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Remote Learning Newsletter

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A Message From The Headteacher

It's been six weeks now since our school has been shut to most students. That sounds a relatively short period of time but in reality it feels like months and our school as we knew it has changed beyond all recognition. From our perspective, the journey that we have come along and the range of emotions experienced along the way by all members of our community has been extraordinary. The first two weeks went by in a blur, the suddenness of the closure left many students either numb with shock or at times excited by an extended holiday, not really feeling the reality of what was yet to come. Staff were moving so fast to deliver an education in this brave new world that we barely knew whether we were coming or going. Then, of course, the next two weeks were a holiday where people were, at times, able to breath and contemplate a new way of life. A holiday, although we were open as a school and operating as such for those who needed us. However, the holiday brought about frustrations of its own; the holiday that was not what had been planned, free time to spend with limited freedom of how to spend it. However, we know that our students - who were not in school - made us proud and took the opportunities to stay safe and relax in the nice weather without pressures from school trying new things where they could and enjoying quality time with the people around them.

The last two weeks however, have brought a shift in emotions and challenges once again. We know that many of our students are becoming more frustrated, more worried and desperate to get back to normal learning. We know that they are continuing to try their best with their studies but that it is hard when at such a distance from the classroom. We know that our parents are feeling the strain of having to juggle households, jobs and learning and carry the burden of their children's worry. At this hardest time yet our message to you is this - Keep going!

We will all get there, and a time will come when we can start to enjoy the bustling noisy corridors, the hardworking classrooms and the structure and routine that our bells bring us once again. However for now it is crucial that you as students, all stay safe and do the very best you can. Try to be patient with your work and your emotions - some days will be easier than others and you need to be both determined to keep going and kind to yourself that some days you won't tick off everything on your list. Try and stick to the routines which we have given you and make time for your wellbeing as well as your work. Go for a safe walk in the sunshine when you can. Please know that the staff here at Rednock miss you terribly. They are doing all they can to bridge the distance that has been created and to teach you the best that they can under the circumstances. We know that we won't always be getting it right so your feedback is invaluable but please know that our staff are working tirelessly to try and make the best fit for the community. Once school returns, the same staff will do even more to fill the knowledge gaps and get students back to being the exceptional learners that they can be.

For now though they just want you to Stay Safe, Keep Well and they look forward to seeing you when they can!



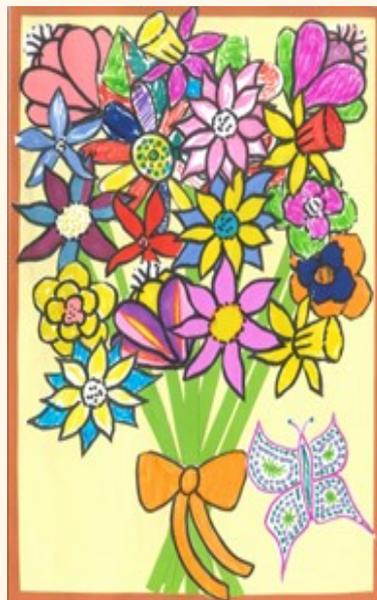
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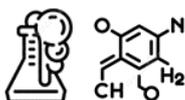
We will be publishing a fortnightly newsletter to share activities and classwork that students have been doing at home and in school since the start of the school's temporary closure. Let us know if you have good ideas to share about keeping yourselves busy and motivated, or perhaps helping in the community. Your ideas will be an inspiration for others.

Please send your photos and stories to lockdownstories@rednockschool.org.uk

The Hollies Care Home

During the Easter Holidays the DT Department kindly donated some of the school's new goggles to The Hollies Care Home for them to use as personal protective equipment. It feels great to be able to do something constructive for the community and help local health workers. The students in school wrote letters to the staff and residents at The Hollies to help cheer them up during this difficult time. The letters are now on display on the notice board at The Hollies Care Home for everyone to read. The Hollies have sent us a lovely thank you card which we have included below.





Science Department



Biology Challenge

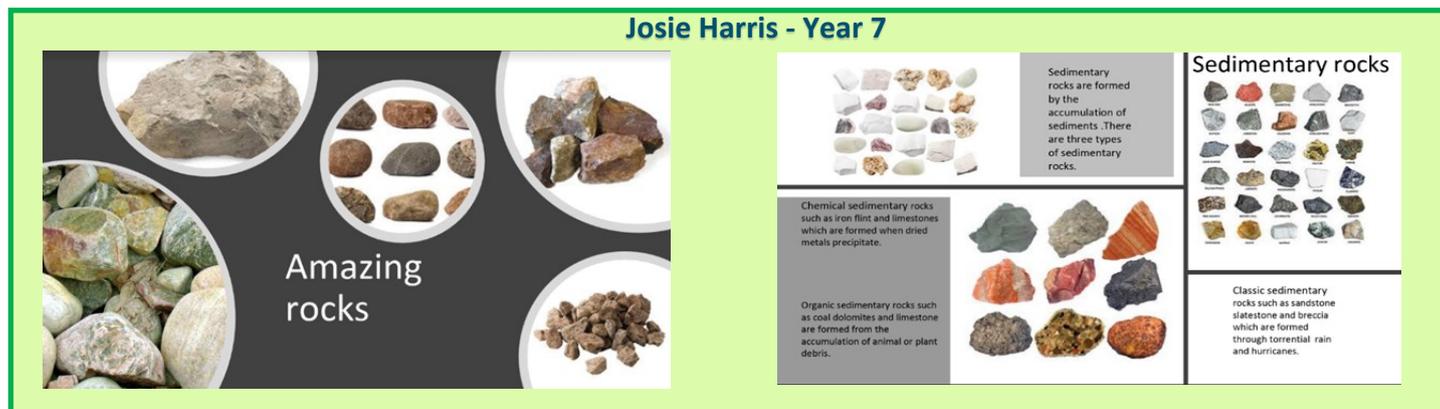
As part of British Science Week, our Year 10 Triple Biology students took part in the national 'Biology Challenge' that is run by the Royal Society of Biology. Rednock students did brilliantly with Sioltach McGingle being awarded a Gold certificate. Max Gay was awarded a Silver certificate, and Simeon Gruber, Rowan Keeble, Raphaël Pratt, Jason Clutterbuck, Amber Toffi, Evie Copley, Sam Cason and Alice Loewenthal were awarded Bronze certificates. Well done all!

Year Group Updates:

All work in Science has now migrated to Google classrooms so that we can easily mark the classwork and keep track of it all. Please can you let us know if you are having trouble accessing the classrooms. We have included details below of what different year groups have been doing over the last few weeks.

Year 7 have just finished learning about rocks and have produced some brilliant brochures and presentations - here is Josie Harris's fantastically designed work below. Alfie Lines has also put together a fabulous rocks project with lots of amazing photographs of different kinds of rocks and weathering. Well done Alfie!

Josie Harris - Year 7



Year 8 have been learning about digestion and have been designing healthy lockdown diets.

Year 9 have been continuing with their GCSE work, learning about renewable and non-renewable sources of energy. Lots of students have been putting in a massive amount of effort, for example Ebony Littlewood, who has written a really detailed answer comparing the different power sources.

Year 10 have been continuing with their GCSE work. There have been many examples of outstanding effort - Jorge Hiney-Pereira and Caitlin Swift are just two of many students who have been putting in a lot of effort to complete work to a really high standard.

Year 12 have been continuing with their A level studies and have been working extremely hard. Particular congratulations go to Tilly Hurrell, Alex Evans, Sam Drewett, Charlotte Malpass and Nadia Fulford for their consistently outstanding work so far.



Drama Department



KS3 - Greek Theatre Challenge

Students were asked to create a short film presentation using photographs or a storyboard on the extract: Scene Two-Greek Theatre.

Students could make puppets, use spoons, pegs, pencils, plasticine, Lego, toys, dolls, even fruit or veg to represent the characters from the script. Students could even ask family members to help perform and film the video. Miss Summers received some fantastic work from the students in response to this challenge! We have included a few screenshots below.

Scarlet Crosbee



Scarlet and her siblings put on a brilliant performance really getting into character with the Greek robes.

Joshua Scott



Joshua used spoons to represent the characters in the script. He printed a Greek backdrop which really set the scene.

Martha Gruber



Martha and her sister put on quite the show with her brother kindly filming behind the scenes.

Megan Tocknell



All 4 chorus' continue to talk about it until they all just pause. Chorus 3 then says, "well, I wonder who he'll chose?" A man now comes in the room saying 'AUDITIONS THIS WAY' and the chorus members all rush towards the door pushing eachother out of the way and then apologizing like they are actually sorry.

Megan created a brilliant presentation using Lego figures to tell the story of the extract.



The Lion King Musical

We would like to share some really exciting news with you. The cast of The Lion King The Musical have given Year 8 Rednock students a shoutout and discussed information on their characters in preparation for the Year 8 Musical Theatre drama project this term.



Business Studies

The Great Business Bake Off

Year 11 Business Studies students were set a fun challenge all about pricing and marketing. The students were asked to cost the price of a cake they wanted to make and then asked to bake the cake if possible. Students were asked to think about how they could market the cakes to sell them to customers and make a profit. Mrs Evans received some excellent work from the students, they should be really proud of themselves. We have included pictures of the winners of this competition.

Holly Dorrington



Holly and Hermione calculated the cost of each ingredient they included within their cakes. They then worked out how much they could sell each slice of cake for to make a profit. Each student thought carefully about every element of this challenge and overall created amazing cakes. Well done girls!

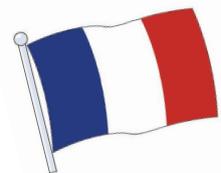
Hermione Gradwell



Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

A Year 9 student has created the following sentence to demonstrate their understanding of how to use -ir verbs in the present tense in French.

Sentence - We applaud the NHS every Thursday at 8 o'clock



Translation: Nous applaudissons la NHS tous les jeudis à huit heures



Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Photography Competition 2020



Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's (GWT) annual wildlife photography competition is now open for entries, with new categories and bigger and better prizes. GWT would love to see your images showcasing the stunning scenery and spectacular wildlife here in Gloucestershire. GWT appreciate that movement is currently restricted due to lockdown but the 'on your doorstep' category provides the perfect opportunity for capturing snaps of wildlife and wild places close to your home – either in your garden or whilst out enjoying your daily exercise.

In addition to the adult categories, there is also a juniors category for those aged 17 or under – a great excuse for a family photography session, and a fun activity for students to take part in.

To find out more about the categories and how to enter, head to:

<https://www.gloucestershirowildlifetrust.co.uk/photocomp>



English Department



Students in Year 9 were asked as part of their English work to write a poem about conflict. Miss Jones received so many fantastic poems in response to this task. Many of the students focused on writing their poems about a battlefield. Hannah Merrett choose to write her poem about the battle we are all facing currently.

We are at war.
War with an invisible enemy,
One who strikes when you least expect.
Sometimes the soldiers fighting goes unseen.
But not today.
Thank you to all the health workers fighting,
The carers, the deliverers and emergency staff.
Thank you to the farmers who supply us with a meal everyday,
And the supermarket staff who make sure it happens.
Thank you to Food Bank workers who also keep people alive.
Thank you to charity raisers who donate to save lives,
And especially Captain Tom Moore who has raised awareness.
Thank you to everyone who is staying at home.
Today nobody goes unseen.

Congratulations Hannah, this is a wonderful poem. Every sentence you have written has so much meaning and thought behind it. Well done!



Martha Sews For The NHS



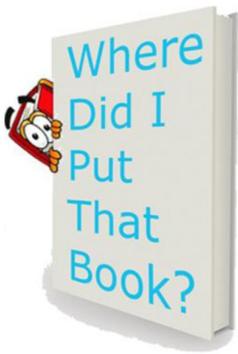
Martha Tunncliffe, Year 8, is creating material laundry bags for local NHS staff to bring their uniforms home in after their shifts, and help to limit the spread of infection before they're then washed. Martha initially got involved in this by making some bags for a family friend who's an ICU nurse at a hospital in Bristol. Martha is now contributing scrubs bags to the Sew for Keyworkers Glos group.

You are doing an excellent job Martha, we are very proud of you. Keep up the good work!



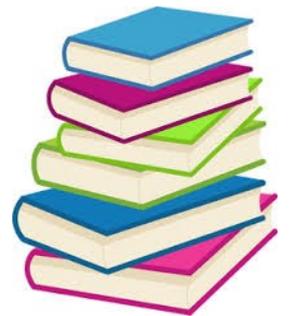
Learning Resource Centre (LRC) News

Please note that the code to access the Remote LRC Google Classroom is **xzc7kkx**



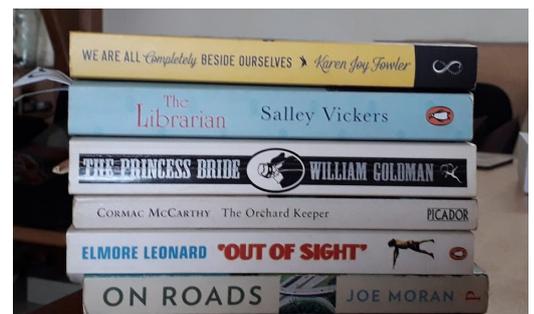
LRC - LONG LOST BOOK COMPETITION

Why don't you have a look for any, long lost and forgotten about LRC books PRIZES for the most overdue book returned.



Create Your Own 'Found Poem'

Have a go at making a 'Found Poem'. There are only 2 rules, find a pile of books and order them to make a poem....



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