stalls





The Lion Inn, Priorslee will be selling beers, wines and spirits, to help you get into the Christmas Spirirt!



The Lion Priorslee



Kimmie and her little helper will be selling delicious cakes and traybakes!



Kimmieskitchen1



Raheel will be serving fresh authentic home cooked Indian food!



TheIndianMeltingPot



Sharon will be selling personally handmade hampers, gifts and sweets.



Handmade Hampers & Sweets 4 all Occasions

More to be announced soon...



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DONATIONS

Please bring your old Christmas Jumpers, Tops and T-Shirts to the School Reception any time before 22nd November.

All Christmas Clothing will be sold at the Winter Wonderland event on Sat 25th November.