REDWOOD PARK ACADEMY

We've embraced thrive in our Setting

SOLENT Academies Trust

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 6th February

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: Dockyard class

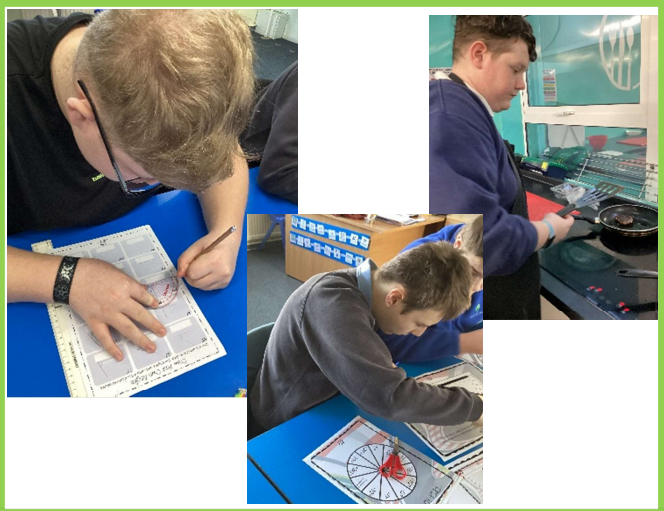
Written by pupils in class

We have been looking at angles in maths. We have found this very difficult but work through it and managed to be successful.
We found the name angles difficult too, so we came up with lots of alternatives!!

In options we have been doing a lot of paperwork for our qualifications.
We have also been mountain biking with OAA, making a steady hand game in DT, designing and making a 2-course meal in food tech, discussing climate change and the weather in Humanities and looking at different angle shots on the iPad in Media.

At the ferry port we have been doing lots of different jobs including cleaning the passenger buses with Baileys Buses and cleaning tables and chairs with Martine from NViro. We really enjoy this experience and are hoping to gain our qualification in Health and Safety in the Workplace

We have been swimming off site at Waterlooville Swimming pool as part of our PE lessons.
The water is a bit chilly be we still enjoy ourselves doing lengths in the lane provided for us. We manage to swim about 2km between us.



If you know of any SEN after school clubs, then please let the school know so we can share this information with families.

Signs of the week

Create

Monster

Subject of the week: Performing Arts

Our Performing Arts and Music pupils have been working hard as always!

This year, MRA joined us to compete in the Dance Live competition. Pupils had the opportunity to collaborate and rehearse together, to tell the story of The Tortoise and the Hare. The ambition displayed was amazing, with all pupils pushing themselves to do their very best! It was wonderful to see new friendships being formed within the group. We celebrated great success, achieving 3rd place overall, Best Soundtrack and winning the People's Choice Award! Pupils are now busy rehearsing to take part in a Flashmob Dance in the Guildhall Square as part of the Portsmouth 100 celebrations - save the date 11th June!

To mark this special centenary, The Redwood Choir and our Singing Champions are also taking part in an exciting digital collaboration. They are learning a brand-new song alongside local community choirs, theatre groups and organisations, to be part of a city-wide musical celebration! The final performance will premiere in Guildhall Square, bringing together voices from across Portsmouth.

A group of Year 7s went to the Guildhall to see the premier of The Storm Whale, a brand-new children's book, by Benji Davies, with specially composed music by Paul Rissmann. They got to see and hear the story being told and accompanied with live music from the violin, cello, flute, clarinet and French horn. They were able to join in with songs and learnt some musical facts along the way. Cordelectra will be coming to Redwood in March. This amazing electric string trio combines the beauty of classical music with a modern twist, to create a performance our pupils will never forget! It's the perfect way to inspire our young musicians and make music come alive in our school.

A selection of our Year 8 and Year 9 pupils are taking part in the We Compose Project. Their brief is to write a piece of music for a string quartet. They have already met the quartet when they saw them perform at the Guildhall before Christmas. They are now busy working with Duncan, our composer mentor, to turn their ideas into music. In their most recent workshop, the pupils used music technology to record and manipulate sounds to create a backdrop for their composition. Their final composition will be performed by the string quartet in June!

Value of the Week: Communication

We communicate to express our needs and connect with others.

Cascades: Dominik for communicating his preferences well, during maths.

Castle: Mason for expressing his excitement about college, speaking up in class and improving his communication with adults about his health.

Clarence: Callum for holding an enjoyable and informative conversation about families, dogs, farming and life in general. He was engaging and interesting to talk to.

D-Day: Tania for taking part in conversations with her peers or staff and taking it in turns to speak and listen, ask questions and voice her opinions.

Dockyard: Peyton for being able to communicate his preferences with the adults in Dockyard class.

Eastney: Bube for asking for help from his class team.

Fratton Park: Jude M for growing in confidence and sharing his thoughts clearly and kindly.

Guildhall: Bella for allowing staff to help her regulate through listening carefully and following staff guidance.

Gunwharf: Peggy for making lovely progress through using longer sentences to communicate what she wants.

Mountbatten: Albie for interacting positively with his peers and using his words more to express his needs to adults.

Museum: Jack for remembering things that are important to other people and then checking in on them.

Nelson: Marla for communicating her thoughts and feelings well, so we can help her achieve her best.

Seaside: Ava for being helpful to others and changing her tone to suit the person.

Southsea: Tyler Bu for speaking to his staff and identifying when he needs support.

Spinnaker: Alex P for showing great communication with adults and peers. Alex always wants to communicate his amazing knowledge.

Warrior: Josef for using great communication skills to express his needs in class.

Wedgewood: Zuri for communicating effectively to ensure he's safe around school.

Forthcoming events:

Monday 16th February-Friday 20th February – Half term

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day (more details on how you can be involved to follow)

Wednesday 18th March-Friday 20th March – Year 8/ Year 9 PGL Marchants Hill Residential