



### A Message from the Headteacher

Two contrasting events at each end of the spectrum happened last week. Firstly, the Year 6 introductory day on Friday; this is where our future Year 7 students come in for their first full day of Rednock learning. What a great day it was! Lots of fun activities and topped off with a fantastic celebratory assembly with the parents and carers watching. It was marvellous to see so many smiling faces and the students fully engaged and enjoying their day. This is one of the best days of the year – students full of anticipation for the next seven years at Rednock School.

Secondly, in contrast - a goodbye to someone who is at the end of their learning journey at Rednock school. On Saturday evening, we held a fond farewell meal for Mrs Hemper, who is retiring at the end of this year.



Many colleagues, past and present, celebrated Mrs Hemper's 35 years at Rednock School. This is an amazing achievement in teaching, let alone at one school. During that time, she has been a languages teacher, a Head of Year, Head of Languages and an Assistant Headteacher. She has never stopped striving to be the best that she can be. What better example to us all – 'to be the best that we can be'. I am extremely grateful to her for all that she has done for the school and for generations of children whom she has taught.

I would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to other members of staff leaving Rednock School this summer and wish them all the very best for the future:

Cathy Chinner	Teaching Assistant
Hannah Knight	PE Teacher
Fiona Madden	Interventions Manager
Mel Peeling	Assistant Headteacher
Louise Crowthers	Head of Maths
Jonathan Haworth	Maths Teacher
Helen Barnes	Cover Organiser
Jake Mitchell	Psychology and Sociology Teacher
Laura Morrison	Cover Supervisor
Charlie Mee	Teaching Assistant
Philippe Bosher	Teaching Assistant

Have a wonderful summer with your family, relax and come back refreshed! (But do take some reading for your children to do! I am taking a couple of thrillers on holiday – it's not all work!).

Do not forget that we finish at 1.30pm on Friday!



### Young Carer's Accreditation



We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded 'Young Carers Accreditation' for the work that we do with our young carers at Rednock. This amazing group of students meet every Friday in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) with between 20 and 25 students in attendance. We always have cakes, fruit and drinks and do a variety of activities from board games, quizzes, healthy eating through to meditation sessions. We try to give our young carers different fun treats throughout the year and recently they had a day trip out to 'The 3 Counties Show' in

Malvern, popping into a fast food chain for breakfast en-route! We are very lucky to have been supported financially by the local Rotary Club as well as 'Dursley United Charity' and we would like to thank both of them for their continuing support. **Mrs Madden**

*Mrs Madden is leaving Rednock this summer so on behalf of the School, I would like to thank her for her uncompromising commitment to setting up and running the Young Carers group over the past few years. It has gone from strength to strength and many students have benefited as a result of Mrs Madden's work. From September, Miss Johnson will take over the group and continue to support the Young Carers of Rednock School. **Dr Cunningham***

### Art Exhibition 2019

It was a real pleasure to share and celebrate the work of our extremely talented Art and Photography students, with their friends and family last week. The Art department put on a display of all of the students work, much of it unseen previously as it was completed for the recent exams.



Thank you to all who came along on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June to support the students and the staff. The staff are extremely proud of what the students have produced this year. We are looking forward to another set of great results for Art and Photography students at all levels at the end of the summer, reflecting all of the hard work that has been put in.



### PE Department

#### Sports Awards Evening

Another hugely successful Rednock Sports Awards was hosted in the main hall with well over 350 people in attendance on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. The highlights of the evening included a summary of the sports on offer at Rednock with an update on the teams that have represented the school this year. A 'Player of the Year' award was presented for each sport and there was also an award for outstanding effort. The culmination of the evening saw a strong short list for the 'Team of the Year' award which was presented to the Under 16 Badminton team that won the Level 2 District Tournament and went on to represent the school at the County Finals. This team consisted of George Thomas, Harvey Mockett, Kyle Macmillan and Aaron Witts.

'Sports Personality of the Year' awards were presented to George Thomas for his outstanding achievements in Badminton and Table Tennis and Lauren Farr received one of these awards specifically for her contribution to Girls' Rugby and Athletics, but also for her all round performance in other school sports. **Mr Sykes**

#### Sports Day

Another extremely successful Sports Day was held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July with the whole school and every community represented. With a plethora of field events taking place in the morning, there were some excellent displays within the high jump, long jump, discus, vortex throw and shot putt.

Into the afternoon, the PE department welcomed the whole school to the lower plateau to witness the track events. These were fiercely contested across the board and culminated in the exciting community relay races as the finale. Alongside this came the staff community race and a 6<sup>th</sup> form relay event which involved 6th form tutors.

A massive congratulation to all the winners on the day but also to all those pupils taking part that contributed to the overall community points totals.



### Science Department

#### STEM Ambassadors



Year 13 STEM Ambassadors have done a fantastic job of inspiring primary school students this year, under the expert guidance of Mr Mabbott. Last week, Ellie Swain, Harry Forrester, Poppy Troup, Jasmine Malshankyj, Seth Jarrett, Ben Winfield, Maddie Lee, Beth Mae Atkinson and Finley Hughes all received their certificates in recognition of the work they have done over the course of the year.

The Science Department is now recruiting STEM Ambassadors for next year - watch this space!





### STEM day for Year 7

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, the whole of Year 7 participated in a STEM day run by the Science department. Students spent half a day with the Science team, using forensics techniques to work out who had murdered Mrs Collins (she is now very much alive, safe and well!). They spent the rest of the day working with local organisations and individuals to learn about how STEM subjects are used in the wider world. Students got to look at and handle a real jet engine, kindly brought in by Ian Gower of Rolls Royce and pretended to be conservation scientists with volunteers from WWT Slimbridge, and learnt how to weigh and measure 'Betty the Bewick', a life-sized model swan. They then learnt about how design engineers from Dyson come up with exciting new ideas, and practised their skills by redesigning toasters, kettles and scooters for the 21st century. Finally, students worked with Andy from Refuse Vehicle Solutions in Cam to learn about careers as a mechanic....and got to sit in his bin lorry! A great time was had by all, thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who worked with our students for the day.



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### Year 12 visit to the Gower

In June, our Year 12 Biology students took a trip to the beach! In between enjoying the sand and the sunny weather they worked hard to carry out their required practical, looking at sampling techniques and succession (how vegetation changes over time). Thank you to Mr Griffiths for organising the trip and driving the minibus, and to Mr White and Mrs Johnston for accompanying them.

### Year 8 visit to the Cheltenham Science Festival

In May, 30 keen Year 8 students took the opportunity to visit Cheltenham Science Festival, led by Mr Burke. They had a brilliant day, attending a talk on 'Invisible Worlds', visiting the 'Maker Shed' and the 'Discovery Zone' and staff had a difficult job persuading the students that they needed to get back on the bus! Our students' favourite activity was undoubtedly cracking codes in the GCHQ cyber zone - some students went back to do this activity three times!

Dr Craig





### Rednock 6th Form Charity



Two Year 13 students, Maddie Bartram and Jacob Greenwood recently attended the Teens in Crisis annual dinner to present a cheque for £900, money that had been raised by the 6<sup>th</sup> form students over the past academic year. Fundraising activities have included the annual Christmas Fayre and fancy dress events. A great achievement – well done to Year 12 and 13!



### Rewards and Sanctions

This year Rednock students have earned a massive total of **87,369** reward points. Rewards outweigh consequences by 11:1.

Over the whole year the 3 tutor groups with the highest rewards points are:

- **1st J7HCL**
- **2nd H9HYP**
- **3rd B6ALD/SMC**

The top 3 students, winning the highest number of rewards points are:

- **1st Isabel Elliott**
- **2nd Jaydee Smith**
- **3rd James Buffin**

Well done to them.

43 students were invited to the Head's Tea Party to receive certificates for having the highest rewards points in their community during Terms 5 & 6.

This is an achievement to be proud of!

Attendance - 49 students will receive certificates for maintaining 100% attendance throughout this year. That is a fantastic achievement. High attendance rates maximise students' chances of success.

Students from Year's 7-10 have enjoyed their end of year reward trip for good behaviour and strong attendance and punctuality. There have been 2 trips to Thorpe Park and an alternative for those who do not enjoy theme parks to the Bristol Aquarium and 'We the Curious'.

## Staff Football Team



Congratulations to the Rednock Staff Football team who are now the Gloucestershire FA Teachers League Runners up for the 2018-2019 season.

The 7-a-side team recently qualified for the finals night held at Gloucestershire Football Association Headquarters with a semi-final place waiting vs Bridge Learning Academy. Rednock raced into an early lead with Mr Sharp turning his man smoothly and burying his chance in the bottom corner. Mr Sykes then added a second before the goal of the game from a neat interchange between Mr Haworth and Mr Burke ended with an easy finish on the back post for Mr Haworth. A 3-0 lead into the second half and Rednock were able to soak up any pressure, a goal from the opposition was quickly

nullified by a fine finish from Mr Andrews, leaving the Rednock team with a final spot against an impressive Parkway Primary team.

The Parkway team certainly boasted the upper hand with a hugely inferior average age and this was to prove decisive. A hamstring injury to Mr Sykes abruptly ended his participation and an early well taken goal from the opposition, left Rednock up against it. A 6-1 defeat then ensued with some tired limbs, the one highlight being a consolation goal for Mr Haworth. A huge thank you to those staff who have been involved and we are hopeful of trying to replicate something similar next year. **Mr Sykes**

## Core Values Survey - Feedback

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent survey on Rednock School's Core Values. 90% of the responses confirmed that they thought the values of Quality, Partnership and Success did represent the school but needed to be exemplified and referenced on a more regular basis. The following diagram represents the overall feedback including the 10% of responses (in the word cloud) stating values that they believe are important and should be represented as part of our core values.

We will seek feedback from parents, students, governors and community partners on a regular basis so that the termly focus is aligned with current themes and is meaningful to all students. Please look out for the online survey. **Dr Cunningham**

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### Everyman Theatre – Year 12

Year 12 Gold Arts Award students undertook a work placement for two days in July 2019 at The Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham. During their visit, they completed their portfolio on "Research into more advanced arts practitioners, their work, and organisations that support them". The students attended talks by various practitioners and staff e.g. Theatre Manager, Community Arts Manager, Artistic Director, Corporate Partnership Manager, Digital and Studio. Paul Milton (Creative Director of The Everyman Theatre) led a practical workshop and talked about training and working in the Theatre industry.



Rednock students planned and led a primary drama workshop for the Year 6 class at St Whites Primary and they went on a backstage tour with them. Earlier in the week we attended a free performance of "Dead Dog in a suitcase" by the acclaimed Kneel High Company and we were lucky to have a tour of the set (see photo). Feedback from Camille Cowe, The Community Arts Manager, said that she was "really proud" of our students. **Miss Johnson**

### Dates for your Diary

- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July End of Term 6 (13:30 Finish)
  - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August G.C.E. A-Level Results Day
  - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August G.C.S.E. Results Day
- <https://www.rednockschool.org.uk/exam-information/exam-timetable/>
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September INSET Day 1
  - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September Start of Term 1 – Week A
  - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September Open Evening
  - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September Autumn Open Morning (1)
  - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September Year 10 G.C.S.E. Success Evening for parents
  - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Enrichment Day 1 – Literacy Focus
  - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October Key Stage 3 Awards Evening
  - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October Autumn Open Morning (2)
  - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October Year 11 Revision Information Evening for parents
  - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October Year 7 & Year 12 Meet with the Tutor Evening
  - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October End of Term 1



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- **Darwin** – Ms Suzannah Jones (01453 540773)
- **Hubble** – Ms Gail Harris (01453 540748)
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- Attendance Officer - Mrs Nerys Croft



*From all of us at Rednocks School, have a lovely summer holiday!*



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