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Redhill Primary Academy Mail on Friday





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Book of Kindness

In this week's Book of Kindness, we are celebrating:

- Guy B
- Martha D

Well done!

October Half Term

We hope that you have a lovely half term break. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 2nd November.

Year 6 Secondary Applications - FINAL REMINDER

Please can you make sure that all secondary school applications for Year 6 children are submitted to Telford and Wrekin by **31st October 2026**.

https://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions

Scooter and Bicycle Safety Reminder

Following today's fire evacuation, we noticed a number of scooters had again been left lining the pathways around school. Whilst we appreciate that many children travel to school by scooter or bicycle, it is important that all scooters and bikes are stored safely in the designated bike storage areas on arrival.

Keeping pathways clear helps to ensure that everyone can move safely around the school site and, importantly, allows for clear access routes in the event of an emergency evacuation.

Reception Drop Ins

We are excited to start drop-in sessions for our Reception children. These will take place on Tuesdays at 2.50pm, and parents are invited to come along. Please note that if you arrive later than 2.55pm, we will not be able to accommodate a drop-in on that occasion.

The rest of the school will continue to have their drop-in sessions at drop-off time on Tuesday mornings.

Helping Parents Navigate Online Gaming

LGfL has published a useful new guide for helping parents understand online gaming.
The advice is practical rather than technical. It encourages you to:

- ask what your child is playing;
- check whether games are age-appropriate;
- talk about who your child plays with;
- discuss what information should not be shared;
- agree rules around spending;
- talk about bullying and what to do if something goes wrong;
- review safety settings together;
- agree reasonable limits around play.

The guidance also makes an important point about age ratings: a higher PEGI rating does not mean a game is more difficult — it means the content may be less suitable for younger children.

Link:
LGfL – Helping Parents Navigate Online Gaming

Poppy Appeal 2026

We are pleased to let you know that this year's Poppy Appeal items have been delivered to school.

Children are now able to purchase items from school. We have a limited supply of snap bands, reflectors and wrist bands, although there are plenty of paper poppies and stickers available.

The suggested donations are as follows:

Paper Poppy / Poppy Sticker £ any amount
Poppy Reflector £0.50
Pencil / Ruler £0.50
Wristband Bracelet £2.00
Snap Band £2.00

Please note that these will be available on a first come, first served basis.

We thank you for your support of this worthwhile cause.

Pin Your Poppy

This week, we were pleased to welcome a representative from West Mercia Police into school to speak with the children about the **Pin Your Poppy** remembrance campaign.

Children learned about the importance of remembrance and heard how children across the region can take part by sharing stories of family members who served, local war heroes, or personal reflections on remembrance.

Children were encouraged to take part in this year's project the "Unknown Tommy"

Alongside making their own poppy, children are encouraged to share a story behind it. Completed entries should be sent directly to:
Police and Crime Commissioner, West Media Police HQ, Hindlip Hall, Worcester WR3 8SP
by **Friday 6th November**

https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/api/media/file/Who's%20your%20Tommy%20template.pdf

House Boccia Day

On Tuesday, our KS2 children took part in a House Sports Day with a difference as they were introduced to the Paralympic sport of boccia. Similar to bowls and curling, boccia challenges players to demonstrate precision, strategy and control as they aim to place their balls as close as possible to the target ball, known as the jack. The session was delivered by the Telford and Wrekin School Sports Partnership and was brilliantly supported by our House Captains, who helped ensure the event ran smoothly throughout the day. The session leader was full of praise for the Redhill children, highlighting not only their skill and determination, but also the way they encouraged one another and demonstrated honesty, respect and excellent sportsmanship.

The children thoroughly enjoyed trying something new and, of course, earned plenty of valuable points for their houses along the way. Well done to everyone who took part! 🏅👏







Online Safety for Under-5s

Children are experiencing digital technology from increasingly younger ages, whether that's watching videos, playing simple games or using tablets and other connected devices. To help with this, Internet Matters has a dedicated online safety resource for parents and carers of children aged 0–5. The guidance covers topics including:

- choosing age-appropriate apps, games and content;
- setting up parental controls;
- managing screen time and developing healthy habits;
- sharing photographs and information about young children;
- helping children begin to understand online safety.

The advice is particularly useful because it focuses on building positive digital habits from the beginning, rather than waiting until children are older before discussing online safety.

Link:

Internet Matters – Online Safety Advice for Children Aged 0–5

Forthcoming Charity Events

During the second half of the autumn term, we have several charity events taking place in school. As these events fall within a relatively short period of time, we wanted to give families plenty of notice so that you can plan ahead.
Supporting charitable causes is something we value highly at our school. By taking part in fundraising activities, our children not only help raise money for worthwhile causes but also develop important qualities such as compassion, empathy and an awareness of the challenges faced by others. These experiences encourage children to recognise the positive difference they can make within their wider community.

Thursday 13th November – Children in Need

This year, we will be celebrating Children in Need with a non-uniform day and a whole-school Penny Battle!

Children are invited to come to school wearing their brightest, most colourful clothes, Pudsey-themed outfits, or anything bright and cheerful. Instead of making the usual £1 donation via ParentPay, we are asking children to bring in any spare loose change they may have at home to contribute to our Penny Battle. Each class will be given a collection bucket, and every coin donated will be added to their class total. At the end of the day, we will count the donations and discover which class has collected the most change and been crowned the Penny Battle champions!

The winning class will receive a special class treat, chosen in consultation with Mrs Cartwright.

So, start searching down the backs of sofas, emptying those piggy banks and checking coat pockets for any spare pennies you can find. Every coin will help support Children in Need and make a difference to young people across the UK.



Wednesday 26th November – Wear It Blue for Shropshire Youth Awareness Day

On Wednesday 26th November, we will be taking part in Wear It Blue Day, a county-wide fundraising campaign organised by the High Sheriff of Shropshire. We are delighted that the High Sheriff will also be visiting our school on the day, so let's see if we can create a sea of blue across the school!
Children are invited to wear as much blue as possible, whether that is a blue top, blue accessories or a full blue outfit. To take part, please make a £1 donation via ParentPay.

The campaign aims to support young people across Shropshire, helping them to reach their full potential and providing opportunities for them to thrive. What makes this initiative particularly special is that it is led by young people, for young people. Funds raised will be distributed by a panel of Youth Ambassadors from across the county, who will work alongside the Shropshire Community Foundation to identify the charities and projects that they believe will make the greatest difference to the lives of local young people.

By taking part, our children will be helping to support projects that empower young people, strengthen local communities and create positive opportunities for the future. We hope you will join us in supporting this fantastic cause and help us fill the school with blue on the day!



December – Christmas Kindness Day (more information to follow after half term)

