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# REDHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Pudding Club!

*'The inaugural Pudding Club was launched for 4 weeks in March showcasing a range of skills making traditional British puddings to students. With the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations coming up in the Summer and Buckingham Palace launching a national pudding competition, they made classic British treats, including treacle lattice, jam tarts and upside down peach and butterscotch pudding. Yet these weren't the only success stories! Students from Years 7-11 committed each week and formed new friendships, contributing to Redhill's known friendly school community and inclusive atmosphere. Pudding Club ran outside of our main practical and theory teaching curriculum schedule and the planning and preparation of ingredients achieve would not be possible without the support of our Food Technician.*



*Additional thanks go to all the students over the last 4 weeks, parents & carers that support our offering and Mrs Condlyffe.'* - Miss Reeve



## Celebration Assemblies, Easter Term

What a fantastic way to celebrate the accumulation of achievement points among our students at the end of term with the Celebration Award Assemblies. Parents and students gathered in the hall to watch the award winners receive their Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates and badges. It was lovely to see students cheering their peers on when their names were called, as well as the consistent applause and support.

We had two very special guest speakers, professional Rugby player, Nick Baxter, who handed out some of the awards and presented a very motivational speech to the pupils. We also had TV and Film scriptwriter, William Gallagher, who has worked on Doctor Who, EastEnders and much more across his broad career. He encouraged students to chase their dreams and believe in themselves.

We also had fantastic musical performances, one from the choir who sung Good Morning Baltimore from Hairspray, a rhythmic piece from the Beats club and two songs by Year 7 rock band, 'Wrong Way System'. Thank you to the performers and to Mrs Hastings for creating such a great showcase.

We really look forward to the end of the Summer Term when we will be able to award the final certificates of the year.



## Isaac and Millie Help Ukraine

Millie and her mum went to the Ryemarket's packing station to help pack boxes of donations to be sent to Ukraine. Millie spent a few hours packing, taping and putting boxes into the vans to be transported, and she enjoyed the experience much more than she expected. A few days later, she saw a video of a little girl in Ukraine opening a package and receiving a new coat to stay warm. Millie said it was a lovely feeling. Well done Millie!



One weekend, Isaac baked cakes and encouraged neighbours and family to donate cakes. He went into Stourbridge town to sell them. He raised £153 and all proceeds were donated to the DEC. What a kind and thoughtful thing to do for others. Well done Isaac. We are very proud of both of these students for their involvement in the wider community.



## Lillian Encourages her Street to Donate to Ukraine!

Lillian in Year 11 made a special and kind effort to raise product donations for the Ukraine appeal. She took the initiative to reach out to her neighbours and was touched by the response. Well done Lillian.

*'During the school's appeal for essential items for the Ukrainian crisis, I felt I needed to make sure I did everything possible to help. I printed off a leaflet asking everyone in my small cul-de-sac if they could help and donate just one item.'*

*I was overwhelmed by their generosity, with bags full of items being dropped off at my door daily. A huge thank you has to go to everyone who responded to this urgent appeal.'*



## Loudmouth's Educational Performance

On Monday 4th April, Loudmouth came to perform educational theatre pieces to Year 9. The first was about unsafe relationships, grooming and child exploitation. The other was about county lines and criminal exploitation of schoolchildren, how respect and pressure can easily influence young people to get caught up in dangerous situations. If you would like to explore the company and what they do, or learn anything about the topics above, please visit <https://www.loudmouth.co.uk/>



## Redhill Girls Play the Volleyball Grand Prix

Redhill pupils undertook a fantastic journey through rounds one and two of the U16 volleyball Junior Grand Prix recently. The girls played their hearts out against The Boswell School, Dartford & Darkstar Vipers. They won all three matches, making them winners of the Silver Pool, but also coming 3rd overall in the last eight teams in the country.

Fantastic play by Alexa, Joely, Alice, Lauren & Molly! We are very proud as a school and the Parents who went to watch were thrilled with their performance.



## Sam Sells Sweets for his Korea Scout Fundraiser

We are very proud of Sam P for successfully being selected to go on the World Scout Jamboree to South Korea next August as part of the West Midlands Scouts unit. He is the only scout in Stourbridge to be selected and the first within his group in over 40 years! He made bags of sweets to sell in form time and raised money for his cause. He has also set up gofundme <https://gofund.me/9cf42202> . Well done for this proactive attitude

Sam and thank you to the students for contributing to his fundraising!

*'I am happy to have been selected for the world scout jamboree in 2023. I will be joining over 40,000 other scouts from across the globe. It will truly be an enriching experience for me and I can share my incredible experiences with other people. It will also help me develop my cultural understanding of other cultures worldwide. So far I know I will be spending 2 days in Seoul which will be a great experience.'*



## The Debut Month of our Redhill Writes Blog!

The Redhill Writes Blog has had a fantastic first month of publication! We have posted about the events in the LGBTQ+ club, seen an introduction and reflection from our Digital Content Creator, Miss Scott. We have seen examples of the wonderful sports and music achievements of our students and heard from Alumni who have started their own lockdown businesses and become authors!

We have lots of content queued up to be published on the blog, so make sure you check it weekly! Access the Redhill Writes blog by scanning the **QR code** at the bottom of the back page of this newsletter!

## Winners of the Chocolate Branding Competition!

Huge congratulations to Ziana and Isabella for winning the competition with their fantastic 'Freezoz' chocolate sunglasses brand design! The judges loved that they made their own video advert, billboard poster and presentation. They put lots of thought into their brand, including packaging, flavours and practicality, and worked together as a fantastic team. Well done to Becky who created her 'A Farm of Chocolate' and Dorian with his 'Ludicrous' chocolate brand. Each winner was awarded

with an Amazon voucher gifted by the English department and some Easter chocolate from Creative Writing Club!



## Year 7's First Netball Match

*'On Tuesday the 5th April, the Year 7 netball team went to their first tournament at Kinver High School. It was a fantastic chance to use the skills we have been taught in real matches. There were lots of amazing and challenging teams but it was a fantastic experience for us.'*

*We would like to thank Jasmine, Evie and Millie for coming and coaching us throughout the game. We would also like to thank Miss Smith for taking us and Miss Millard for running the netball club each Wednesday. If you're interested in joining netball, it will continue in Year 8, so speak to Miss Millard or the P.E Department if you would like to join.'*

Emily S and Eleanor J



## Winners of the 'Hope' Creative Writing Competition

Congratulations to the students who won shortlist certificates for the Hope short story competition. Alumna and author, Jan McCarthy, read and judged the entries. *"It was a pleasure reading all the stories. My hearty congratulations to the stellar winners, and to the outstanding English teachers who are encouraging and guiding them."* Many thanks to Jan for creating the competition and donating the prizes. Shortlisted certificates will be handed out in assembly very soon, with more photos to follow on social media! Out of over 60 entries, joint first place was awarded to James P and Lily C for their fantastic stories. James was praised for his 'outstanding crafting' and 'truly engaging' writing. Jan noticed that Lily 'has a great understanding of how to create an air of mystery.' They have both won a certificate and a generous book voucher from Jan. Well done!



### An extract from competition winner, James P's short story on Hope

Images of my wife and son appeared in my head. They gave me confidence to fight on, hope to win and courage and bravery to conquer the fight. We had this one. The dead trees swayed in the wind as the battle commenced. I could feel victory from a mile away. Many allies fled from the scene, and abandoned almost all of us. Victory was nearer to them by numbers, but by skill level, we outnumbered them 10/0. A large aircraft flew overhead, the blow knocking most of us over. On the side read the word 'hope'. It felt like a sign, pushing us to do better, flushing us with confidence. Just one word, 'hope'.

### An extract from competition winner, Lily C's short story on Hope

'Holy moly, you're freezing!' He picked me up, the warmth from his arms and body relaxed me. He placed me back into bed, but put my blanket on me. I started warming up immediately. 'I finished the work. I can stay here if you want?'

'Yeah'

'Do you want to talk?'

'Sure.' We sat there chatting for hours. I'd never felt so at ease. The sun was finally coming up. It was time. I stepped out of the comfy sheets and made my way to the window. 'You ready?'

'Yeah.'

'Remember, hope.'

## Year 7 and 8 Team Wins Their First Rugby Tournament



What an incredible Rugby match at Beacon Hill Academy last term! We played four games with a mixed Year 7/8 team against all Year 8 teams. We won two games and drew two games where, at times, it was snowing! These wins meant that we won the whole tournament!!

It was great to see the boys playing competitive rugby and scoring some well worked tries, after only a few months of training together! Well done boys, this was a great afternoon and a fantastic achievement for you all.



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