

Thank You:

A big thank you to our Bus Drivers who make our social outings possible. Damien Hickey, Mary Ingle and Mairead Brennan.

Thanks again to our hard working Parents Committee for all their fundraising.

**Elm:**

Elm class visited Henry Street Garda Station in January 2017. It was a fun and interesting experience had by all. We are planting potatoes and peas in our gardening class, ready to cook and eat in May ! Pictures can be seen on our website under Elm Room www.redhillschool.ie

Activities:

We are always delighted to provide the students with some new activities in school. We did Yoga following on from its great success last year and a new activity this term was Zumba. Both activities have proven very popular with our students.

Wild Encounters:

Wild Encounters will visit us on Tuesday 27th February. Wild Encounters is run by a team with a zoological and educational career background that have extensive knowledge in exotic animal husbandry and training. They have a fantastic team of animals ranging from birdsmamals..... reptiles..... creepy crawlies the lot.

10 @ 10 Operation Transformation

On Friday 10th of February, we as a school participated in the 10 @ 10 challenge, which was created by operation transformation in order to promote fitness for kids. Each class decided upon the exercise of their choice and they timed them for 10 minutes. It was great fun and all the kids made a massive effort. **WELL DONE ALL.** Pictures can be seen on our website www.redhillschool.ie

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Green Flag:

On the 18th of January members of our Green Schools committee, John O Sullivan, Ryan Smith, Luke Sheehan and Andrew McLoughlin, attended a workshop in the Woodlands Hotel in Adare. Our school is currently working on its third Green Schools flag which is on the theme of water. In order to achieve this flag we must continue to reduce our litter and waste, and keep our energy use down and now start to reduce the amount of water the school uses. We learned a lot about water conservation at the workshop and we are excited to start work on our flag.



Active Flag:

We are working towards our Active Flag; we have lots of events happening. There will be homework free days which will be replaced by physical exercise. We are doing a song of the month from the go noodle website, which is practised daily in class, this month's song is "Fight Song". We are also picking a sport of focus on each month this month it is basketball and a challenge match between the students and staff will be held at the end of the month. Last month the sport was soccer and the students won the challenge match 4 – 3, which you can imagine they were very happy about ;)



Active week this year will be April 24th – 28th we will have lots of fun activities to look forward too.

Dates for your Diary:

Midterm 23rd & 24th February

In-Service 2nd March.

Easter Holidays April 10th – April 21st inclusive

Staff Training for Junior Cert Programme in April date to be confirmed.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme:

The Junior Entrepreneur Programme is a unique programme which encourages children to think about the area of business and how they operate. The students of Mulberry and Elm have decided to use the Tuck Shop as our entrepreneurial idea. Students have taken time to pick the products to be sold, for what price and also regularly carry out stock take. We will have a guest speaker in to talk to the children about how he set up his business and his work in recycling and renewable energy.



**Wedding bells are in the air in Red Hill this Spring Debbie O Sullivan got married in February and Maria O Connor is planning to be married in March.
Congratulations from all at Red Hill.**

We had a very successful internet safety workshop in the school, and a talk for parents that evening, thank you to those who attended. The handout is available on our website www.redhillschool.ie

Strictly Come Dancing:

Members of our staff (Denise, Pat, Jeff, Mark and Amy) are participating in Strictly Come Dancing joint fundraiser on Saturday 4th March 2017 in the Southcourt Hotel. Tickets are €20.00 each and available at school reception.

Advertisement space is also available in the programme and sponsor cards were sent home with each child. Can you please return these sponsor cards to the school by **Monday 20th of February.**

Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

Stay Safe:

Teachers will begin the Stay Safe programme in March. Permission slip will be sent home beforehand.

Oral language focus this month is 'Food' please help with your child reading books on Food, doing the grocery shop can provide great opportunity for chats about food and identifying fruits and veg !