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Rednock School Termly Newsletter

The latest news and updates from Rednock School

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A Message From The Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers and Students,

It is nearly the end of a very hectic term! It has been an unusual one, too. We have experienced cycles of uncertainty given the variability of the pandemic and how to best react to it to ensure everyone is looked after. As I write this, we have reached the end of term with two days to go. The students and the staff have been extraordinarily resilient coping with the uncertainty. We have put extra support in place for those students who are feeling anxious; we realise that there is still a lot to do but it is a priority of ours. The celebration of success assemblies and rewards events which we would normally hold in person are temporarily postponed but we are certainly celebrating the hard work and stamina of the students in a virtual way! Thank you everyone for your support over these challenging times; it certainly helps us keep going. I want to acknowledge the incredibly important role that you as parents/carers play in making the school community a positive and enjoyable environment for all. I do believe that our community is a special and unique place to be.

You may be aware that Ms Johnson - our Head of Drama - is leaving this Christmas. We will be very sorry to see her go after many years of loyal dedication to the school and the students. She is a perfect example of someone who values this community and its special ethos. As someone said to me recently, "if you cut Mandy in half, it would say 'Rednock' through her like a stick of rock". (You may have to explain what a stick of rock is to the younger ones!!). That metaphor is representative of all of us here - and that is due to the students and to your good selves.

Have a fabulous Christmas and New Year! Take care and we will see the students on Tuesday 4th January 2022 for testing and on Wednesday 5th January 2022 for a return to lessons!

Mr Alexander - Headteacher



Breakfast with the Headteacher



Each week the four Community Leaders nominate two students from their Community that they would like to put forward as Achievement Heroes. The Achievement Heroes are invited to the Conference Room to have breakfast with Mr Alexander. Hot chocolate, cookies and croissants are made available for the students. The group discuss their achievements and use this opportunity to raise any important matters to Mr Alexander. A big well done to all of the Achievement Heroes from this term, we are so proud of your hard work and accomplishments. ★

This Week's Achievement Heroes - Brunel: Denis Okonski & Tabby Campbell | **Darwin:** Georgina Hudson & Benjamin Howse
Hubble: Kayti Miles & Fin Powell | **Jenner:** Keira Brennan & Luke Grant | **6th Form:** Caitlin Keep and Charlotte Tuckwell

🌸 🌸 **Remembrance Day Commemorations**

On Thursday 11th November the school came together (virtually), to observe an act of Remembrance.

We would like to thank all of those who supported us with this event. A big thank you to James Carter (Year 10) and Martha Gruber (Year 10) for their excellent rendition of the last post. We would also like to thank Samuel Hall (Year 8) who rang the old school bell to signify the start and end of the 2 minutes silence.

While it was disappointing that we were unable to come together as a wider school community for the act of Remembrance, the whole school participated in a virtual assembly and we used the school tannoy system to broadcast the last post throughout the school.



Samuel Hall



A big thank you to Eliza Delmaine (Year 10) who proudly represented the school by laying our poppy wreath at the local Dursley Remembrance event.

The dedication of our students makes us proud every day.



Eliza Delmaine

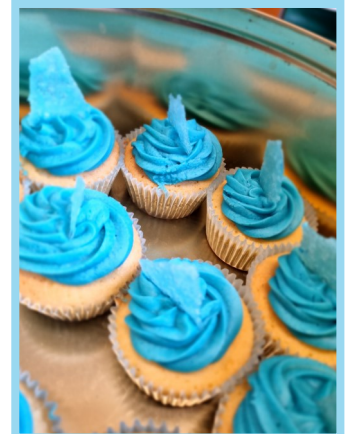


Geography Department



Miss Edwards' Year 10 class are learning about weather hazards. As an alternative to creating an extreme weather collage, Martha Nicholas created extreme weather cupcakes with an ice theme.

Well done Martha, the cupcakes look amazing! I'm sure they were delicious.





6th Form News



CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

Over the past two weeks, our 6th Form students have been busy spreading Christmas cheer to local care homes and care agencies by making and sending them handmade Christmas cards.

Every morning, during tutor time, ten 6th Form students have run a workshop with Year 7 students to make and write Christmas cards, which they will send to the residents of our local care homes. The Year 7 students have fully embraced this task and have made us all very proud!

Mrs Johnston would particularly like to thank the following students that are on the 6th Form Christmas Committee: Troy Probert, Azra Tuzun, Zoe Taylor, Charlotte Tuckwell, Caitlin Keep, Sophie Day, Jasmin Sprague, Lauren Farr, Isabella Delrosa and Lauren Whittaker. Without them, and the help of our super-efficient Mrs Wright, this act of kindness wouldn't have been able to happen.

Christmas cards will be sent to Henlow Court, The Hollies, Hollyoak Dementia Care Home, Stinchcombe Manor, Breadstone House, Yercombe Lodge and Oldbury House. Thank you very much to all of those who have contributed towards this initiative, we really appreciate all of your hard work and support.



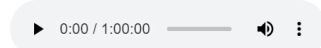
GLOUCESTER FM (GFM) RADIO SHOW

Ms Johnson was on Radio GFM on Thursday 18th November talking about mental health and well-being with Llahnie Mae Whitlock (Year 12) and Charlotte Jones (Year 12)

Community Link - Young People Thursday 18 November

Discussion on specific issues and interviews by young people for Young people in a topical style with local & Caribbean news

Download this show: [MP3 Download](#) (right click and "Save link as...")



| Posted in Community Link - Young People

This section of the radio show is where young people express their views on specific issues. Llahnie Mae has a regular slot every Thursday from 6 - 7pm.



Girls PE



YEAR 7 GIRLS NETBALL

This term Year 7 had their first tournament representing Rednock School. All of the girls were very excited and proud to be representing the school. The team fought hard throughout the tournament and there were some lovely attacking plays. The team showed determination and strength throughout the tournament putting into practice everything they have learnt during training.

Well done Year 7.



MEET MISS EGAN

Miss Egan joined the Rednock School Girls PE teaching team in September 2021. We have asked Miss Egan to put a few words together about her sporting experience:

"I started playing netball at ten years old. I fell in love with the sport almost immediately. At the age of 11 I joined Oldham Netball Club. I was a member of the club for 8 years. Our team became three times National Champions and won three Regional Championships becoming the best team in our age group in England. Training hard, commitment, team work and resilience during my time at the club enabled me to have the most amazing experience playing netball in Australia against Australian national teams.



Netball benefits your physical and mental health. To me Netball is more than a sport, more than a passion and more than just a game. Netball makes you feel part of a team, a sense of belonging and togetherness whilst also demonstrating key life skills that can help you develop.

I want to share my experiences with Rednock and with the PE team to encourage young people to take part in netball and physical activity, giving them the opportunity to be part of the team and experience the achievements and prospects sport can bring you."

YEAR 10 GIRLS NETBALL



The Year 10 Netball team travelled to Stroud High School to play in the District Netball tournament. The girls represented the school fabulously with some difficult opposition in Stroud High School, Sir William Romney's and Farmor's School.

We had some excellent shooting and attacking play from Jess Smith, Kitty Pain and Meg Smith. All of the students worked extremely hard. The player of the tournament from Rednock was Kayti Miles.



THE PULSE SPORTS CENTRE

Since October half term, some students have been walking down to The Pulse Sports Centre with Mrs Bird to utilise our local sports facilities. Groups of Year 9 and Year 11 have experienced spin classes and used the excellent weights and cardio facilities down at The Pulse with expert guidance from The Pulse team. The experience has encouraged students to see what life long fitness can look like when you leave school. The students have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and experienced something different in their PE lessons.



SPORTING SUCCESS

Sophie Lee in Year 9 has kindly put a few words together about her fantastic climbing achievements:



"On the 18th of September I competed in the First round of the BMC Youth Climbing Series. This was the first regional round of four, which I ended up coming 1st overall in the South West North.

In each region, the top three girls are invited to compete in the national grand final. As I came first overall I participated in the nationals being held in Southampton. The event was over two days, the first a boulder finals and the second day a lead final.

I was nervous to compete in the nationals as I had never been to a competition so big before but to my surprise I ended with 6th place in both events. This resulted in me being 6th overall in my age category (2008-2009) in Great Britain."



We would like to say a massive congratulations to Sophie, we are incredibly proud of her climbing success.



Holly Clark in Year 7 attended Newent School on Sunday 5th December to take part in a cross country competition. The course was tough and the weather was very windy. Holly ran extremely well and she came 21st.

Well done Holly!

We would also like to congratulate Noah Boulton (Year 8), Jack Bevan (Year 11) and Hannah Biddle (Year 7) who took part in the cross country competition.



Boys PE



This term there has been a brilliant turn out at the extra-curricular PE Clubs. We include photos below from, Year 9 Boys Football Club and GCSE Badminton and GCSE Table Tennis Club.

Please click [here](#) to view the Term 3 extra-curricular club timetable that can be found on the school website.

YEAR 9 FOOTBALL, MONDAY 3.00PM—4.00PM, ASTRO TURF



GCSE BADMINTON— SPORTS HALL

GCSE TABLE TENNIS—SPORTS HALL



WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY LUNCHTIME

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English Department



Bella Troiano in Year 11 has written a poem called 'Remember Him' in an act of remembrance. Bella's poem is extremely well written, it's clear that she has thought about the different perspectives of war. Well done Bella!

Remember Him

Poppies on a rainy day.
Poppies on my shirt that's grey.
Poppies shown in a special way.
Poppies on my great gramp's grave.

Why's grandad not here today?
Why's there a remembrance day?
Why's there such a grand parade?

Well my dear, let me explain...
When great grandma looked up she saw some planes,
Some ships, some uniforms but really no names.

My dear, you see they were such cold days.
The children weren't allowed to come out and play.

Babies would cry and parents felt mortified,
and you see no one would smile, there were no cups of
tea and no one would not fight, not even me.

So you see my dear, your grandad saved the day.
He fought for his country and earned his name.
But sadly my dear, he couldn't be here today...

But don't worry dear, it's okay.
We will celebrate him on remembrance day.



Mrs Melville-Brown (Head of English) would like to congratulate the following students who have made it as English Ambassadors. A big well done to the following students:



Year 8: Lily Nash

Year 10: Jess Smith, Molly Ebdy, Oscar Ansell, Martha Tunnicliffe



Year 11: Maisie Hughes, Isabella Murrie, Hannah French

The application process involved the students writing a letter to tell us why they would be successful English Ambassadors. The students will help with book clubs, open evenings and interventions. The English Department looks forward to working closely with this group of students over the coming year to promote English in our school.



Learning Resource Centre



The LRC is full to bursting with brand new books - thanks to the very generous donations to our 'Go Fund Me' page from local businesses and organisations.

There are books for all readers, of all ages, and all tastes.

A big thank you for all of the donations received so far. Further details regarding our 'Get Rednock Reading' Campaign can be accessed by clicking [here](#).



Computing Department

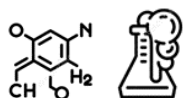


Some of Ms Clements' Computing students from Years 9-11 have just taken part in the Bebras International Computational Thinking Challenge. We receive the results in a few weeks time. The top achieving students from across the UK are invited to Oxford University to take part in Round 2 of the quiz.

The students did extremely well and Ms Clements was impressed with how many of them worked through the challenges and were determined to find the correct answer. We look forward to sharing the results with you next term. Good luck to all of those who entered the challenge.



International Challenge on Informatics and Computational Thinking



Science Department



ROYAL SOCIETY Young Peoples Book Prize

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOOK PRIZE 2021

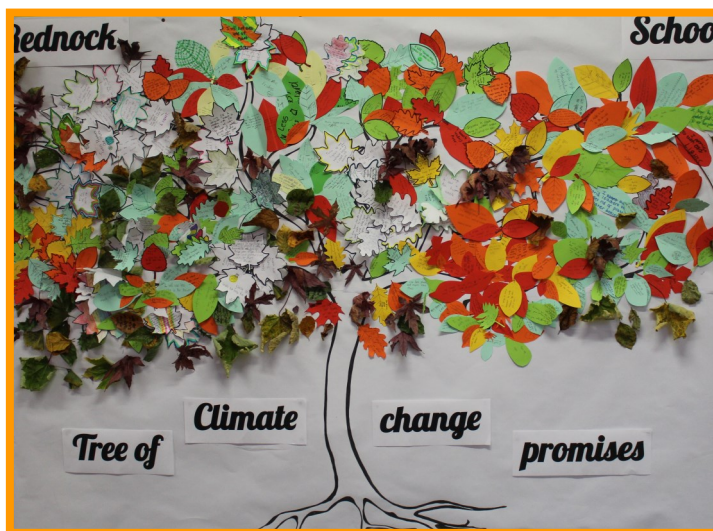
In November a team of students from Years 7-10 joined Dr Craig and Miss Benneworth to help judge the Royal Society's young people's book prize. Alongside lots of other school teams across the country, we were sent copies of the six shortlisted books and tasked with picking the winner. All of the books were excellent, and can be found in the LRC however, we had to choose the best, and we felt this was 'I am a book, I am a portal to the universe'. Our judging panel loved how interactive and engaging this book was. Rednock's choice will now feed into the National Competition - we look forward to hearing the results in January!

Chemistry Week

Every year the Royal Society of Chemistry has a Chemistry week, and this year's was timed to coincide with the COP-26 climate summit in Glasgow. Students learnt about COP-26 and the potentially catastrophic effects of climate change that could occur within their lifetimes, should greenhouse gas emissions not be curbed. They had the opportunity to participate in the #promisetotheplanet initiative, and wrote their promises to the planet on leaves, which we have put up onto a Rednock tree of promises.

In their lessons, students debated alternative fuels for cars, made plastic from potato starch, experimented with carbon dioxide and learnt about recycling plastic. Years 7 and 8 have made some fantastic models of their plastic recycling. We include some of their brilliant work below.

Tree of Climate Change Promises



Year 7 and Year 8 Recycling Project

Raising Standard Lead

Year 9 | Mr Szmaglik - Term 2 has seen the re-launch of Champions League for this year. The first few weeks have seen Looping Lamas (Ellie Bick and Holly Yates) win two back to back 'Weekly Wins'. Some of the standout goals have been scored by Keeley Smith who is really pushing herself in lessons by reaching the extension materials, especially in Maths with Mr Qureshi. McKenzie Hall has demonstrated great resilience in Maths with Mr Stewart. A huge well done to them both and the other participants!

Accelerated Reader+ has also been launched this term with help from Miss Benneyworth and a small group of Year 9's, who have been reading away in order to improve their literacy and develop a greater love for reading. As students begin to understand which types of texts excite and engage them, Ms Gillies will be looking to order in more books as necessary. It has been a real joy to help students find books that capture their imagination and allow them to really get lost in a book.

At the time of writing, Year 9 have amassed over 10,000 reward points this academic year already. Could we make 50,000 by the end of the year? At this rate, quite possibly!

Year 10 | Mr Steele - This term, Year 10 have been continuing to 'work smarter' and have started to focus on setting goals for themselves. It has been interesting to see some of the goals set and the challenges in completing them. Students taking part in small intervention groups have been asked to set SMART goals. These should be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timely for them.

With goal setting, we are aiming to reach a point of habitual, intrinsic, motivation; for students, having a relevant goal that they came up with themselves is really important. After a couple of weeks of practice students have started to set goals which are relevant and achievable for them. Hopefully, once students have turned this process into a habit they can begin to make their goals more ambitious. At this stage, any discussions around students' short, medium and long term goals at home would also be really valuable.



Modern Foreign Languages



Over the last term, students in 9R3 have been learning how to run a café, in Spanish. The class has learned how to order food and drink, how to be part of the waiting staff and even how to prepare some Spanish dishes.

The students wrote to Mr Alexander to ask permission to run a Spanish café for their family. 9R3 then invited their family members into School to order food and drink from the Spanish café. Some students supported family members in ordering food and drink in Spanish and others waited on tables.

Well done Year 9, you did a fantastic job running the Spanish café and showing of your language skills.

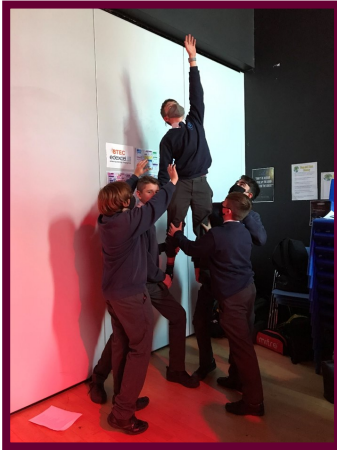




Drama Department



Ms Johnson's Year 9 class are looking at The Hillsborough disaster as part of the "Issues" scheme of work. The students learnt about the horrific events that occurred during 1989. The students worked in groups to create freeze frames of the tragedy.



Ms Johnson's Year 8 class acted out the Greek Chorus from 'The Medea'. The class used choral speech, canon, solo speech, gesture, a mask and choral movement to demonstrate this genre that we have been studying this term. Well done Year 8!



As part of the Unit 19 Acting Styles exam, Year 13 students acted 'Blue Remembered Hills' by Dennis Potter. This deceptively simple tale relates the activities of seven English children on a summer afternoon during World War II. In the woods, and a field they play, fight, fantasize and swagger. Their aggressions, fears, hostilities and rivalries are a microcosm of adult interaction.

It was great to be back in the drama studio with this exam and to have the support of everyone's families as a "masked" audience. It was a brilliant evening and the performances were outstanding.



Food Bank Donations



In the run up to Christmas, Rednock School has been supporting our local Food Bank Hub at GL11 by collecting items that will go towards helping those that need it most. The last two years have been incredibly challenging for many of us and we felt that supporting GL11 would be a great way to help our local community and to show the students the importance of being charitable.

Students placed their donations under the Christmas tree (outside main reception) or handed their items into their tutor. Darwin Prefects and Darwin Student Council visited tutor groups during registration to collect the kind donations.

GL11 visited Rednock on Monday 13th December to collect all of your generous donations. We are incredibly grateful for your ongoing support of Rednock School and our local community.



Charity Fundraising Day



The last Thursday of each term has been set aside as a Charity Fundraising Day. This term our non-school uniform day was in support of the charity 'Save the Children' by marking their national Christmas Jumper Day. During this day students and staff were invited to pay £1 for the privilege of wearing non-school uniform with a festive theme.

By supporting this great cause we joined other workplaces, schools and youth groups across the country to enjoy some festive spirit whilst recognising this important charity.

We thank you for your continued support for our charity fund-raising activities.





Dates for your Diary



* Tuesday 4th January	Student Covid-19 Lateral Flow Testing
* Wednesday 5th January	Start of Term 3
* Thursday 27th January	Year 11 Parents Consultation Meeting (PCM)
* Wednesday 2nd February	Year 11 and Year 12 Mock Interviews
* Thursday 3rd February	Year 11 and Year 12 Mock Interviews
* Friday 4th February	Year 11 and Year 12 Mock Interviews
* Tuesday 8th February	6th Form Admission Interviews
* Wednesday 9th February	6th Form Admission Interviews
* Thursday 10th February	6th Form Admission Interviews
* Monday 14th February	Year 11 Photography Date
* Tuesday 15th February	Year 12 Parents Consultation Meeting (PCM)
* Friday 18th February	End of Term 3

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From all of us at Rednock School, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

