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# REDHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Standing Ovation at Annie!

What an incredible few months this process has been. We are so proud of the cast and crew for their enthusiasm, talent and dedication to making this show so spectacular. All three nights were nearly sold out, with Thursday being absolutely full! The energy, passion and enjoyment has made all the hard work worth it. Well done everyone!



## Rock Band on the Radio!

Mr Lindsay took Redhill's finest rock band 'Pull the Pin' to perform at Dudley Performing Art's 'Rock the Castle' event. The band had a great time rehearsing at Resonance Education, followed by an exciting performance at Red By Night on the Waterfront. The band were also interviewed on Black Country Xtra, live on Friday afternoon!



The livestreamed performances are on the Dudley Performing Arts YouTube channel.



## King Ed's Geology Students Teach Year 7 Science!

What a great opportunity! Professors and students from King Ed's College came to teach Year 7 their rocks module in science. They hosted multiple sessions, making rocks fizz with acids, analysing and identifying key features of rocks with hand lenses, using playdoh to model and build trilobites and lots more! Year 7 learned about the rock cycle, metamorphic rocks (when heat and pressure changes a rock's shape) and used their team skills to analyse real fossils! This is the first time that external industry professionals have come into school to teach, and what great sessions they were. Some of the students were ex-Redhill pupils and it was lovely to see them thriving in their next steps. Thank you King Ed's!



## Year 11 Prom

This year, the prom was packed full of Year 11's! Cars, vans, bikes and limos pulled up to the entrance of the West Midlands Safari Park on 8th July and group by group, students stepped out in their beautiful gowns and suits. It was a lovely atmosphere as parents welcomed their children and their friends, shared photos and watched others arrive.

Into the evening was a wonderful buffet, photobooth, DJ and dancefloor. Lots of staff came to celebrate with Year 11 this year, dancing with them and featuring in photos. Thank you to those who organised Prom, and thank you to Year 11 for helping to make the evening so special. We hope you enjoyed it!



## Millie Composes Music!

*'Congratulations to Millie S for completing the Young Composers Project with the Birmingham Contemporary Music Group.'*

*Millie has clearly worked hard to produce a piece of music to be performed by some of the finest instrumentalists in the country.*

*Not only did Millie's piece sound great, but she also stood at the front of the hall to introduce her piece to the entire audience.*

*What a huge testament to her bravery!' - Mr Lindsay*

Well done Millie! What a fantastic achievement to make in her first year at Redhill! We can't wait to see what else she achieves in the future.



## Geography Field Trip to Brindley Place

Two groups of Year 10 Geographers went to Brindley Place during the last couple of weeks of term, on a field trip to learn about urbanisation. They visited multiple sites, ranking them according to their business purpose, investment and funding in the local area, their style, materials and build and how they would draw a business worker into the city. It was great seeing positive teamwork.

Students had some time to explore Brindley Place during lunch, visiting Pizza Express, Wagamamas and lounging on the deck chairs in the centre of the square. We were blessed with perfect weather and the day was lovely. Thank you to the Geography department for organising the trip.





## Creative Writing Club Assembly Recital

Mrs George, Miss Spencer and Miss Scott are SO unbelievably proud of the members of Creative Writing Club who recited some of their poetry and descriptive writing to every year group in their assemblies. It takes lots of bravery and creativity to do this and we would love to have more recitals in assemblies from September. You are a fantastic example to other students.

Isabella read a dark poem about comas and hospitals, Alex read a gothic description of a mysterious house in the night, Becky read a beautiful poem about the seasons and Ziana read her 'Cat' poem inspired by 'This is Just To Say' by William Carlos Williams.



## Enrichment Team's Race for Life!

*'Unfortunately, Cancer has effected someone we know at some point in our lives. The Enrichment Team and some Family members decided it was time to raise money for a worthy cause.'*

*We entered for Race for life and had 3 weeks to prepare. (No training took place!!) To show our creative side, we designed our own t-shirts and called ourselves 'The Redhill Enrichment Fairies'.*

*The day came and on arrival, the atmosphere was outstanding. The Enrichment Fairies became glitter Fairies. We shed a tear for those in memory we had lost but the smiles never ended.*

*The race was so joyful, and to take part in something as team has been so rewarding. When the finish line was in sight, we all ran for the end. We all completed the 5K race in under 60 minutes.*

*This has been an achievement for us all and we are so proud of each other and ourselves. At the moment, we have raised £850 and the donations are still coming in. Thank you to everyone who has donated.*

*We are planning our next charity event for next year and hoping to go bigger and better.*

***If you would still like to donate, please scan the QR code. Thank you!' - Mrs P Jones and the Enrichment Team***



## Critical Studies Students Escape From Shrewsbury Prison!



Year 9 and 10 Critical Studies Students went to Shrewsbury Prison to learn about prison life and the building's history. They had a guided tour, listening about the execution rooms, capacity and functionality of the prison and they even got locked in cells to complete an escape room riddle!



The two tour guides were very knowledgeable and helped to make the day a fantastic experience. Thank you to Miss Chell for organising the day!



## End of Year Message From the Head Teacher

*'As the school year closes, I wish all members of the school community a peaceful and safe holiday. This year has brought us many things, the pandemic has provided challenges that together we have overcome. The end of the year has seen the hottest days for a long time and we had the winds and gusts earlier on in the term. Throughout all the challenges, what has shone through has been the quality of our staff and children. They have supported each other during the challenging times and celebrated the best times. From my personal perspective, the highlight of the school year has been the return of some Redhill traditions. The Annie production was amazing; alongside the return of trips and visits, we are seeing our wide curriculum offer moving back to pre-pandemic levels. This will be an area that we will strive to develop further next year. I wish the year 11 students the best of luck as they move onto Post-16 provisions. They have been a really strong, supportive and resilient group of students. We had a wonderful Prom to celebrate their time at Redhill..*

*As one year group leaves, another joins us. The Year 6 induction days proved to be a real success and we look forward to welcoming our new intake on 6th September. The plans for summer school are gathering pace, it will be brilliant.*

*And finally a thank you to our Parents. Your support never goes unnoticed. We are very lucky to have such a committed group of Parents in our community. Thank you all and have a wonderful summer.'* Mr J Clayton

## Kindness by Charley C, Year 7

You can put it in your pocket,  
or hang it from some strings,  
it might just be a smile, but  
it's the happiness that it brings.

With just a cheeky hug,  
you could make a friend or two,  
it's amazing how it can spread  
with the little things you do.

Just one little word,  
can make you smile and gleam  
it's a feeling that you only feel  
when you're stuck inside a dream.

It doesn't matter who you are,  
if you're deaf or if you're blind,  
the world would be a better place  
if we could just be kind.

## What's New on Redhill Writes?

Goodbye and good luck to Mr Lindsay as he moves forward in his teaching career! Mr Lindsay writes a lovely reflection on his time at Redhill.

We have lots of new alumni posts! Nicole tells us about her degree and what else she has been up to in the 10 years since leaving Redhill, Noah writes about his Drama and Film degree and Silas is an aspiring Aerospace Engineer at UoB! Three fantastic examples of ex-Redhill students chasing their dreams and working incredibly hard.



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