



REDHILL NEWS

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YEAR 10s HAVE A FANTASTIC TIME ON THEIR WORK EXPERIENCE

As part of my work experience, with A. Partridge Electrical I was lucky enough to be able to help on the BBC makeover show "DIY SOS" as they strived to assist a Stourbridge woman's quest for independence. HEROES from the show have given a disabled Stourbridge woman a huge lifeline by helping her move into a new home with her sister.

Karis Lane, 27, has cerebral palsy, uses a wheelchair and needs constant care – but her mother Karen is struggling to provide it because of her own declining health.

As a result, Karis' sister Johanna Lane wants her sibling to come and live at her home in Bromsgrove – but the building needed to be specially-adapted. Such work would usually cost thousands of pounds but the BBC makeover programme – as well as generous local businesses, including Adrian (a previous Redhill student himself) who I had been working with for the week, provided the labour and materials. A spokesman for the programme added: "We completely rely on the support and generosity of the local community of

tradespeople and supplies to carry out the work, to help transform the lives of truly deserving families."

I was on site for a day where I met the team and was able to see all the work, plans and alterations that would be needed for Karis to make the move to Bromsgrove. Unfortunately, due to dreaded 'health and safety' regulations I wasn't able to do too much but I hope my small contribution will help Karis remain with her family. As far as I know the DIY SOS episode featuring the work on Johanna, William and Karis' house will be screened at some point during the next 12 months. I'm reasonably certain you won't see me on it but that does not concern me, after all, what truly matters is that Karis and her family know that family and community are very important to me; I would hope that if my family was in the same situation that people would rally around to help us.

The DIY SOS team are amazing and the help that they offer to people in their times of need is a valuable lesson to us all. I thoroughly enjoyed working with Adrian and the opportunity to work with Nick Knowles, Billy and the rest of the team is a memory that will stay with me forever.

Robert Nash



Having attended West Midlands Fire Service for work experience, we have all had an amazing experience working alongside firefighters. We all had an insight of what a real firefighter does on a day to day basis. This included water rescue, rope rescue, hose drill, RTC (road traffic collision), working alongside a fire rescue dog and also the fire house containing confined spaces.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Mike Howard and everyone that helped that week to make our work experience truly amazing.

Harvey Hawkes



BRINDLEY PLACE , BIRMINGHAM

As part of the new GCSE Geography course, the introduction of a 'Paper 3' has occurred. This paper is all about the application of case studies, field work and of general geographic related skills.



So on 12th and 13th of June, all of our Year 10 geographers started their preparation in readiness for this part of the exam by going on their first field trip to Brindley Place in Birmingham. The whole day was focused around the question of how well the regeneration project in the area had gone and to see the effects of the work on local businesses and business prospects, social opportunities and cultural traditions.

The day began for these students, as usual, with the first hour of the day in a Geography lesson. From there, the classes walked down to Stourbridge Junction to catch the train into Snow Hill Station, Birmingham before walking to Brindley Place. They were there to survey five different locations around the development area using an EQS (Environment Quality Survey). They started in the centre of the redevelopment, completed the survey and moved around to the front of the Ikon gallery and the new RBS head office. There they repeated the process and completed a second of their five EQS's before having a small break. They all walked down the canal to an area where the redevelopment had not yet reached. This was to show the distinct differences between where the work had and had not, so far, been carried out.

Walking back down, they completed a fourth EQ outside the King Edward's Wharf before spending an hour in the centre of Brindley Place for lunch.

After lunch the groups made their way to their fifth and final EQS site before making their way past the ICC to the train station to travel back to Stourbridge. En route they paused by the 'green pavement' tramway and 'living wall' they had learnt about in lesson before catching their train. The students were then dismissed from the Junction after a day of work towards their final exam!



A massive thanks to all the staff who accompanied them on the trip as well as the whole Geography department and especially Mr Porter for organising the day.

James Jackson

YEAR 10S VISIT THE THEATRE



5th July held a very exciting evening for some of our Year 10s as they were selected to go on a visit to the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford. They were going to watch a star studded cast perform the Shakespeare classic, Macbeth, which is also such an integral part of their English Literature GCSE. Unfortunately, there weren't enough places on the trip to be able to take the whole of Year 10 but for those who were lucky enough to get their places, the night began at 4:45pm on the car park at C-block where we all gathered for the departure by coach.

After the 45 minute journey to the famous Bards birthplace, we arrived outside the infamous great Swan Theatre, where we all once again gathered on the grass. We took in the surroundings of the area and appreciate what the atmosphere must have been like for William Shakespeare himself, back in 1606, when he wrote the play that we were there to see.

The show began at 7:15 pm and by this time the school had settled themselves in their places on the circle and upper circle with some of the best seats in the whole house.

Over the next few hours, the group were treated to an incredible performance using all of the original dialect and movement but now with modern features such as the costume and staging ideas. Included in the cast were veritable stars including the acting talents of Christopher Eccleston who played none other than Macbeth himself starring alongside Niamh Cusack who played the part of Lady Macbeth to a fine art.

A massive thank you to all of the teachers involved, especially to Mrs Parker for leading the groups and for all the hard work put in to organise the incredibly enjoyable evening!



James Jackson

POET VISITS REDHILL

When the poet Matt Windle came to visit us I was unsure if I was going to enjoy it, but straight away he changed my mind. I thought it was impossible to enjoy poetry!



His story was inspiring and his freestyle skills were impressive. The session was very interesting and very different. He taught us about different rhyme schemes and how these can be created, as well as the effect they may have. He also taught us that poetry is not just the written word, or the poems we have in our anthologies and that there are lots of different, even contemporary styles, out there. It was interactive and overall a really fun afternoon.



We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Parker and Mrs Dorrell for organising the fantastic event.

Charlie Dunn and Millie Hartley – Year 10



Matt Windle is the 20th Poet Laureate for Birmingham 2016 - 2018. He is a professional boxer and fights at a national level as a super flyweight boxer.

Matt delivers workshops, performances and poetry box-exercise to schools, libraries, foster homes, residential care homes and other establishments.

SUMMER CONCERT 2018

On 10th July we held our annual Summer Concert. This is an evening for all years to participate in and showcase the might of our talented musicians and teachers.

The evening began at 6pm with many of our music students giving warm up acts, even before the night began at 6:30pm. The evening, this year, was compered by our newly elected Head Girl and Head Boy – Eva Franks and James Jackson. Our night of music was opened by our percussion group Beats and from then on we had performances from our Brass Ensemble, Jazz Band and the advanced singing group, Sanctus, as well as the cast of our upcoming production of the murder mystery musical “Curtains” who performed one of their main numbers, to name but a few.

“A very enjoyable and successful evening!”

Judah Loynds.

The night of talent also included our newly formed Year 7 Ensemble, String Ensemble, our junior singing group Meridian, Little Big Band and our Ukulele group.

The night held a small tinge of sadness because it was our brilliant teacher of music, Miss Comley’s, last concert as a member of the music team at Redhill. Miss Comley is moving to become a music teacher to at Russells Hall Primary and so she was made a star of the show to show how much she will be missed and how thankful we all are for everything she has done. She did however give us some good news in that she was indeed intending to return on certain days to help out!

A massive thanks must be said to our amazing music team and also to Dudley Performing Arts for their continuing support. So, to Miss Comley and Mrs Hastings, a massive thank you for all the hard work and dedication that you put into Redhill Music!

James Jackson

WORKSHOPS HELD AT PETER’S HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Even though we had nearly reached the end of term, our talented musicians still took time out of their schedules to go to Peter’s Hill Primary school to run a series of musical workshops.

“A brilliant experience and a lovely way to see them engaging, what music can do is just so evident in times like this”.

On 13th July, Redhill music sent a contingent of students to run workshops for Peter’s Hill primary school. Throughout the day, the pupils experienced four taster sessions including: acting, singing and dancing thanks to the principals of our upcoming performance of the musical “Curtains”.

Drumming with the ‘Beatz’ percussion group, who taught about improvised rhythms and developing basic ideas. Our advanced vocalist group, Sanctus, also performed and then taught some of their favourite songs and the ukulele group gave the pupils an opportunity to try a new instrument, adding vocals to their pieces as they went along.

During the day, the classes from Peter’s Hill rotated around the Redhill groups and ended up experiencing everything from performing to improvisation.

“I loved having the opportunity to pass on some of my musical knowledge to the pupils and hopefully I have inspired them to take up music”.

A massive thanks must go to all the staff and pupils at Peter’s Hill as well as to Miss Comley and Mrs Hastings for their continuing hard work and dedication to their subject. So thank you once again!

James Jackson

RETIRED GREYHOUNDS VISIT REDHILL



If you have never petted a greyhound before, you are missing out. I was excited on the day that the greyhounds were due to arrive and a bit nervous because I had heard they can run really, really fast. We had to wait a while, since the Greyhounds were donating blood. That is sooo sweet of them, I thought.



When the greyhounds final arrived, we all crowded around them, but they did not seem to mind. There were there of them and when we went onto the rubber crumb they were racing like a rocket.

All of us involved fed them treats and water and walked them around the fields.

Greyhound fact: A greyhound's heart is beneath their body, and you can feel it.

Those two days with the greyhounds were amazing and if you were to ever have a chance to meet them, do it!

Malaika Ali 7J



HOVERCRAFT RACING



Serena Hackett, Year 7, has recently taken part in a national round of hovercraft racing at Sheffield.

Overall, Serena gained third place, just missing out on a second place by a single point.

Serena is looking forward to the world championships in Germany.

Well done Serena it looks brilliant fun.



KIDS SWIM FREE IN DUDLEY!

SPLASH OUT AT YOUR LOCAL POOL THIS SUMMER

Free swimming for children aged 16 and under this summer holidays at Dudley, Crystal (Stourbridge) and Halesowen leisure centres *

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