Weekly Newsletter: Friday 3rd 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

Friday Favourites:

We launched 'Friday Favourites' last week, and it was a huge success!

Staff from across the school joined together to offer a variety of fun activities for the pupils to choose from. These included chess, basketball, musical theatre, arts and crafts and even Dungeons & Dragons club!

On Friday's children have the opportunity to explore their new interests with friends from across the school!

Some pupils created a keyring design on paper and then made it on the Cricut software ready to cut and make this week.

We're already looking forward to today's 'Friday Favourites'!

Important Information:

The weather is changing; please may we ask that you send your child to school with appropriate outdoor clothing for outdoor classes and breaktime.

Students are to wear school uniform; however, they must dress in layers appropriate for the weather. Waterproof jacket and wellie boots/old trainers advised.

Upcoming Events:

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: PSHE

The focus in PSHE this term is Health and Wellbeing. Our topics in KS3 are ourselves, growing and changing, and mental health. We have been looking at emotions, positive and negative behaviours and how to support ourselves with strategies, what makes us unique and our personal identity. Year 9 have been taking part in different mindfulness activities and looking at the importance of sleep and exercise. Gunwharf class have completed a lovely emotions walk around the school.

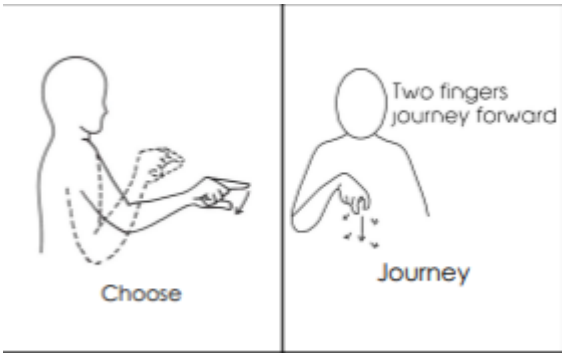
Following this we used our faces and body language to express emotions from symbols.

Nikki enjoyed showing us what 'angry' looks like.

Our topics in KS4 are self-concept and mental health. KS4 students have been looking at what can affect their wellbeing, how to seek support for their health and wellbeing and healthy strategies to promote their wellbeing.

Signs of the week

Core signs:



Value of the Week:

Kindness

We are kind, helpful and considerate.

Dockyard: Peyton for holding the door for a year 7 pupil who was struggling to get through at lunch time.

Seaside: Ava for always being kind to others and adults. She is very helpful and is a good friend to others.

Castle: Riley for showing support towards pupils in KS3 and teaching them how to play football.

Mountbatten: Lucas for showing exceptional kindness to a classmate and making sure he is included in the football game.

Nelson: Imogen has shown kindness in her own class and around school - helping her friends who have been upset. Well done!

Eastney: Alicia was helpful to Brandon when we were on a school trip.

Wedgewood: Ruhul always being kind and polite to his peers.

Southsea: Esmee for being a great and supportive friend!

Gunwharf: Nikki in recognition of her kindness towards others, always greeting people and holding the door open with a smile!

Museum: Luca for always being polite and saying please and thank you.

Spinnaker: Amjet for using his manners in the hall when getting his lunch.

D-Day: Tania for always speaking with kindness and politeness to all those she meets and greeting everyone with a warm shining smile.

Harvest Festival

This year we are collecting for our local food bank and are looking for the following items:

- Tinned goods - Long life products
- Sanitary Products - Pasta/Rice
- Tooth Paste & Brushes
- Toiletries - Household goods – Sauces