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Remote Learning Newsletter



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A Message From The Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Welcome to another bumper edition of our newsletter presenting the best of Rednock students and staff working together through these extraordinary times. We hope that you enjoy their contributions and celebrate their achievements. It is remarkable that our community is producing great work and showing resilience through teamwork - credit to everyone who appears in this edition and credit to all of you parents/carers who make it all possible.

Take care; I hope to see you soon - in person!

Yours sincerely

David Alexander
Head Teacher

A Message To Our Leavers

Last week we should have been celebrating the times that Years 11, 12 and 13 have had at Rednock over their respective school and 6th form careers. It is with great sadness that this year we have currently been robbed of some of our annual highlights. We of course have every intention of holding these celebrations at some point when we are all able to be together.

In the meantime the 6th Form tutor team have put this little message together to remind us of all the fun we have to look forward to when we can again get back to these celebrations.

Please click here to watch the video -

<https://vimeo.com/420976988>



A screenshot from the tutor video



Art Department



Natural Forms Challenge

Year 8 students have been continuing to explore Natural Forms and have been creating a series of observational drawings. Students were asked to research artist and illustrator Georgina Luck. Georgina is an illustrator based in the seaside city of Brighton. Specialising in acrylic ink and watercolour, her unique, organic illustrations have been used for packaging, advertising, and publishing.

We have included some of the wonderful artwork the students have submitted to Mrs Clarke below.

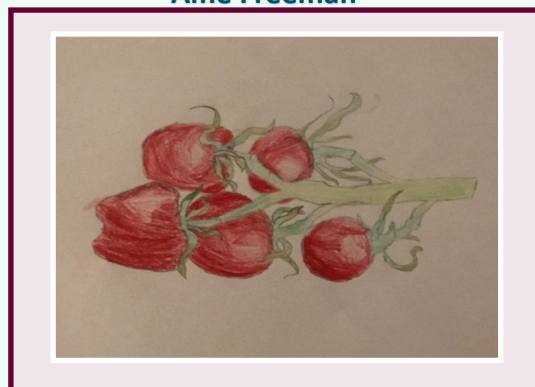
Keira Brennan



Ollie Trotman



Alfie Freeman



Jake Bateman



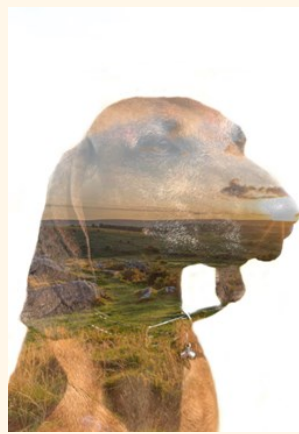
The students have created some fantastic artwork in response to this task that was set. You can see that they have really studied the natural form using their chosen medium. Well done to you all, we really appreciate the time and effort you are putting in to your classwork.



Student Artwork

Miss Burley and Miss Chinnock have been receiving lots of creative and talented pieces of art work from students over the last few weeks. Some of the artwork below has been created in response to tasks that have been set for school work, other pieces have been created by students in their free time.

Creating art in general is good for destressing, the activity doesn't have to specifically be painting, sculpting, drawing or writing. Many people have been dabbling in different forms of art since having more time at home. Find the technique that works for you and create away! What matters is that you find a creative outlet that helps you relieve your stress. Who knows? You might even find a talent you didn't know you had.





Student Success at Rednock School



Tyreece Jones in Year 7 featured in an episode of Live with Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown at The Barn Theatre in Cirencester. The subject for the session was Covid 19 versus Education. How will it be possible to let children back to school and students back to college? What effect has the virus had on educational establishments in the Cotswolds?

Tyreece was interviewed by Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown and was asked many questions about how he is finding working from home, how he submits his

classwork and when he thinks we should return to school.

Tyreece did an amazing job of answering all of the questions asked in such a polite and informative manner. Well done Tyreece, we are incredibly proud of you.

Please click here to watch the broadcast - <https://www.facebook.com/theBarnTheatreCirencester/videos/561537881217940/UzpfSTlyODA3NTMwNzIxNDAxMDozMjg4NjgxMzQxMTUzMzc2/>

(Tyreece is interviewed in the first 5 minutes of the video)



English Department



Year 7 students were asked to draw or create a model of The Bed and Breakfast in Roald Dahl's story 'The Landlady'.

'The Landlady' is a short horror story based around 17-year-old Billy Weaver's first and last stay at a Bed and Breakfast.

Miss Benneyworth was really impressed with Eli Hucker's creative model she made in response to this task. Eli has really understood the story and has grasped the feel of what the creepy Bed and Breakfast might look like.

Well done Eli, this is great!





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Community Photo Project



Cam and Dursley Creatives have developed a photographic community project, inspired by the NHS rainbows. They are asking people to take 7 photographs, one for each colour of the rainbow. **Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue and Indigo and Violet.** Search for the colours around your home, garden or whilst out walking.

Cam and Dursley Creatives are very aware of the stresses/anxiety everyone is under currently. They thought this would be a good project for our students to get involved in whilst getting a bit of fresh air. Your photos will be exhibited across windows in Cam and Dursley as giant rainbows.

Please email your photos to **camanddursleyrainbows@gmail.com**

The photographs will be printed onto vinyl. The plan is to create giant rainbows displayed in prominent windows throughout the Cam and Dursley District. Artist, Abi Nicol has been in touch with us. Abi will be putting up a colourful installation to feature on the front windows of Rednock School for the town to see. We will keep you posted with regular updates as the installation is put up!



The Door Youth Project



The Door Youth Project exists to meet the needs of all young people aged 11 to 25 years and their families. They pride themselves on being a needs-led organisation, working closely with young people, parents, carers or whole families to offer the right support for them.

Kathleen from The Door and PCSO Mark Lifton are coming in to Rednock School a few days a week to support our students with any concerns that they may have. Kathleen is a Community Youthwork Coordinator for the Dursley area who plays a key role in supporting young people in the community. PCSO Mark Lifton has worked for Gloucestershire Constabulary for over 10 years. Mark enjoys helping others and making a difference to the community.

Anxiety levels are very high for lots of people right now due to the unprecedented circumstances that we find ourselves in. The way students learn, and the way students are taught, has changed for them overnight. Many students have felt lost, scared and concerned about what might happen next; having a friendly face to talk to and offer helpful tips and advice has really helped the students feel like that they are not alone in all of this.

Studying full-time from home can bring with it some pretty big challenges and, for some people, it can take a big toll on their mental health. The Door are offering 15-minute slots in which you can receive a call either by phone or zoom from The Door's professional youth workers. Isak, Kathleen, Willow and Rosie are available at different times during the week for a catch up and a chat. Please click on the following link to book a slot with a member of the team - <https://www.thedoor.org.uk/bookings>



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Science Department



We have been receiving some excellent work from students - here is an outline of year group activities

Year 7 have been continuing to learn about different kinds of energy. Here are the top 10 students so far, based on the completion and quality of their work: Olivia Hedges, Alfie Mann, Jacob Sexton, Inaya Wood, Erin Jones, Josie Harris, Phoebe Hedges, Alfie Lines, George Ramsdale, Betty Wood.



Here is a photograph sent to us by Ruby-Mae Drennen who found some wind turbines on her walk.

Year 8 have been doing a brilliant job of their topic on heat transfer, learning about the insulation in their homes and making 'sid snakes' to demonstrate convection. Well done to Mabel Bellamy, Madalena Costa, Evie Press, Jonah Robinson and Scarlet Crosbee who have all done a particularly good job of their written work.

Year 9 have been finishing off their GCSE Physics topic on Energy stores. In term 6 they are going to tackle short Biology and Chemistry topics.

Year 10 have been continuing with their GCSE work. There have been many examples of outstanding effort and we were particularly pleased with Yafet Tesheme. Yafet submitted a perfect ray diagram to his Science teacher, ray diagrams are really difficult to draw. Well done Yafet, you have done an amazing job!

Year 11 have made a good start on the transition to their A level studies. If you are thinking of studying Science at Rednock, please make sure you join the classrooms as soon as you can.

Year 12 have been continuing to work extremely hard on their A level studies. Well done to Dan Amato and Archie Pimlott who have been working extremely hard on their Physics.

Cheltenham Science Festival

In normal times, we would be preparing to take a coach load of Year 8 students to explore the Cheltenham Science Festival (last year the students got so interested it took us quite some time to drag them out of the demonstration tents and back onto the bus). Unfortunately we can't do that this year, but the good news is it has all moved online.



We recommend you go to the 'Discover Zone at home' and try out some of the activities - <https://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/science-home/about/discover-zone-home-2/> where you can design computer games, count penguins and crack codes. There are all kinds of different talks and workshops for all ages too - you can find them here <https://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/science-home/whats-on/grid>.



DT Department



Harry Miles (Year 8) and Jack Miles (Year 7) have been keeping busy cooking up a storm in the kitchen over the last few weeks. Cooking is such a positive experience for students as you are gaining key life skills, through reading, weighing and measuring. You can also create some tasty treats too! Harry and Jack have been writing, following recipes, weighing, measuring and cooking.... The brothers may have to work on the tidying up though according to mum. So far they've made; Sultana Cake, Banana Cake, Jam Tarts, Mars Bar Rice Crispie Cakes and Fairy Cakes.

Harry and Jack have done Ms Carter proud. Well done boys, keep up the good work!



Students have been sending in pictures of their wonderful looking sweet and savoury bakes that they have been making at home. We include some pictures below.





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P.E Department



Weekly PE Challenge

The PE Department will be sharing a weekly PE challenge. The aim is to motivate us all to be as active as possible and to have some fun. Please click on the following link to watch the video Mr Sykes recorded on 21.05.2020. <https://www.rednockschool.org.uk/notices/weekly-pe-challenge/>



Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)



Year 7 students have been learning how to give opinions in Spanish. Students were then asked to write a poem in Spanish to broaden their vocabulary knowledge. Mrs Wytchard was really impressed with Alfie and Ava's poem that they submitted. Well done to both of you, you have done a fantastic job!

Alfie Lines

NO ME GUSTAN HUEVOS!!!!

me gustan las patatas fritas porque son deliciosas
me gusta la sopa porque es deliciosa
me gusta la fruta porque es deliciosa
pero...

no me gustan los huevos!!!

me gusta la ensalada porque es bien
me gusta el pescado porque es bien
me gusta el pollo porque es bien
pero...

no me gustan los huevos!!!

me gustan los helados porque son sabrosos
me gusta la tarta porque es sabrosa
me gusta el queso porque es sabroso
pero...

no me gustan los huevos!!!

porque son apestosos!!!

Ava Gardiner

My Spanish Poem

Me gusta el teatro porque es divertido

La sopa, no me gusta, porque es aburrida

El colorante es emocionante y la yoga, relajante.

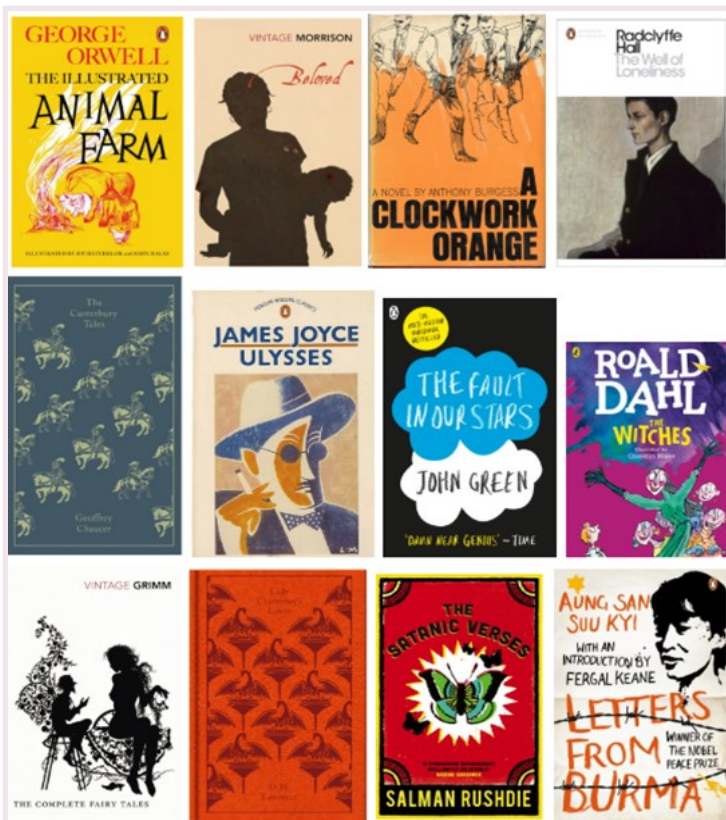


Learning Resource Centre (LRC) News



Guess The Theme?

Can you guess the theme of the virtual display below?



The Ickabog by JK Rowling

SPOILER ALERT... It isn't Harry Potter and it doesn't include magic. The Ickabog is an entirely different story. JK Rowling wrote this story more than a decade ago for her own children and has decided to dust it off during the pandemic. Chapters of The Ickabog will be published daily between Tuesday 26th May and Friday 10th July on The Ickabog website.

<https://theickabog.com/>

James and the Giant Peach

Listen to actors and other celebrities read James and the Giant Peach on the Roald Dahl HQ on YouTube.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29LDBdpNMRc>

The Book of Hopes

The Book of Hopes is completely free for all students and families. The extraordinary collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures has contributions from more than 110 children's writers and illustrators, including Lauren Child, Anthony Horowitz, Greg James and Chris Smith, Michael Morpurgo, Liz Pichon, Axel Scheffler, Francesca Simon and Jacqueline Wilson.

The collection, published by Bloomsbury, is dedicated to the doctors, nurses, carers, porters, cleaners and everyone currently working in hospitals.

Please click on the following link to read the book
<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads	A student who reads	A student who reads
20:00	5:00	1:00
minutes per day	minutes per day	minute per day
will be exposed to 1.8 MILLION words per year and scores in 90th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 282,000 words per year and scores in 50th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 8,000 words per year and scores in 10th PERCENTILE on standardized tests

SCHOLASTIC