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REDHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



May Music Concert

'I'm so thrilled with how the concert went. After so long without a proper concert the pupils really did themselves proud.

The quality and commitment from the pupils has been fantastic - I couldn't have asked for more.

Over the moon!' - Mrs Hastings

To read more about the concert, please visit our blog!



'Hope' Short Story Certificates

The Year 7 and 8 certificates were awarded to the shortlisted winners of the 'Hope' short story competition. Well done to those who were shortlisted out of over 60 entries! Each certificate had a personalised message, recognising what the judge, Jan, liked best about each piece. Mr Sidaway awarded the winning students in assembly, with supportive applause from their peers and teachers. Well done everyone!



Congratulations to the winners of joint first place, James and Lily, for their entries. Jan was especially impressed with their narrative and how they crafted their short stories. They received a £50 book token each and a certificate.



Thank you to Jan for such a generous prize.





Class of 2022—Year 11 Leavers' Day

What a wonderful afternoon. Year 11 enjoyed pizza and ice cream in the sun as they said goodbye to friends and staff. They signed each other's school shirts and collected their Leavers' hoodies.



Thank you to the staff who helped to run the stations. After the treats, everyone watched the Leavers' assembly in the hall, including lovely speeches and a funny staff video. Good luck for the future Year 11!



Redhill's Donation to Reachout Birmingham

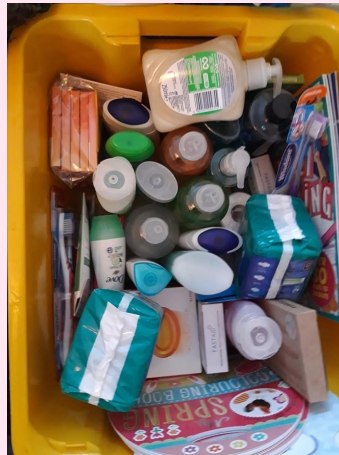
Redhill school donated lots of items to Reachout Birmingham recently. Reachout helps the homeless and vulnerable in some areas of the West Midlands. Items ranged from toiletries to sleeping bags and the team was very grateful for the amount of supplies our students and school community was able to give. We are proud of our school community and wish to help those around us in any way we can.

Junior Maths Challenge!



Congratulations to the Year 7s and 8s who won certificates from the National Maths Challenge Competition! Thank you to the Maths Department for treating the participants to chocolate and lollies! This is a fantastic opportunity for fun competition and a personal challenge.

Well done for taking part!



Year 9 DofE Expedition

Those in Year 9 taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh award have completed their practise expedition over the last couple of weekends. One group was even lucky enough to witness a calf being born, what a fantastic and unique experience!

'On Friday we set off from school at lunch and walked across the park, the golf club, some football fields and after a while we got away from the busy roads and more into the countryside.

The next day we mostly walked across the canal until we stopped at a farm where we pitched tents and cooked pot noodles for lunch on stoves. We walked for about 5 hours on Friday and 6 hours on Saturday. Luckily it was very sunny on both days. We faced many challenges including bug bites, blisters, sunburns and even getting a tiny bit lost! We all still enjoyed the whole thing and are all looking forward to doing the real expedition in June where we'll actually camp overnight.' Millie and Evie



Year 9 Smashed the Netball League!

'A huge congratulations to the Year 9 netball team who played and came FIRST in their Dudley schools netball league.

Outstanding effort and commitment throughout the season. An absolute pleasure to coach. Well done girls!' - Mrs Smith



Bailey Swims at the New Sandwell Aquatics Centre

On the bank holiday weekend, Bailey took part in the Sandwell Aquatics Centre Inaugural Test Event at the new Commonwealth Pool. He was involved in the u13's water polo festival in the morning, scoring many goals and meeting Great Britain water polo players Fran Vincent and Rosie Thomas. Well done to Shaan in Year 8 for also playing in the water polo game.

In the evening, Bailey also represented Stourbridge Swimming Club in the relay gala. This is a fantastic achievement and life experience, to swim at the inaugural event of the commonwealth pool. We are so proud that Bailey is pursuing his hobbies and talents with dedication.

Well done!



Aw Gee, Annie Is Looking Great!



The cast and crew of Annie are very excited about the progression of the show. Dances and songs have been blocked and the leads are really developing their characterisations. They even have Annie badges to wear around school! Flyers and tickets will start to be advertised in the coming weeks and we aim to drum up as much interest as possible! *I think you're gonna like it here*, so make sure you get yourself a ticket to *Easy Street* this term!



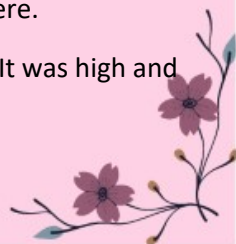
Extract from 'The Phoenix, The Unicorn and The Dragon' by Lilly-Dawn, Year 7

A large chest blanketed in mist stood in the middle of the room. It was glowing all the colours of the rainbow. I struggled with the lock, but finally opened it. Three objects, radiating with magic, lay in its coffin like confinement. A mirror, an amulet and a burnt feather was its content. Suddenly, a bright flash blinded my eyes and I was struck with awe.

Three mythical creatures stood before me. There was a bright bird enveloped in bright, hot flames, gold lining its feathers. There was also the distinct figure of a horse... but atop its head lay a glowing purple horn. The magnificent beast had a smooth black coat and a big bushy tail swishing behind it. The third creature was the hugest animal I had ever seen. Its large, powerful wings flapped rhythmically above it as it sprayed water everywhere.

My breath was taken away. Then, a voice spoke. It was high and twinkly.

'Choose' it said. 'Choose one'.



My Ruler—by Torsten PP, Year 9

My ruler is as firm as a rock,
as sure as steel. It is precise.
Forget it does not, let it be focussed.
Eternally linear, unfailing ally.

I let it lie across my paper,
a beam of light gone solid. Clear as day
it shows me the length, surety in my hand.
It was correct, as it expected.

The next day, a quiet crack appears,
light glints at me. Defiant. Prepared.
To draw a thousand lines again,
never weary, ever unspeaking.

Yet I am sure I heard it sigh,
each line I draw across its length.
One day it will break, a silent scream.
To shatter and form shards of sunlight.

What's New on Redhill Writes?

This month we saw an article on Lauren in Year 11. She has excelled in volleyball, playing for England's Cadets over the Easter Holidays. She has the hopes of a US scholarship in the future and we have full faith in her!

In the Alumni section we heard from Miss McGlynn who, after being a former student herself, is now one of our English teachers! She tells us about what she remembers from school and how her colleague, Mrs George, used to be her English teacher!

We also heard from the Music Department about the wonderful May music concert that commenced on the 10th May. It was great learning about the preparation that went into the show and how hard all the students worked to practice their pieces. The show sold over 100 tickets and we had a full house on the night! It was a wonderful evening.

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