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REDHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Christmas Card Competition

We had some lovely entries this year for the Christmas card competition. Congratulations to Ruqayya in Year 7 for being selected as the winner this year! It is a beautiful design with great links to our school ethos. Her card will be sent out to our school recipients this year. A special mention to the winner of Second place, Indy Y8 and the winner of Third Place, Aiyla Y7.

Well done!



Kayleigh's Young Writers Entry is Published!

Congratulations to Kayleigh in Year 10 for getting her entry for a national Young Writers competition published in a book! This is a huge achievement and reflects Kayleigh's hard work and talent. It's fantastic to see students like Kayleigh taking part in extra curricular competitions and doing so well. Kayleigh received a congratulatory certificate in assembly, along with an Amazon voucher and a copy of the book in which her work is published. We are very proud!



Christmas Charity

Mufti-Day

The Christmas mufti day was festive and exciting. We saw some fabulous Christmas jumpers and accessories! Thank you to everyone who brought in money for their year group's chosen charity. It is nice to give back during the Christmas period.



Music Christmas Concert



The Christmas Music Concert was absolutely fantastic. It really showcased the range of talents among our students. Well done for working so incredibly hard on your instruments and rehearsals. Year 7 enjoyed the show and supported their peers with encouraging applause. Thank you to the Music department for their hard work and organisation of the concert.



LGBTQ+ Activist and Speaker, Eva

On Thursday 9th December, Eva came to speak to our LGBTQ+ club about her transgender experience, activism, dealing with hate and empowerment. She was very inspiring and her story conveyed her strength through adversities and prejudices in her life. The students really valued the session and we hope she will return to Redhill soon.



End of Term Message from the Headteacher

I would like to wish all of our Parents/Carers and students a safe and happy festive period. I would also like to thank everyone connected to Redhill School for their support over the past term. Alongside maintaining the excellent quality of teaching and learning, this newsletter highlights how many wonderful opportunities the students have been offered over the term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January. Have a great break and stay safe.

Mr J Clayton

Commitment to Excellence Awards

Congratulations to all the students who have reached their achievement point milestones this term. We celebrated those students in assemblies by awarding the Form Tutor Award and Bronze Award. Students received certificates and badges and we heard a lovely musical interlude from two of our talented Year 11s.



Annie! Rehearsals

Everyone has been working really hard in the afterschool rehearsals for Annie! They've rehearsed a range of songs and started blocking the opening scenes. The cast are working well together, supporting each other with line learning and being attentive audiences when they are not on stage. We are very excited to see the show progress and come together in the next few weeks. Thank you to the Drama and Music staff who are coordinating the rehearsals.



Christmas Clubs

Year 7 and 8 made and painted salt dough Christmas crafts in after school Art!



Year 7, 8 and 9 played festive games in after school Netball club!



In after school film club, students had popcorn and squash to watch Elf!



Year 10 had a fun fancy dress Netball after school training session!



Turn over to see what Year 7 and 8 did in their Christmas themed Science Club!



Creative Writing

Entries

The Lost Reindeer

On the night it was really cold, my window was open and the wind came into my room.

The snow drifted down and landed silently on the floor. I heard the jingle of a bell and thought it was a cat's collar, it was anything but that.

Instead, it was the bell ringing from Santa's sleigh! But his sleigh was nowhere to be seen...

Then, out of the blue, it fell from a tree with a crash, shattering the wood and scaring the reindeer. But I realised, one was missing...

It was Rudolph! It was only the most important one!

Group effort in Creative Writing Club.

Christmas Themed Science Club!

On Tuesday 1st December, Year 7 and 8 did some creative Christmas experiments in Science club. They started with homopolar motors, putting wires shaped like Christmas trees, angels and snowmen onto batteries and watching them spin. They also grew sugar crystals on tinsel pipe cleaners. The final experiment involved watching elephant's toothpaste burst out of a tube. It grew and grew and grew!



The Fallen Star

It lay silently in the night, glimmering in the morning light. *Dawn had arrived, the sun was slowly rising as the glistening array of stars gradually evaporated.* One star didn't go. It stayed floating in the morning sunlight.

Group effort in Creative Writing Club.

Jennifer S, Year 7

Right in front of me. There it lay, the key that opened any door.

The colossal Church sat upright on the damp ground, catching my eye's attention. The flashing, fiery lightning gleamed in through the triangular window. I picked up the tiny key that lay just ahead of my wet shoes. I knew what was coming next...

As I picked up the key, anxiety filled my brain with agonising thoughts. I walked up to the castle doors and let the key do the magic on its own. The doors creaked open, revealing glimpse of something extraordinary. Pink clouds surrounded the cool air and danced around each other like ballerinas. Tall, towering trees made circles around something even more beautiful. A fluorescent coloured castle sparkled in the distance. I stared at it for a few seconds, whilst birds flapped around my head, gracefully. I looked away, slowly, and then smiled. I was happier than ever!



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