REDWOOD PARK ACADEMY

We've embraced thrive in our Setting

SOLENT Academies Trust

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 10th October 2025

Redwood Park Academy's Vision

Our vision is that all pupils at Redwood Park Academy will be confident communicators, who are growing to be more independent, so that they are happy and healthy young adults who make positive contributions to their community.

Kindness | Communication | Ambition

Class of the week: Cascades

This week has been an exciting one for our class as we continue settling into the rhythm of the new school year. A big focus has been on learning how to transition smoothly around the school and getting familiar with our individual timetables.

Pupils have been working hard to navigate from class to class independently and on time — a great step towards building confidence and responsibility. With everyone now following their own options choices, it's been wonderful to see pupils engaging in subjects they're passionate about and beginning to take more ownership of their learning.

In Maths, we've been securing our understanding of place value and taking on the challenge of solving word problems. Pupils are learning how to break down the questions, identify the important information, and apply the right strategies to find the answers. It's been great to see everyone building confidence and developing their problem-solving skills. Keep up the great work!

Thank you to everyone at home for supporting our learning and communicating with our class team,

Have a great weekend!

Friday 17th October

This year Redwood Park Academy are supporting show racism the red card. Please wear red on Friday 17th October to show support for anti-racism and raise valuable funds for charity. Donations on the day welcome and link will be sent home with our Just Giving page.

Forthcoming events

27th - 31st October: Half Term

Wednesday 5th November: Future Pathways & Parents Evening

10th – 14th November:
Year 10 Residential – PGL Osmington Bay

17th November: Inset Day

Subject of the week: STEM

Pupils in KS3 have been learning a range of skills in STEM this Autumn Term. In computing, they have been programming robots to follow instructions and find their way around mazes. They have also been experimenting with iPads and cameras to take photographs from a range of angles, through different filters in natural and artificial light.

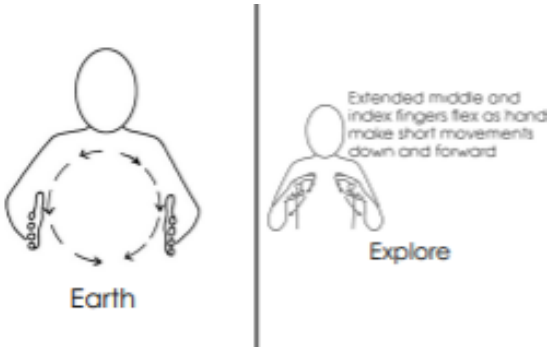
They have been applying their maths and engineering skills when constructing 3 D buildings using cardboard, measuring before cutting and assembling and applying their knowledge of symmetry. They have also learnt how to make joins to strengthen their constructions.

In science, pupils have been exploring the digestive system and the role of its different parts. They have researched the importance of a varied diet and identified foods high in calories. They have also calculated how many calories are in a McDonalds meal and understood the importance of making healthy choices.

In KS4, pupils have been developing their ability to work as a group, taking on a range of roles and responsibilities to carry out a project of their choice. The pupils have chosen to raise money for different charities or for the school and have carried out consumer surveys, created budgets and designed advertising campaigns.

Signs of the week

Core signs:



Value of the Week:

Communication

We communicate to express our needs and connect with others.

Mountbatten: Leo For being able to speak to staff when he needs to which is helping him stay in lessons and complete his learning.

Southsea: Jacob for taking part in a class project and completing a survey asking all the other classes their opinions.

Fratton Park: Hussein for being able to express himself to his peers to explain how he is feeling.

D-Day: Evie has made great progress in communicating her concerns with staff showing patience and positivity.

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Spinnaker: Maya for communicating amazingly with her class team and pupils in the class.

Nelson: Marley-Jace has been communicating well in class and making lovely friendships.

Eastney: Bube for great questioning in English.

Museum: Jack for being proactive in giving his link book to his Mum.

Dockyard: Will for having an excellent discussion with the Shaped by Solent mentor Tim Rampton on product choice.

Castle: Oakley for volunteering to read to the year 7's as part of outdoor Education.

Seaside: Zach for using his words to communicate with adults.

Guildhall: Olek beginning to communicate more with staff both vocally and through symbols

Harvest Festival

A huge thank you to everyone for your generosity for the donations towards Harvest Festival!