



REDHILL NEWS

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REDHILL'S GOT TALENT



Winners L-R: George Westley-Smith, Charlie Walker, Annie Hawkins and Max Dyas

After such an incredible round of auditions we all knew for certain that it was going to be a fantastic final for Redhill's Got Talent this year. The contestants definitely didn't disappoint.

The evening started at 6pm on 25th April and the performances kept coming. Over the course of the evening, the audience were treated to acts from Year 7 all the way up to Year 10; solos, duets, dancers and even dogs. They certainly opened the competition as wide as it would go.

Whilst the votes were being counted and independently verified we were treated to a performance from Sanctus, our elite advanced music group. Sanctus performed two songs "From Now On" from The Greatest Showman and "Smile", which was written by our very talented Mrs Hastings in memory of Pierce Wilkinson.

Without a shadow of a doubt, this was the best year and included the highest volume of talent we have ever seen over the six year history of the competition. From the auditions alone, a massive £1026.89 was raised and that didn't even include the extra £400 gleaned from the almost sold out final. This money will be split equally between the Sri Lanka project and the Pierce Wilkinson memorial. After the votes had been counted, the results were in. In third place was... Max Dyas, in second were last year's champions, Charlie Walker and George Westley-Smith and pipping them to the post for the first position was a very talented Year 7, Annie Hawkins.

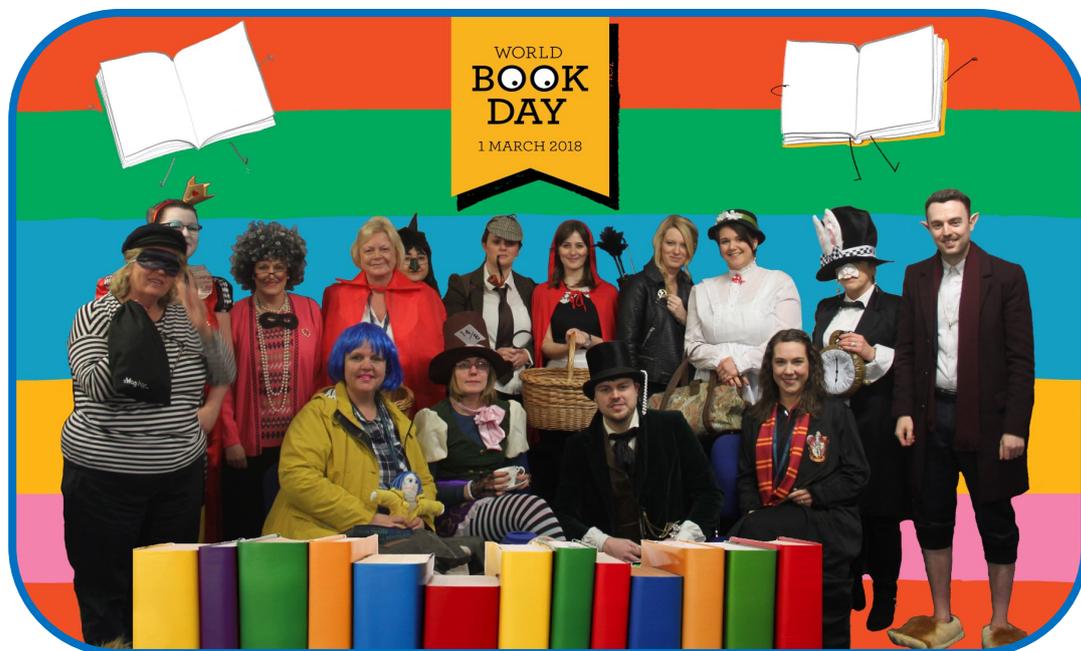


A massive thank you must be said to all who have been involved in making this year as amazing as it was. To all our performers, well done, to our audience members, staff judges and helpers, comperes and pastoral helpers, this couldn't have been put on without all of you. A special thank you to Mrs Beeston and Mr Field, who have enabled this competition to grow over the years and made it into the success it is.



We hope you enjoyed this year's talent show and we can't wait to see you all again next year!

James Jackson



WORLD BOOK DAY 2018

On Thursday 1st March Redhill continued the annual tradition of celebrating World Book Day. The day brought characters from far and wide, from across the literary canon into the school thanks to teachers and support staff alike.

As part of the celebration, years 7 and 8 took part in themed lessons where they able to learn more about the things the day was built around... the wonders of the English language!

They also had the opportunity to learn about why books matter so much around the world, what reading can do for your health and lifestyle and, of course, entered a book related competition! Years 9, 10 and 11 were also treated to a book themed quiz to start their lesson.

On the day, £1 book tokens were also on offer to anyone who wanted one, and these allowed you to go to a book shop and either get one of the ten selected books for free or to get the face value off another.

Overall the day was a huge success; an informative and enjoyable experience all round, which allowed all involved to get closer to their inner book worm.

Thank you to all those involved with the organisation and we look forward to seeing what literary treats are in store for next year.

James Jackson

ADVANCED PERFORMERS EVENING 2018

On 20th March, the Music department once again took to the school stage to put on a night of entertainment. The theme for the Advanced Performers Evening was a 'Night at the Musicals'.

The evening began at 7pm and was opened by our Jazz Band who instantly set the bar high with their performances of "Wipe Out" from "Return to the Forbidden Planet" and "Everybody" from "The Blues Brothers" featuring vocals from Aaron Grainger (Y10) and Millie Alcock (Y10). The evening progressed from there, showing the assembled audience the wide breadth of musical talent and expertise held in our school with performances ranging from solos to duets, from personal compositions to group pieces.

The evening itself was also geared towards raising funds for the next school production, "Curtains". The raffle was part of the evening, where we even had a few returning prize winners coming back again and again with their lucky 'golden tickets'. Following the interlude we heard from some more of our brilliant musicians. Before the night was out we had heard from the ukulele ensemble, had solos from Amy Sefton (Y11) and Owen Rowlands (Y9) (among others), duets and even the recipient of the 'rising star award' Mariann Bayliss (Y8) as well as musicians such as Zara Baker-Phillips (Y10) who performed "Somewhere over the Rainbow" from 'The Wizard of Oz'.

The evening finished off with a performance from our very talented advanced vocal group "Sanctus" who sang "Seasons of Love" (from the musical 'RENT') and "From Now On" ('The Greatest Showman') as well a song written by our brilliant head of music, Mrs Hastings, entitled "Smile" which was dedicated to Piece Wilkinson, whose anniversary is shortly coming up.

Thank you to all who were involved with the evening and especially to Miss Van-Den-Akker, Miss Comley and Mrs Hastings for making the event possible.

James Jackson

REDHILL HOSTS THE MATHS FEAST



On Wednesday 14th March Redhill hosted, for the first time, a regional session of The Maths Feast, run by the Further Maths Support Programme.

The Maths Feast is a maths activities and problem solving competition for Gifted and Talented Year 10 students.

I am delighted to say that although a closely fought competition, with some

extremely talented young mathematicians, our Redhill team were the winners.

We were represented by Helen Harper, Yan Naydenov, Jack Ashman and Tom Abbotts.

The event was supported on the day by our school direct student teachers: Alex Clausen, Lydia Faun and Scott Knowles. Thanks to all involved.

Mrs G Bashford

HARVEY MAKES BRITAIN PROUD

Harvey Hawkes (10D) attended the Karate Open Championships on 12th -14th March in Malta. Harvey achieved a staggering 4 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze medal.

Harvey's sister, Darcey aged 7, is following in her big brother's footsteps by achieving 2 Gold medals.



LOCAL AUTHOR VISITS REDHILL

Ken Preston visited the Library on Tuesday 27th March to deliver a writing skills workshop to Year 11 GCSE groups. Ken is an author of three published books and

delivered invaluable experience to our year 11s, which will help them with their upcoming English exams in the summer.

Ken stayed all morning and had a meet and greet that was open to all students. Books were available for students to buy and Ken signed them with a cryptic message that would make sense once the pupils read the book they had purchased.

Ken's two sons, Jack and Matthew are pupils at Redhill School.





SOUNDS OF DUDLEY CONCERT

Our Music Department's elite singing group was given an exclusive opportunity to perform at the prestigious Sound of Dudley Concert at Dudley's Town Hall on Monday 22nd March.

This year's concert followed the theme of 'wonderland' and was kicked off by the mass choir collected from local primary schools. The audience were then treated to an arrangement of solos and duets from pupils at surrounding secondary schools, more songs from the mass choir (including a reading from Redhill student James Jackson) and our very own Sanctus accompanied by the talented Miss Comley.

The evening's theme tied everything together and gave a strong backbone for all of the pieces to link to. Our own group performed "Seasons of Love" from the musical 'RENT' and "From Now On" from 'The Greatest Showman' as well as a solo from Millie Alcock singing "I can hear the Bells" from 'Hairspray the Musical'. All the way through, the evening was peppered by performances from the mass choir with small groups and solos from pupils at the primary schools. The groups showed their versatility and talent that can be achieved when they put their minds to it, and gave all who attended a treat, a night of fabulous entertainment and a showcase of success.

James Jackson



Matthew Bonnar, Y8, has received a special commendation from the RNLI for sailing a sponsored six hour race single handed. Matthew had only been sailing five times before the race and he managed to sail over twelve miles raising £300 in sponsorship money.

Matthew is now in training for the national/world Byre sailing competition, which will be held at the Olympic sailing park in Weymouth in July this year. These races are to take place over four days on the sea.

Well done Matthew and we wish you all the best for Weymouth.



Congratulations to our Y9 footballers who won the Halesowen and Stourbridge District Cup on 19th April beating Thorns 1-0. They were a credit to the school.

Many thanks to Mr Porter for all his hard work coaching the team.

Congratulations to our Y11 boys who beat Ridgewood 5-2 in the District Cup Final at Enville Football Club on 28th March.

A well deserved victory in their final game for school.



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