

November 2021

REDHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



European Cupcake Bake-Off

What a fantastic amount of entries! Students put lots of effort into their European themed cupcakes and special awards were handed out to nine successful students. The cakes were sold at a break time cake-sale the day after they were judged and we managed to raise a great amount of money which will be split between Friends of Redhill and Macmillan. Thank you to the Food and MFL departments for hosting this competition.



Year 11 Leavers' Presentation Evening



Thursday 18th was a fantastic evening at the Copthorne Hotel. It was wonderful seeing the Class of 2021 again and celebrating their academic and personal achievements from their time at Redhill. We wish them all the best for their futures.



Remembrance Day Installation

To enhance the learning journey this year and to honour those affected by conflict, this Remembrance display at Redhill symbolises the end of war and the exhausted return home. This installation has been a collaboration across the school community, with the recycled bottle poppies coming from the students in afterschool art and the soldiers being created by Paul and the site team. The wonderful wooden horse was a dedicated joint project between Terry Blewitt and our site manager, Tim, using repurposed timber from our school. We used this display to educate through imagery across a multitude of departments. We are incredibly moved by the final piece and it has had a striking reaction from all who have seen it.





Jenson Plays for Stourbridge FC

Well done to Jenson who played 90 minutes for Stourbridge FC's first team on Tuesday 2nd November against Bromsgrove Sporting.



He is the youngest player to represent the first team! We are excited to see his progress and we support him all the way!

Well done Jenson.

Commitment to Excellence Awards

Lots of students have earned 25 achievement points in the first seven weeks of term, so we were excited to recognise and reward their efforts with the 'Form Tutor Award' certificates. Thank you to the talented Jack (Y11) for performing his wonderful piano piece during the assemblies.



Blood Brothers Theatre Trip!

On Thursday 4th November, GCSE Drama students travelled to Birmingham to watch Blood Brothers at the Hippodrome Theatre to aid their GCSE performances and analysis of the play. The day was very enjoyable and we received thanks from the theatre on twitter for attending! Thank you to the members of staff who accompanied the students.



Youth Speaks Debate Competition

Youth Speaks is an annual debating competition held by the Rotary Group. There are various different rounds, starting with local schools and progressing to a national final. We were so impressed with the turnout for auditions and the quality of speeches, these pupils really are very talented. Our teams are currently planning various topics such as 'Can Technology be Used to Help Global Warming?', 'Who is The Best Superhero?' and 'Conspiracy Theories Around the Coronavirus Outbreak'.

The first round of the competition is being held at Pedmore School on 27th January. Good Luck teams!



Wild About Stourbridge Art, Environment and Wellbeing Projects



The Wild About Stourbridge Team continued their visits after half-term with more fun, calming and creative activities. Students were encouraged to try new things such as music editing, photography and wool crafts, with fantastic results!



Year 10 and 11 Netball Matches

“In today’s netball match against Holy Trinity School, the overall score was 8-4 to them, however we have seen incredible improvement in everyone’s netball skills, we thoroughly enjoyed it. Each week we will keep on training and getting better, we can’t wait until our next match. Our player of the match was Katie (GA) and we also gave their GA player of the match as she played exceptionally well. We can’t wait for our fixtures to continue.”

- Katie, Year 10

“Our first netball match of the year!! It was great fun to get back into netball and channel our competitiveness! Although we lost, our team spirit didn’t lack and we can’t wait to get involved with future matches as a new team.”

- Molly, Year 11



Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying Week

To show solidarity and support for Anti-Bullying Week 2021, students and staff arrived in school on Monday 15th wearing odd socks! We had some crazy Christmas, Disney and food socks among Year 7 especially. Mrs Condlyffe even wore odd shoes! Year 7 used their break time to watch the live BBC Teach Anti-bullying show and students had themed activities in form time during the week.



Fantastic Charity Fundraising Totals



We are thrilled to announce that the total amounts raised for both of the charity events held over the past couple of weeks have been confirmed.

Our yellow mufti day helped to raise a fantastic £1832.97 for Mental Health Charity, Young Minds. Thank you to all students and staff who wore yellow and donated that day. Mental Health charities are needed now more than ever and it is wonderful that we have been able to help some of the young people in the country who rely on Young Minds’ resources.



Our bake sale lead by Years 7, 8 and 9 raised an impressive total of £412.90 in a single break time for Macmillan Cancer Support. This could not have been achieved without the generous cake donations from students and those who came to the sale at break to buy them. Thank you to everybody who helped manage the sale, from those who welcomed people through the doors to those who ran the Colin Caterpillar sprinkle competition. Your efforts and generosity really make a difference to people going through difficult times.



Creative Writing Club Entries

They Say to Remember

By Rebecca, Year 9

They say to remember
the fifth of November
when Guy tried to blow up the King.
Now you find his body
all over the country.
This is a message for the girls and the boys,
don't attempt treason
without a good reason,
don't try to kill the ruler,
your punishment will be crueller.

Autumn Haiku

By Dorian, Year 9

Contorted branches
spill a red rainbow below,
covered in colours.

Autumn Haiku

By Ryan, Year 9

Light stabbed through the trees,
as leaves floated from the top
and rain pierced me.

Creative Piece by George B, Year 9

In the rubble, nothing was alive nor moving. A shiver runs through my lemur form as I pounce on some odd looking rocks, that turn out to be a broken, twisted spine. Human, of course. Ivy would have been in tears, making beautiful, exotic flowers engulf all the bodies, giving them a colourful burial. More nectar.

An unusual sight meets my eyes, a hedgehog, no, *the* hedgehog, poking around the dusty old concrete support columns. I shift and land by the hedgehog as an exact clone of it, it stares at me and then...no, it couldn't have, smiled?


Year 7 Lexia Certificates




It's lovely to see so many Year 7s achieving certificates for their efforts in Lexia this month. We are very lucky that our students are able to use Chromebooks in English, Maths, MFL and coursework based subjects.

Chromebooks provide more learning resources to students in interactive ways, from worksheets to games. Well done for your commitment to excellence Year 7!



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