



11th November 2022

# Mail on Friday

## Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery

### Weekly Newsletter

Email us at: [parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk](mailto:parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk)

#### Children in Need

On Friday 18th November, we are fundraising for Children in Need. We are asking the children to come to school on this day in mufti (non-uniform) in exchange for £1. Please wear something spotty if possible. The payment option is open on ParentPay for donations.



#### Christmas Performances

We would like to invite you to our Christmas performances, which are taking place during December. As always, places are limited to two per family in total. This is due to the health and safety restrictions of our school hall.

There is no cost involved, but you must book your place via ParentPay. There are only 120 places available for each performance and only 1 ticket will be issued if you do not mention the number you require in the comments section (either 1 or 2 places). Tickets will be issued via your child. Please bring these with you on the performance date, as you will not be admitted in to the hall without it.

Tickets are available on ParentPay now.

##### **Year 1 and Year 2**

Thursday 1st December at 1.30pm or Friday 2nd December at 9.30am

##### **Nursery and Reception**

Thursday 8th December at 9.30am or Friday 9th December at 9.30am

##### **Year 3 and Year 4**

Tuesday 13th December at 1.30pm or Wednesday 14th December at 9.30am

##### **Year 5 and Year 6 Carol Singing**

Wednesday 14th December at 6.00pm (No crèche available, but siblings can attend)

A crèche will be provided for babies/children who do not attend school for the Nursery and Reception, Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 performances. We are sorry, but due to the constrictions of our school hall, we are unable to accommodate non-school children to watch the performances, even sitting on knees.

All crèche places must be booked so that we can arrange staffing

<https://forms.office.com/r/rxZzFWSzdf>

#### Car Key

A Ford car key has been found on Gatcombe Way. We do know the registration number, as it is on the key ring. So, if this is your key, please come to the school office and let us know the registration number and we will return it to you.

#### Boots

If your child wears boots to school, please remember to send them with shoes to change in to once they arrive. Thank you.

### Road Safety Week

Next week, we are taking part in road safety week.

The travel council have been busy designing posters to promote this and talking to the children in school about how we can keep ourselves safe whilst out and about.

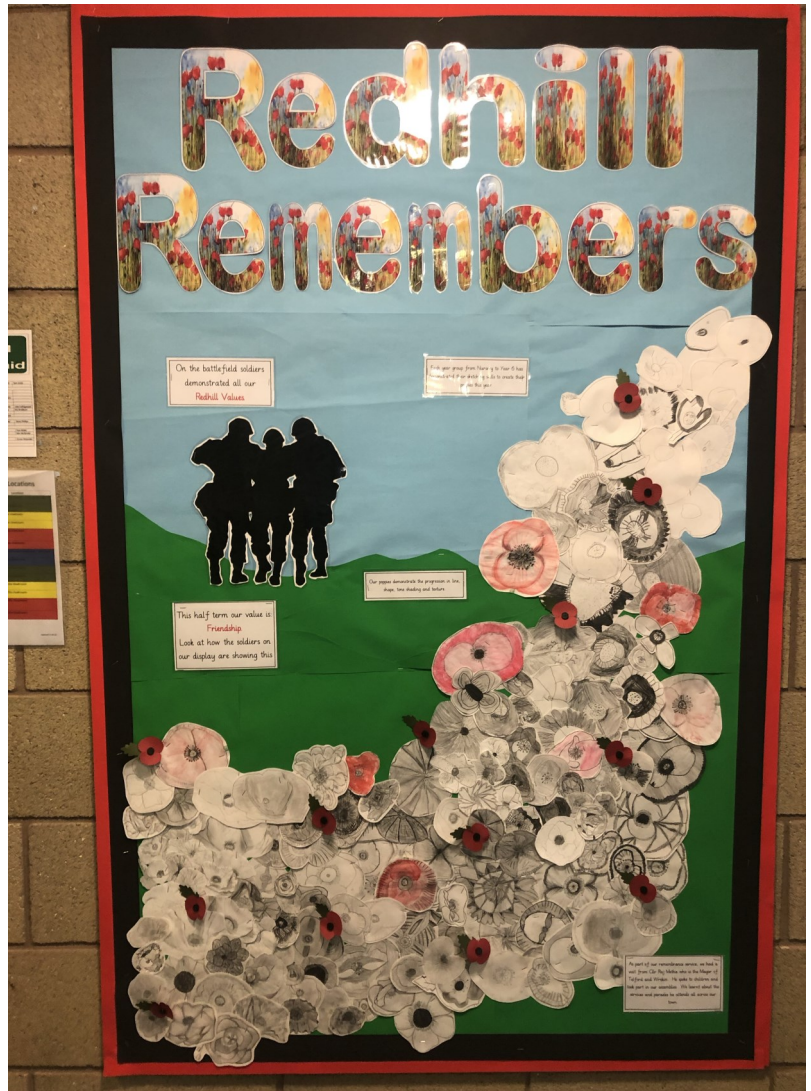
We will be discussing the importance of road safety next week and completing various activities.



### Visit from the Mayor and Remembrance Assemblies

This week, Redhill had a very special visit from the Mayor of Telford and Wrekin Council. He took part in a Y4 history lesson in which they were exploring the different roles within the British Armed Forces. The Mayor then shared our very special remembrance assemblies where we thought about and reflected upon those who fought and died during World War One. As part of our remembrance work in class, every child in the nursery and school produced a sketch of a poppy for our display. It is amazing to see the progression in sketching as they come through Redhill.

Well done children, a really wonderful tribute. We will remember them.





### Star Writer

Congratulations to George Nicholls in Year 4 who has produced the fabulous piece of work below.  
Well done George.



### Why we have poppies

It first started in 1914-18 world war one where countries of the world fought for their lives and ours today. Then there was a special <sup>day</sup> on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918 when conflict ended and families re-grouped. A few years later poppies grew over battlefields and in trenches. From now on people wear poppies as a symbol of respect to the soldiers who fought for a better life today. That is why we have the poppy.

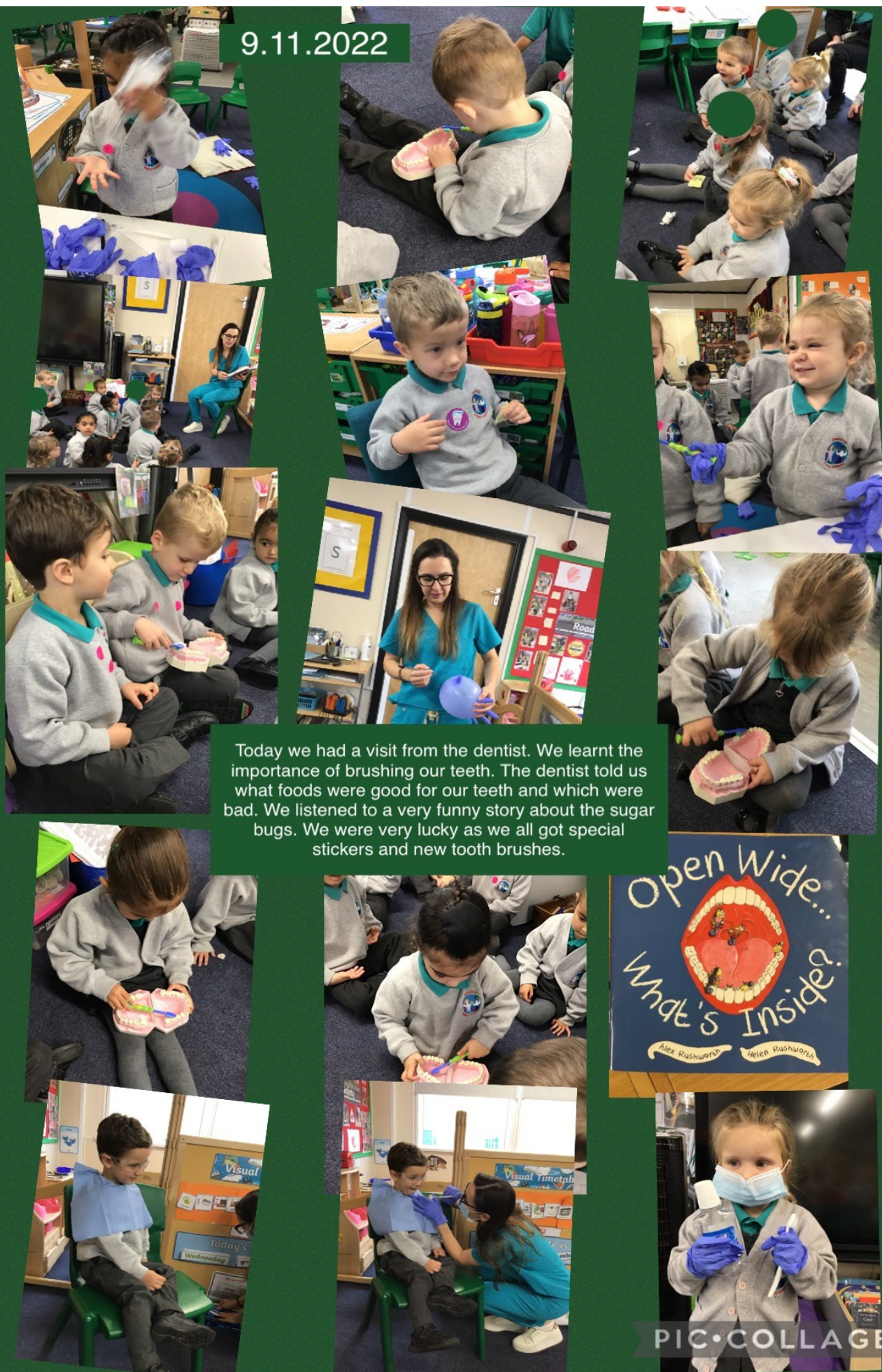


By George Nicholls, Year 4



## Nursery Children

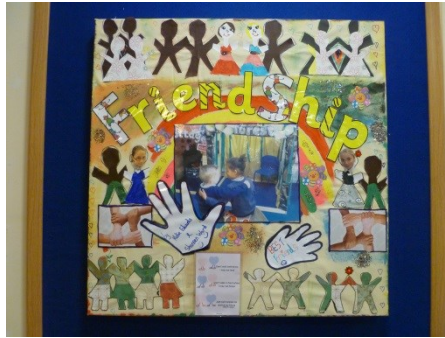
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### A Valued Me

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.

### Bill Cap Scheme - WaterSure

Eligibility for the Bill Cap Scheme - WaterSure

The Bill Cap Scheme - WaterSure runs for 12 months.

To get help through WaterSure you must be a Severn Trent customer, have a water meter and receive eligible benefits.

You must also have either

- a) three or more children under 19 living with you, or
- b) a medical condition requiring the extra use of water

Please find more information on the following link:

<https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-account/help-when-you-need-it/help-with-paying-your-bill/watersure-scheme/>



## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# FIFA 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA Sports' tweaks tend to focus on FIFA Ultimate Team mode, which can tempt gamers of all ages to spend real money recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.

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### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe – coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss – will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a 'must have' for football-mad young gamers, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

#### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn offensive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

#### IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

#### CIRCLING SCAMMERS

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing unwary FIFA fans to phishing sites. If your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially your payment information.

#### ADDICTIVE NATURE

One match on FIFA (usually around 15 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost invariably leads to another. It can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime. If the "just one more game" mindset starts to impact a child's daily routine, it could be a sign of gaming disorder, a recognised mental health issue.

#### GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenues it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting act – with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing prizes.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

### CONTROL SPENDING

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods – so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending – or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

### STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than emails to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

### AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website Dexerto and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time fan of the FIFA franchise, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar, among others.



Sources: <https://www.gamesradar.com/youngsters-spend-real-money-on-fifa-ultimate-team-players/>, <https://www.ign.com/articles/fifa-ultimate-team-players-can-be-unlocked-by-winning-games>, <https://www.ign.com/articles/fifa-ultimate-team-players-can-be-unlocked-by-winning-games>, <https://www.ign.com/articles/fifa-ultimate-team-players-can-be-unlocked-by-winning-games>

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