



## **Mrs Scripps' Scribbles:**

*Another great week here at Ralph Sadleir. As you know we have introduced much more structure around students coming in from the playground and moving between lessons. This has had a really positive impact with everyone reporting that the school feels more calm.*

## **Assemblies: Remembrance Week**

This week in assemblies we have been focusing on Remembrance. The students watched two powerful videos to help them appreciate why Remembrance is important and how they can show their respect. If you would like to see what they have watched please click on the link:

[The Fabric that Binds Us](#)

[Remembrance Sunday Montage](#)

## **Timetable Changes**

As you know we have made changes to the structure of the school day. There has been no change to the lessons that the children have—these are still in the same order each day and an hour long. Lunchtime has moved to after Lesson 4 and it has been shortened from an hour to forty five minutes in line with the vast majority of Hertfordshire schools. The fifteen minutes saved have been allocated to travel/transition time between lessons. Assemblies and House Group time is at the end of the school day.

## **Road Safety**

Please remind your children about road safety. We have noticed that some students are crossing the road with their hoods up, and not looking properly when they are crossing the road, particularly by the school entrance. Please be aware that some staff members start after 8.30 and are driving onto the school site at the same time as the students are arriving, and so there is still traffic coming into the school site and students should be safe, and vigilant.

## **Ralph Sadleir Award**

We are introducing the Ralph Sadleir Award this year. It is based on aspects of the Duke of Edinburgh Award and awards given at local secondary schools.

The students are able to work towards bronze, silver or gold awards in the following areas:

- House/Behaviour points
- Attendance
- Taking part in House activities and competitions
- School Community Service
- Home Community Service
- Taking part in extra curricular activities —both at school and outside
- Learning/developing a new skill—outside the classroom

A bronze award earns one point, a silver earns two and a gold earns three points. At the end of the school year the children's points are added up and depending on their total points they will earn a Bronze, Silver or Gold Ralph Sadleir Award 2023-2024. For those students who are aiming for an overall Gold, they will need to earn an individual gold award in at least 5 of the above categories.

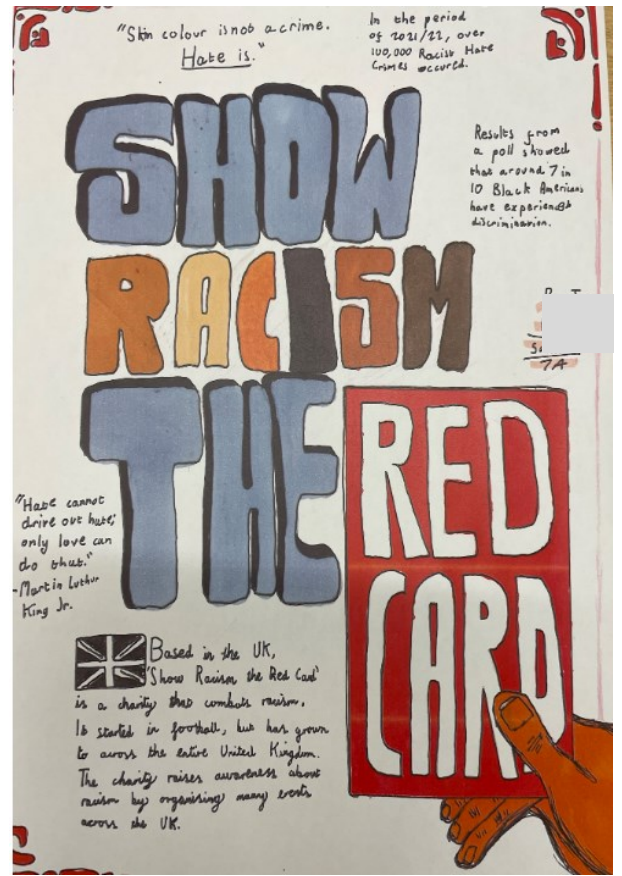
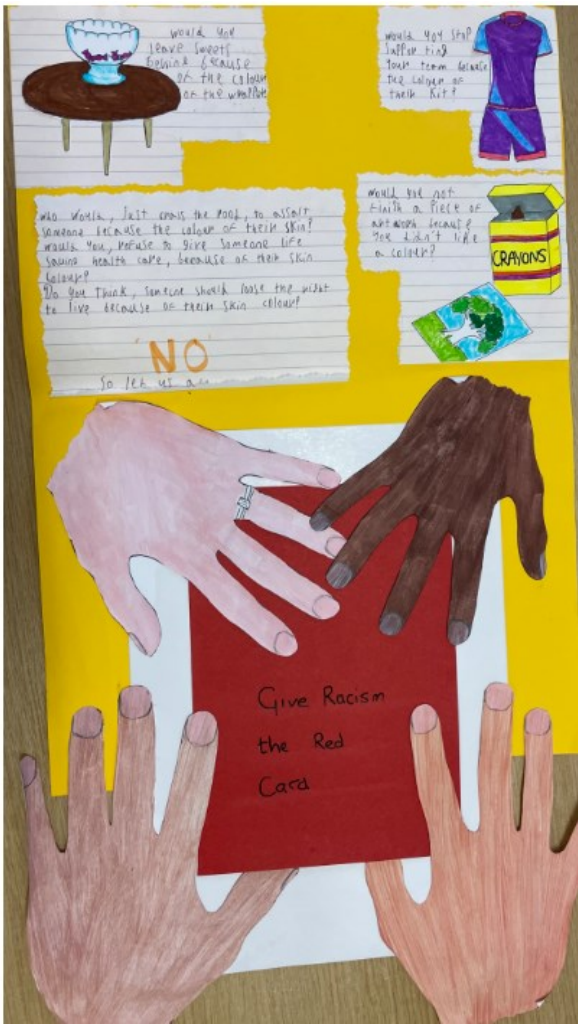
Only Year 8 students who earn a Gold Award will be considered for our annual Gill Bickerstaff prize. Year 7 students who hope to become House and Sports Captains next year must gain at least a Bronze Award this year.

In our weekly House Assemblies there will be public recognition of those students who have gained awards. However, the students will not receive any actual certificates until the end of the school year. This is for two reasons, firstly to prevent them becoming screwed up in the bottom of school bags, but more importantly because we are introducing formal prize giving events in July that parents are invited to come along to. See the dates list for when your child's prize giving is.

Next week we will let you know more about the Home based community awards and how you can nominate your child for one.

**Show Racism the Red Card House Competition**

Over one hundred students took part in our first House Competition of the year that was held over the half term holiday. The students were asked to design a poster on the theme of 'Show Racism the Red Card'. There were so many great entries it made it really hard to pick the four winners, but here they are. Casey S (Wellington), Joe H (Sadleir), Lyla T (Freman) and Suki H (Wellington).



**Dates for the rest of the year 2023/24— new/updated dates in red**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Who's involved</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>AUTUMN TERM 2023</b>		
w/b 13th November	All students	Anti Bullying week
13th November	All students	Flu vaccinations
14th November	Selected Y 7/8 students	District Cross Country
14th November	All parents	Meet the Headteacher Coffee Morning (9.00—10.00 a.m.)
15th November	G6	Trip to Aerozone
16th November	S6	Trip to Aerozone
16th November	G6 and parents	Class Presentation assembly (11.20 a.m.)
16th November	All parents	Meet the Headteacher Coffee Afternoon
21st November	H6	Trip to Aerozone
21st November	Selected Y5/6	
22nd November	H6 students and parents	Class Presentation assembly (10.00 a.m.)
24th November	All parents	Meet the Headteacher Coffee Morning (9.00—10.00 a.m.)
28th November	All parents	Parent Forum—Communication (9.00—10.00 a.m.)
28th November	B5 students and parents	Class Presentation assembly (11.20 a.m.)
29th November	All students	Pantomime
30th November	All students	Christmas Decoration Day
1st December	All students and parents	Occasional Day- school closed
8th December	C5 students and parents	Class Presentation assembly (11.20 a.m.)
12th December	Year 5/6 students and parents	Christmas singing (2.45 p.m.)
13th December	All students	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
14th December	F5 students and parents	Class Presentation assembly (11.20 a.m.)
14th December	Year 7/8 students and parents	Christmas singing (2.45 p.m.)
20th December	All students and parents	End of term
<b>SPRING TERM 2024</b>		
4th - 5th January	-	INSET Days—school closed to pupils
8th January	All students and parents	Start of term
17th January	All parents	Parent Forum - Behaviour (2.30 p.m.)
24th January	All students and parents	Parent Teacher Consultations (4.30—7.30 p.m.)
25th January	All students and parents	Parent Teacher Consultations (4.30—7.30 p.m.)
8th February	Year 6 students	Heights and Weights
9th February	Year 6 students	Heights and Weights
19th—23rd February	All students and parents	Half Term Holiday—school closed
26th Feb—1st March	Year 5 students	Bikeability
5th March	All parents	Parent Forum—Reports & Parent Evenings (9.00 –10.00 a.m.)
28th March	All students and parents	End of term (1.30 p.m.)

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<b>SUMMER TERM 2024</b>		
15th April	-	INSET Day—school closed to pupils
16th April	All students and parents	Start of term
28th April—3rd May	Year 8	Trip to France
7th May	All parents	Parent Forum (subject tbc) 9.00—10.00 a.m.
24th May	-	INSET Day—school closed to pupils
24th—31st May	All students and parents	Half Term Holiday—school closed
3rd—7th June	Year 6 students	Trip to PGL
12th June	Year 7 students	Trip TBC
19th June	Year 8 students	Thorpe Park TBC
26th June	All parents	Parent Forum (subject tbc) 2.30—3.30 p.m.
27th June	All parents	Reports Home
<b>11th July</b>	<b>All students</b>	<b>Transition/Moving Up Day</b>
16th July	Freman House students and parents	Prize Giving (2.30 p.m.)
17th July	Sadleir House students and parents	Prize Giving (2.30 p.m.)
18th July	Salisbury House students and parents	Prize Giving (2.30 p.m.)
19th July	Wellington House students and parents	Prize Giving (2.30 p.m.)
23rd July	All students and parents	End of term (1.30 p.m.)

