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Mail on Friday

Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Email us at: parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk

Easter Holidays

We hope that you have a wonderful Easter holiday.
We look forward to welcoming you back to school on
Monday 17th April 2023.
Thank you.

In the Book of Kindness this Week

Roman Hurford
Melody Onuoha

King's Coronation

To celebrate the King's coronation, Redhill will be having a special mufti day on 5th May where children will be invited to wear something red, white and blue. There is no expectation to go and buy anything special for this. For example, children could decorate a t-shirt or have Union Jack facepaint.

Save the Date

We will also be having a coronation garden party with party food. To make this extra special, we would like to invite parents/carers to the garden party.

Please see the letter issued today, with the timings for the picnic.

This event will be subject to dry weather conditions.

Please note that parking might be difficult, so please walk or car share where possible and also remember to bring your packed lunch and a blanket to sit on.

Please avoid parking on the hairdresser's/doctor's car park.

We hope that this event and the work carried out in classes will create a lasting memory of this special day!

KS2 Children Debate

On Wednesday 29th April, some of our KS2 children went to a debating competition at St George's Primary School.

We proposed the motion - 'It is not too late to do something about plastic pollution', and St. George's opposed the motion.

This motion was debated by some of our Year 6 children and Year 5 pupils participated as the floor. Afterwards, we all took part in another debate on school uniform and discussed the pros and cons of it. The children were outstanding and were able to put their points across respectfully.



Visit from The Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club

On Tuesday, we were visited by Graham and Colin from the Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club. During our KS2 assembly, the Lions explained who they are and what they do within the local community.

The children behaved impeccably well and were able to recall how the Lions supported us in providing funds to regenerate an area of our environment into the Groves Garden a few years ago.

After the assembly, our Executive Council presented their thoughts on how we can help people in the local community, a charity recommended and previously supported by the Lions: Young Carers.

The Executive Council were very articulate in outlining why they would like to fundraise for the charity - more information will follow about this event in the summer term.

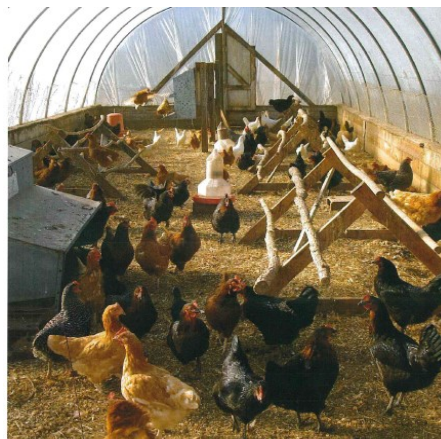
Both Graham and Colin were very complimentary about all of the children they visited, and we are also very proud of them all.



The School Chicken

Layla, our school chicken, has been rehomed. Please see her with her new friends below.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Catlin who have looked after our chickens over the years and have settled her into her new home.



LAYLA

Sports Competitions

Well done to the children who have taken part in sports competitions over the past couple of weeks. Our Year 6 Netball team competed in a Telford and Wrekin tournament, finishing in 2nd place overall and qualifying for the Shropshire area school finals.

Our Year 5/6 boys football team competed in a ESFA regional competition. The boys did exceptionally well throughout and made it through to the semi finals.

Our Year 3/4 boys travelled to Grange Park to take part in an in-house football tournament.

All the children enjoyed themselves and played with huge smiles on their faces.

Our Year 3/4 boys football team competed in a Telford and Wrekin tournament held at Telford college.

The boys played some lovely football throughout but unfortunately lost on penalties in the semi final.

The Year 5/6 boys football team competed in a Wolves foundation tournament held at Wolverhampton Wanderers' training ground. The group were fantastic throughout the whole event and finished in 1st place.



On Tuesday, our Year 3/4 girls travelled to Telford College to participate in a Telford and Wrekin girls' football tournament. The girls did extremely well and should be very proud of themselves.

Our Year 5/6 boys also participated in their semi-final against Wrekin View Primary School. The group played some lovely football and won 4-0.

They will now face John Fletcher later in the year in their final at the New Buck's Head stadium.

On Wednesday, our Year 5/6 boys played in the Wolves' Foundation Final. The group were amazing from start to finish and won their game 4-1. They will now move on to representing the Wolves' Foundation at Elland Road in June. Huge congratulations to the group.

On Thursday, KS2 students took part in a Telford and Wrekin football drill-based session. The group represented the school perfectly and all played with smiles on their faces.





Easter Celebrations
 Today nursery and reception joined together to celebrate Easter. We listened to the Easter story and discussed why the festival is important to Christians. We sung songs, made hot cross toast and Easter nests as well as enjoying lots of crafts.



Big Walk and Wheel

We would like to thank all of those who supported and participated in
The Big Walk and Wheel 2023

The travel council have worked hard to promote this to all children in school and the enthusiasm we have seen throughout the school has been just amazing.

The children really enjoyed taking part in this event and it was lovely to see so many getting involved and learning about the benefits of active travel.



Well done everyone!

Washed Spare Clothes - Return Plea

If, due to accidents, your child comes home wearing school underwear/uniform, please can you return the washed items to us. We are running short of our spares to give out. Thank you.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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