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Mail on Friday

Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Email us at: parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk

Partial School Closure

1st February 2023

Please refer to the previous correspondence sent out with regards to the partial school closure on 1st February 2023.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

We will confirm arrangements for any further strike action shortly.

Young Voices

The choir had a fabulous time at Young Voices last Wednesday. We sang with over 6,000 other children at the Resorts Arena, Birmingham, and even joined Heather Small in a version of her very fitting song, Proud. The children certainly did make us proud with their dance moves, musical ability and fabulous behaviour. It was a late one due to delays on the motorway but nobody complained. A huge thank you to Mr. Deakin for teaching us the songs, for the parents who travelled to support us and to the staff who made the visit possible. Finally, thank you to the children.

These experiences will become special memories as you continue your journey through school.

Blue Peter Music Badge

We have exciting news that the BBC children's television programme, Blue Peter, attended and filmed at the Young Voices concert on Thursday 26th January at Birmingham Resorts World Arena.

The performance and rehearsals in the arena will be filmed and their Presenter Mwaksy Mudenda will be on stage during warm ups and taking part in the performance as part of the Young Voices Choir.

The Blue Peter team has asked us to let you know that your child can apply for their Blue Peter Music badge for just taking part in any Young Voices performance.

So we thought you would like to know - as we know how prized Blue Peter badges are!

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Sporting Events

This week, Redhill have been busy attending several sporting events. On Tuesday, the u11 boys' team had a semi-final vs Priorslee where they showed brilliant teamwork and came through with a 3-0 win. On Wednesday, a few KS1 students had the chance learn some new skills through the tennis fundamentals event. They spent the afternoon playing fun games and matches against other schools. It was great to see some new faces attending competitions, experiencing tennis and having fun. Thursday was another great day for the u11 boys' team as they got to represent Telford at the ESFA U11 Shropshire qualifiers. The boys' played a total of two games, coming out victorious over both with a tight 1-0 win over Baschurch and a 2-0 victory over St Georges (Shrewsbury). This now means they get to represent Shropshire in the Midland qualifiers. Finally, to finish off a superb week, we took some KS2 students to Telford Tennis Centre to experience and develop their tennis skills. They were able to play mini games, try different activities and work as a team. Well done to all children who have participated this week and it is always great to see new faces taking part.

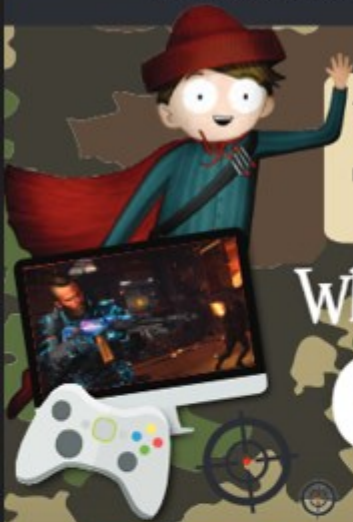
U11 Boy's Team pictured below.



Chinese New Year

On Tuesday, Reception and Nursery celebrated Chinese New Year. They learnt about the story and found out it is the year of the rabbit. They took part in lots of different activities such as making Chinese lanterns, creating rabbit pictures and listening to Chinese music.





'Call of Duty: Black Ops 4' (COD) is an online first-person shooter game. It's available on PC, Playstation 4 and Xbox One. COD allows players to choose different game modes, including a multiplayer mode, 'Zombies' mode and a 'Blackout' mode. In the game, players can customise their character and weapons.



What parents need to know about CALL OF DUTY BLACK OPS 4

GRAPHIC VIOLENCE & LANGUAGE

Inspired by war and undercover agents, COD has extremely violent themes. Players must harm and kill in violent and graphic ways. There's also a horror element in 'Zombies' mode, where players must kill monsters. The language used is not suitable for anyone under eighteen.

NO OFFLINE PLAY

Unlike other COD games, COD: Black Ops 4 doesn't have an offline single-player mode. For this reason, much of the game requires an internet connection in order to battle against others online. Normal multiplayer games can last up to fifteen minutes, or twenty-five in 'Blackout' mode. Due to the repetitive nature of the game, it can be difficult for children to stop playing and know their limits.

CHATTING TO STRANGERS

During a multiplayer game, if there is a microphone built into the PC or console your child is using, it is possible for them to talk to any other player of the game around the world. As it's an adult game, the language used may often be inappropriate for young children. Due to the competitive nature of gaming and the fact conversations are not moderated, your child could be at risk of cyberbullying.

USER GENERATED CONTENT

Players can personalise certain elements of their character and profile in the game, creating emblems or decorating weapons. Some players use this as an opportunity to show inappropriate imagery. It's possible to report users for this, but it will not prevent your child being exposed to inappropriate content.

Meet the expert

Eamonn Jacobs has been a pop culture and entertainment journalist for the last 6 years covering TV, film and gaming. He's been published on sites like Macworld and Tech Advisor offering other how-to guides on apps and technology as well as writing for Wikia previewing new games.



IN-GAME PAYMENTS

Players can gain an advantage over other players by spending money on new characters and attributes. The currency within the game is known as 'COD points', which can't be earned by playing the game, only purchased in the online store. COD point packs range from £1.79 to £84.99.



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Top Tips for Parents

DISCUSS TIME LIMITS

It's not possible to pause a match of COD, so it's a good idea to suggest to your child a limit of matches they can play in one session. In 2018 the World Health Organisation made 'gaming disorder' a recognised health disorder, so it's important to monitor how often your child spends on the game.

REMOVE GRAPHIC VIOLENCE & LANGUAGE

At the very beginning of the game an option appears giving players the chance to disable the graphic content. You also have the option to disable graphic content in the game's settings. You can change the profanity setting in the content filters tab, so that the harsh language doesn't appear in the game. In addition to this, players also have the option to change the zombies mode to a cartoon setting, making the overall theme less frightening.

DISABLE COMMUNICATION FEATURES

It's important to talk to your child regularly about who they're interacting with online. If you have serious concerns, you can disable the voice chat function in the Audio tab of the game or disable the text chat function in the content filters section too.

MONITOR & LIMIT SPENDING

To prevent your child incurring unwanted COD point costs, it's recommended you remove your bank account details. Alternatively, you can set up parental controls on your child's console to limit access. To keep a limit on spending, it's a good idea to use a gift voucher, or a Paysafe card (if you're using an Xbox or PlayStation).

BLOCK USER-GENERATED CONTENT

You can prevent your child from viewing any user-generated content by changing the settings in the content filter tab. Choose 'hide from the menu' so any offensive content won't show up on screen when your child is playing a match.

ENCOURAGE ALTERNATE ACTIVITIES

Players are given incentives during the game the more time they spend playing it. This presents the potential risk that your child could become addicted to the game. It's why you should make sure you talk to your child regularly about the importance of alternative activities away from the game, such as playing sports, playing a musical instrument or pursuing other creative interests such as arts and crafts.



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Trying new and exciting things is an integral part of growing up.

We launched 10 by 10, our campaign to encourage children to try ten things before the age of 10 for this reason.

Each 10 by 10 activity opens a child's eyes to the world, builds their confidence and lets them have fun. They could even help a child discover a talent or ignite a passion they did not know they had.

Since the launch, around 1,000 children have created a 10 by 10 account, and many more are trying activities through their school. More than 300 children have also taken up the free-swimming offer.

Thank you to all parents who have created an account and are helping their children to try each of the ten activities.

Those families who have a child with a 10 by 10 account can now visit Attingham Park for a reduced price until Friday 31 March 2023.

The reduced tickets will be £5 per adult and £2.50 per child.

When you arrive at Attingham Park you will need to show your child's 10 by 10 account page on your phone to get the reduced entry.

Having visited a few schools, it has been great to see so many children taking part and having a go at each of the ten activities.

We look forward to the end of the school year when we will acknowledge all the children in year six who have tried each activity.



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Councillor Shirley Reynolds
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CROSSBAR HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 20th February 2023 - Friday 24th February 2023



ACTION PACKED HOLIDAY CLUB OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS AGED 4-11 ONLY 15 POUNDS PER DAY FROM 8:30AM-4PM. BOOK YOUR PLACE USING OUR ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM WWW.CROSSBARCOACHING.SCHOOLIPAL.CO.UK WHERE YOU CAN EASILY REGISTER, BOOK AND COMPLETE PAYMENT TO SECURE YOUR PLACE.

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