

21st October 2022 Mail on Friday Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery Weekly Newsletter

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October Half Term

October half term starts Monday 24th and runs until Friday 28th October. Children will return to school on Monday 31st October. Please check our on-line term dates at https://redhill.ttsonline.net/ or on the new Parent Portal.

Parent Portal/App

The Arbor Parent Portal and Parent App was launched yesterday. Please remember to look out for your welcome email, which will give you details on how to set up your account and log in.At the moment, this is a soft launch as we will still be using ParentPay along side the portal/app until we can fully migrate to using Arbor only. When you log in the features you will be able to see are your child's

attendance, parent consultation bookings, student profile, student timetable/calendar. The calendar is only available to browse on the Parent Portal.

Parent Consultations will be released for booking soon so please make sure that you have the app so that you can book an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

Reminder

Pushchairs and Prams in School

Please remember that we are not able to accommodate pushchairs and prams in the school building due to health and safety reasons. Ideally, if you are coming in to school for any reason, please do not bring them as there is a limited space to park them. Thank you.

<u>Money</u>

Please ensure that any money brought into school is placed in an envelope with your child's name, amount and what the money is for.

Friday 18th November

We will be raising funds for Children in Need on Friday 18th November. We are asking the children to come to school on this day in mufti (non-uniform) in exchange for a £1 donation to go to the charity. Please wear something spotty, if possible.

The payment option is open on ParentPay for you to make your donation.

Parking 14 1

We understand that parking is very difficult but when finding a place to park, please be considerate of our neighbours and other road users.

Please think before you park to ensure the safety of everybody.

Thank you for your support.

Blists Hill Trip

Last week, we had a lovely trip to Blists Hill Victorian village. We enjoyed seeing how people used to dress, how they travelled around, where they went to school and where their toilet was. We were able to make comparisons to our lives today.



















Year 6 Secondary School Applications

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Please remember that the deadline for Year 6 children, who are due to start secondary school in September 2023, is Monday 31st October.

If you reside outside the Telford and Wrekin area, please apply to your home Local Authority. Parents can submit up to four preference schools on their application and we encourage parents to apply for more than one school as, if admissions are unable to offer your preferred school, you may be allocated a school that is some distance away if your catchment school is already full.

Each year, Telford and Wrekin do see a lot of applications that have only one preference which can lead to a lot of disappointment when allocated a school at some distance from home addresses.



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.



British Values Week

In school, we have been learning about British values. In Year 1, we have done lots of different activities to show our understanding of these. In our lessons we looked at ...



Families Honesty Tolerance The role of the Police















Year 2 Enrichment Week- British Values Week 2022 This is what we have been up to this week!

Focus: Mutual Respect

We talked about being respectful to each other and discussed how we could be respectful with words. We took a little bit of toothpaste out of the tube on to a paper plate and then tried to put it back in the tube. We realised that it was easy to take the toothpaste out but almost impossible to put it back in the tube. It is the same with our words-once said, they cannot be unsaid. Hence, we must be careful and respectful with our words.



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.



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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.



British Values Week - Year 3



This week has been British Values week. Each day we have spent some time discussing each value. 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 how we uphold this value in school. 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 British values week

This week in Y4, we have thought about the new laws that we would create. We thought about why these laws may be important and who would benefit. It was great to see some really mature and thoughtful laws, thinking about others possibly less fortunate.





<u>Year 6</u>



Monday - 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.

Tuesday - Tolerance

We learnt about migration, immigration and refugees during this session.

We thought about refugees entering our country and the things that they would need to know about England. We thought about what we would need to tell them to ensure they felt welcome and were able to settle well in to our country.



Wednesday - 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.

Thursday - 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.

- 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.

Halloween Special Menu

Monday 31st October



<u>Main</u>

Frankenstein's Hot Dogs

Werewolf Southern Fried Chicken Strips

Both served with vampire curly fries, snotty mushy peas or beans

Pudding

Creepy Cupcakes

Pumpkin Cookies

Slime Jelly (topped with popping candy)