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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

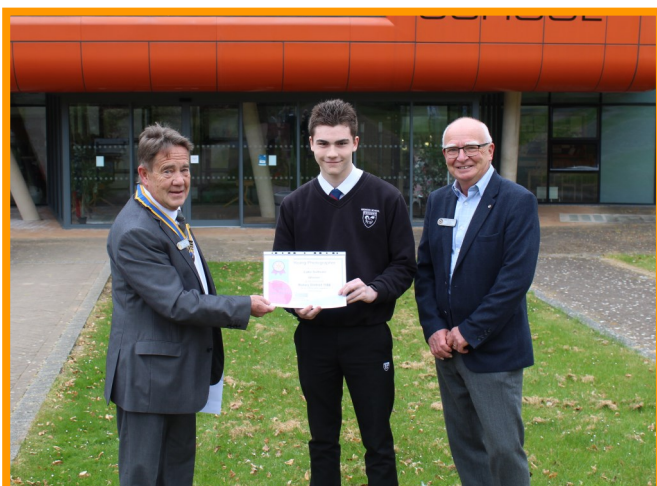
We are now nearing the end of Term 5 - it has all gone so quickly this year! With just one term left, there is so much to do in preparation for a return to a "normal" year with all of our routines re-established. We are busily ensuring that the start to next year is as smooth as it can be for the students. Our transition days for the new intake of future Year 7 students is already planned as well as the building projects being completed for the new academic year. Exciting times!

Term 5 has seen Year 11 and Year 13 begin their examinations - the first ones for two years. We have held special briefings surrounding examinations as well as the usual revision sessions. Both year groups have given their best although it is difficult to predict results given that we do not have any grade boundaries and that the examination content was declared on Monday 7th February of this year.

Year 11 and Year 13 celebrations and Awards Evenings have also been held to formally mark the students' time at Rednock. These events have been sorely missed; they are a rite of passage and important in the social aspect of our school. I have attended both; they were such happy and joyous occasions. It was a delight to be able to present the awards and to honour those students for their fortitude and resilience during such unprecedented times.

As we usually do, we have staff leaving at the end of the academic year; this year a notable member of staff is leaving. Mr Sharp has been with the School for 29 years and has taught many students as well as some parents (he even taught a member of the current PE staff!). Mr Sharp has been a big character at Rednock and in the local community; he will be sorely missed. I am sure that his leaving speech will contain many anecdotes!

David Alexander - Headteacher



Chris Wellings (Dursley Rotary Club President) and Chris Cherry (Dursley Youth Services Chairman) presenting Luke with the District certificate



Photography Competition



In the last issue of the termly newsletter, we included a section about Luke Sullivan winning The District Young Rotary Photography Competition. Since then, we have been informed that Luke has come second in the senior category of the National Young Photography Competition.

The standard of the entries was extremely high this year. Luke's winning photograph will be displayed on the Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland website / social media channels as well as the Dursley Rotary Club website / social media channels. We are incredibly proud of Luke's fantastic achievement! Amazing work Luke, well done!



Drama Department



On Wednesday 30th March Rednock School held a 'Stage and Screen' fundraiser to raise funds for a resource called 'Digital Theatre Plus'. The show featured a wide array of talent from all age groups. We include a few snaps of the following performances: Everybody's talking about Jamie (Year 12), Blood Brothers (Year 11), Prolong Life (Year 7), Romeo & Juliet (Year 8) and Shrek The Musical.

We raised a staggering £657. We would like to say a big thank you to all that supported this event. We would also like to thank the fantastic performers; the students did a brilliant job. It was a fantastic evening full of singing, acting and dancing.



Year 10 Blood Brothers Performance

Year 10 students all gave fantastic performances in front of a packed audience. Students have all been working hard studying and developing their characters taken from the production 'Blood Brothers'. They all managed to keep the nerves at bay and everyone involved produced mature and impressive performances.

Congratulations to all of the students involved!

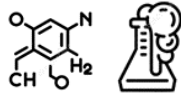


Year 13 Final Performance

This was Year 13's final piece of exam work and they performed a thought-provoking piece that they devised themselves. They were all excellent and all of the students that watched were inspired by the quality and professionalism of their work.

The Drama team would like to thank Nieve, Troy, Mack, Martha and Zoe for their commitment to Drama throughout their time at Rednock and wish them all the best with their futures. We are very proud!

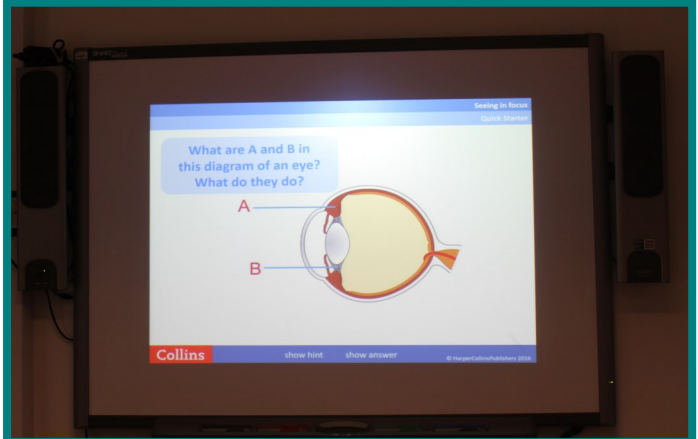




Science Department



Year 10 biology students have been busy learning about the structure of the eye and have been able to put the theory to the test when dissecting eyes. Students were able to identify many different parts of the eye and have gone on to investigate the causes and treatments for long and short sightedness. Well done Year 10, fantastic work!



Famelab Competition

Every student in Year 9 has taken part in the annual Famelab academy competition that is run in conjunction with the Cheltenham Science Festival. The students were tasked with giving a 3-minute talk about a topic of their choice that is linked with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). If this wasn't daunting enough it had to be given unaided without any script or PowerPoint presentation.



After a tense Rednock School final, judged by previous Rednock winners, Sam Kinsley was selected to represent us at the county final along with 15 other schools from around the county. Sam gave an awesome performance, speaking passionately about the hidden dangers of eating ultra-processed foods. Well done Sam, you

have made Rednock proud!





Art Department



The Great Jubilee Flag Project



The Great Jubilee Flag Project is a community project in GL11 where local school children are asked to create images they feel represent The Queen and her reign. The students are designing and making flags which will be put up around the local area to celebrate the platinum jubilee. The students will learn how to silkscreen their design onto a flag. The hope is that the flags will bring a bit of fun to our amazing community while friends and families attend street parties, school events and Dursley's Picnic in the Park.

Mr Collin's Year 8 class have been working extremely hard creating screen print designs. Jude Taylor's screen print design was chosen as the design to represent Rednock School. Jude has created an intricate design that really illustrates The Queen. Jude has thought carefully about the placement of his drawings and he has created a wonderful screen print design. We are extremely proud of Jude for his amazing work and we look forward to seeing the flags up and around the local area. We include some photos below of the screen printing process.



Half Term Local Jubilee Flag Workshops

We include a list of the pop up flag workshop sessions below:

- Monday 30th May - 10am - 12pm & 1pm - 3pm (GL11 Community Hub Cam)
- Wednesday 1st June - 10am - 12pm (GL11 Community Hub Cam)



Please feel free to come along.



Mental Health Awareness Week



Mental Health Awareness Week

9 - 15 May 2022

Together we can tackle loneliness

#IveBeenThere

Mental Health Awareness Week took place between the 9th - 15th May. This year the spotlight is shining on 'loneliness'. Loneliness affects millions of people here in the UK every year and is a key driver for poor mental health. We encourage you to build meaningful connections with your friends, family, colleagues and communities.

To show our collective support and raise awareness we explored the theme of loneliness with the students during tutor time. We looked at how loneliness affects our mental health and how we can all play a part in reducing it.



Create Gloucestershire



Deb Brooks (Science Technician/Local Printmaker) is working with Create Gloucestershire on the 'Off We Go' project. Create Gloucestershire have devised a series of peaceful and engaging free activities to help you reconnect with the community in small, friendly groups. You can explore a programme of creative projects and gentle exercise to boost your sense of confidence and assist with well-being. All activities are taking place locally and are suitable for all ages and levels of experience.



Off We Go

Recapturing your confidence after COVID

A series of peaceful and engaging free activities to help you reconnect with your community in small, friendly groups.

If you live in Berkeley, Cam, Dursley, Sharpness, Wotton-under-Edge or the surrounding villages please check out the programme of activities [here](#).



English Department



We would like to congratulate the following students who entered our Key Stage 3 Young Writers creative writing competition last term.

- Annabel Philp
- Lottie Flower
- Inaya Wood
- Amelia Freeman

Rotary **YOUNG WRITER** **COMPETITION**

The students were asked to write 100 word story from the perspective of a classic villainous character. Their fantastic stories have been chosen to be published in the 2022 Young Writers short story publication.

well done

There are more competitions on the way soon so please keep an eye out, enter and showcase your amazing work!



Eco News



Students at Rednock have been busy helping to set up a project to look at the impact of grounds management on the biodiversity of the invertebrates on the school grounds. This involves sampling the populations at a managed, and an unmanaged area that is left uncut in Term 6 to see how quickly insect populations may recover.



The work with Year 12 has been led by Kathy Meakin, a local professional ecologist with support from Western Power Distribution. We would like to thank Kathy for coming in and running this initiative with Year 12.



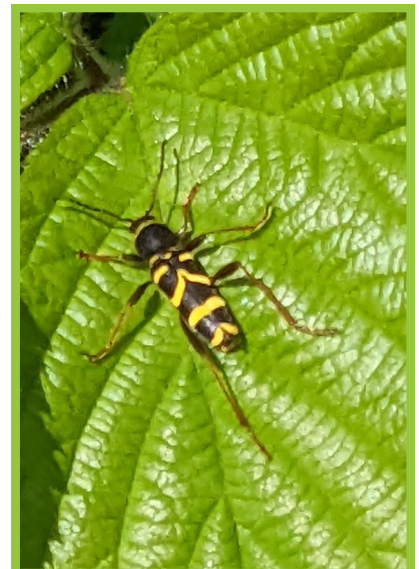
Slow worm

As well as sampling the invertebrate population we have been looking for slow worms on site and were delighted to find two in the first two days. They stay still when you first find them, but then they shoot off very quickly. A great find, well done Year 12!

A colourful cheat

This lovely beetle was found on some brambles at the front of the school. It looks like a wasp to fool its predators, but didn't fool us (it has no wings). The wasp beetle (*Clytus arietis*) has a fairly involved life cycle needing deadwood as a larva, but flower pollen as an adult. If the habitat doesn't

have both it unfortunately can't survive.



We look forward to sharing more of our finds with you in the next addition of the newsletter.





Girls PE



UNDER 12 GIRLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION



Back in March the Under 12's girls football team won the district tournament beating Katherine Lady Berkeley School, Stroud High School and Farmors School. Rednock progressed as the representative for the Stroud District in the County tournament. Rednock faced teams including, Cleeve School, Denmark Road High School, Oasis Academy Brislington, Five Acres School and Abbeywood School.

The girls played some fantastic football, working well as a team. They showed great resilience in games coming back from 1-0 down to win. The girls dominated across the tournament beating all 5 other opponents with an outstanding display throughout from Holly Clark. This group of girls are an amazing talented bunch and one to watch for the future.



BOYS AND GIRLS YEAR 9 & 10 ATHLETICS

Students in Year 9 and Year 10 did a fantastic job representing Rednock School in the athletics competition held at Cirencester Kingshill School.



The students worked incredibly hard and made Rednock proud.

We include some photos below that were taken on the day.

Amber Morgan
300m Girls - Year 10



Lily Herbert
300m Girls - Year 9



Alex Lygo
1500m Boys - Year 10



Jacob Norman
300m Boys - Year 9





YEAR 9 & YEAR 10 GIRLS ROUNDERS

The Rednock Year 9 and Year 10 girls rounders team played against Katharine Lady Berkeley (KLB) School on Wednesday 18th May.

There were some great individual performances. Rednock remained high in spirits and worked so hard together as a team. KLB ended up winning the game but we would like to congratulate the girls for their efforts.



Boys PE



GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP SUCCESS

We are extremely pleased to share with you Tom Chapman's sporting success. We have asked Tom to put together a short paragraph about his fantastic achievement.

"The Gloucestershire County Golf Competition took place at Stinchcombe Golf Club. There were around 70 county juniors competing, all under the age of 16, playing for a gross and net prize. My handicap on the day was 17 and I played to a handicap of 9 which gave me 8 under my handicap, which meant I won the tournament by



six clear shots in the net category. This also brought my handicap down to 14 and I am looking to get to below 10 by the middle of the year. I have many more county competitions and junior opens throughout the year in Gloucestershire, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall".

We look forward to hearing about Tom's future competitions. Watch this space!



SPORTING SUCCESS



Nathan Curry (Year 12) officiated as 2nd referee on Sunday 3rd April at the Gloucestershire Football Association in the U15's Cup Final. Nathan was asked to do this based on his performance and rating with the league during the season. Nathan was nervous about his first game (understandably), there were between 200 - 300 people in the crowd, but he dealt with it very well. We would like to congratulate Nathan on this fantastic news and we wish him all the best with any future games.





Maths Department



We are incredibly proud of all 65 students, in Years 7 and 8, who were chosen to represent Rednock School in the prestigious UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Junior Mathematical Challenge. The UKMT is a charitable organisation that aims to advance the education of young people in Mathematics. Of the

Rednock School participants, we are delighted that 21 students received a bronze certificate, 8 students achieved a silver certificate and 1 student achieved a gold certificate. These are truly impressive results!

Some of the bronze, silver and gold certificate recipients are pictured below. Congratulations to Will Coulsting for achieving the gold award and qualifying for the next round of the competition, 'Junior Kangaroo', on Tuesday 14th June. Additionally well done to Lila Heath, who came second place, Nancy Cairns, who came third place and joint fourth place, Murray Rowlands and Jack Bottger. A special mention of recognition to Jack Bottger, as he also achieved 'Best in Year' for Year 7. We are so proud of all of the students for their hard work and dedication.



Silver Certificate - Jack Bottger, Lila Heath, Murray Rowlands, Nancy Cairns



Gold Certificate - Will Coulsting



Writing Stars



William Tull (Year 7)



Rednock students, who attended the Dyslexia Drop-In Club, entered a competition run by the Gloucestershire Dyslexia Association (GDA). The students were asked to write poems or prose titled 'Dyslexia and Me,' that told of their triumphs and challenges of being a dyslexic learner.

Two of our Rednock superstars, Jasmine Fishwick (Year 11) and William Tull (Year 7) won their age category. We are pleased to announce that Jasmine went on to be the overall winner.

The students were presented with their prizes by a local children's writer, John Dougherty, who read out their contributions at an event in Stroud on Saturday 30th April. A massive well done to Jasmine and William, this is an amazing achievement.

Jasmine Fishwick (Year 11)



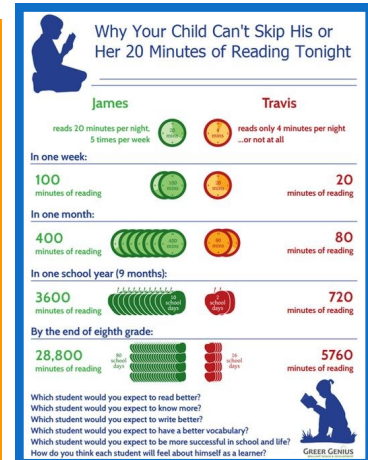


Learning Resource Centre

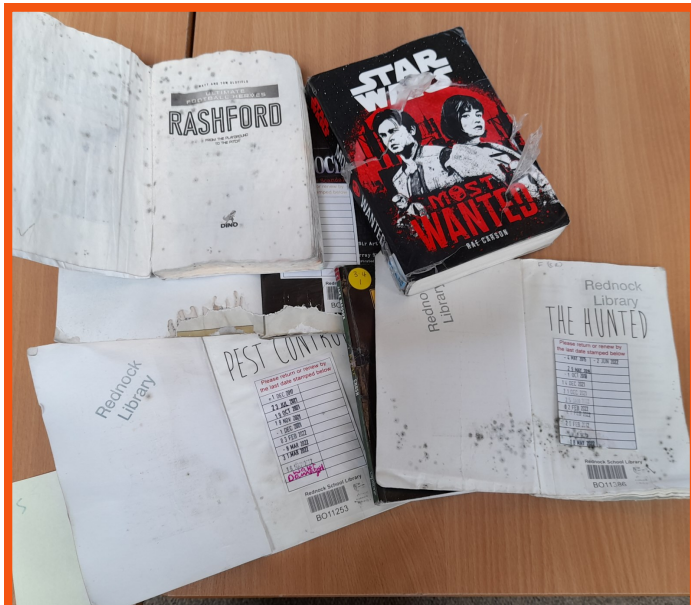


Students continue to make progress using the Accelerated Reader (AR) Scheme. Those achieving full marks in their quiz get to attempt to guess the combination of the '100% box' and select a prize.

The latest winner was Austin Yorke (D1DK). Well done Austin!



34 million words were read by Rednock students in April and May.



HELP STOP BOOK NEGLECT!

We encourage students to read and change books regularly and we trust they will be looked after.

Books damaged by neglect, food or drink and intentional destruction will be charged for.

Get ready for a Summer of reading

There are many new books in the LRC, both fiction and non-fiction. There is something for everyone.



Parent Governor Vacancy



The School currently has a vacancy for a Parent Governor which we would like to fill as soon as possible. Parent Governors are elected by and from the parents / carers of children currently attending our school. They serve a four-year term of office and bring a very important and valued perspective to the work of the Governing Body.

Further details can be found by clicking [here](#). To apply, please complete and submit [this form](#) by 12.00 noon on Monday 6th June 2022.



Duke of Edinburgh Award



Duke of Edinburgh (DofE): May Update

We are delighted to have so many students on board with the DofE Programmes this year. 26 Year 11 students are taking part in the Silver DofE Programme and 42 Year 10 students are taking part in the Bronze Programme. Completing a Duke of Edinburgh Award is a fantastic opportunity that allows students to continue current activities or learn new skills as part of the physical recreation, skills and volunteering sections of the award.



Physical Recreation: DofE encourages participants to learn a new skill, or show progress in one in which they are already involved in. Rednock students are taking part in a range of traditional sporting activities such as; football, rugby and cricket. In addition, the students have pushed themselves to try new sports including; archery, kickboxing, tennis, ballet and sword fighting!

Volunteering: A big part of the DofE Programme is to volunteer and help the local community. It's been a real pleasure to see so many of our Rednock students relish in this opportunity and help our local community in so many ways. Some students are volunteering in charity shops, litter picking, helping in Scouts and Cubs along with coaching and refereeing in local sports clubs. By doing this the students have gained essential skills and attributes for work and life such as resilience, problem-solving, team-working, communication and drive.



Skills: The students have picked up a huge range of skills, some have challenged themselves to learn Italian, train as a lifeguard and take part in dog training. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, many of the students are maximising opportunities through online resources, such as; learning sign language, gaining a certificate in sustainable future and

sewing.

Bronze Training Evening: It was great to see such high attendance at the Bronze training evening, which was run by Ocean Rock. Ocean Rock are an experienced adventure company who lead expeditions throughout the UK. The group learnt to map read, pack a backpack and find out what essential food to take with them. The training day for the Silver award is taking place on 9th of June.

Students are making efficient use of the DofE app to upload their programme and show progress for their award. Can we please remind parents / carers that communications are through Google Classroom and all students need to check this and their emails for any updates. Any queries regarding DofE please contact - dofe@rednockschool.org.uk



Raising Standard Leaders

Year 8 - Mrs Mould

Term 5 is our shortest term but Year 8 has hit the ground running with interventions being actively taken up by the students and a large number of reward points being achieved, which is fantastic.

This term the school as a collective has been focusing on 'failure' as a key term and how we can overcome failure and drive ourselves forward to achieve our goals. For many students some of their goals may be things that at first seem out of reach. The message we are trying to give to the students is how we can all fail but what we do afterwards is what is important. If we really want that goal then we need to persevere, removing the obstacles preventing us from successfully reaching it and to focus on how enjoyable success will be in the end.

The most important thing to remember is "The world is full of successful failures" we all learn from failure but if we take this failure and try again and succeed, we can become all the better based on what we have learnt along the way. As a school we believe this is a really important message and it would be great if you were able to find the time to discuss this with your child to reinforce this message.

Year 9 - Mr Szmaglik

Term 5 has been an extremely short, but intensive term. At the tail end of Term 4, Year 9 embarked on their Options process and I was taken aback by the maturity and depth of the discussion that myself and Mr Cheeseman were fortunate enough to have with students.

Our focus for Term 5 was failure; or rather the necessity of failure in order to be successful. Staff at Rednocks opened up to students via video about their own failures and what they had learnt from them during an assembly. Our ambition was to normalise failure for students and see it as a potential asset to helping you succeed, not a drawback, nor a weakness.

Accelerated Reader+ continues to thrive with [Gracie Pitts](#) reading a signed copy of her book, and [Ellie Bick](#) and [Georgina Freier](#) concurrently reading the same novel, again written in verse!

Students have continued to work extremely hard with Mr Mitchell in Maths intervention on Tuesdays. This term they have worked on rearranging formulas, ratios and angles. There has been particularly excellent attendance and effort from [Gio Bailey](#), [Lily Herbert](#), [Poppy Jones](#), [Sophie King](#) and [Charlotte King](#). Well done!

Year 10 - Mr Steele

Failure is our keyword for Term 5! The rationale behind this is to encourage students to understand that failure and struggle are a normal part of life - to be embraced and to help drive positive future change. For me the most important message here is that students try things, and that they try them often. Whether they succeed or fail, at this point in their lives every experience is helping to shape their understanding of the world.

Some students are already living this message, which is excellent. We have recently had two groups of students go through a Prospects Training course on resilience and grit with a view to trying to improve their attendance. Looking back at the data this has been successful in all cases so far. If you think your child might need support in boosting their attendance please do let me know as there is the possibility of putting one more round of students through the course before they finish Year 10 - richard.steele@rednockschool.org.uk

Raising Standard Leaders

Year 11 - Miss Jones

Term 5 has been full of celebrations for our Year 11 students. Even though their journey throughout Rednocks has been slightly different to what we all envisioned when they began in Year 7, they have been resilient, determined and a remarkable group of students to work with.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 11 Celebration Evening on Thursday 12th May - it was a fantastic evening celebrating the students' achievements and it was so lovely to see so many families attending. Not only was this an opportunity for teachers to share awards and experiences, a huge thank you to **Hettie Hudson**, **Jasmine Fishwick**, **Ted Smith** and **Arlo Hicks** who spoke so eloquently about their Rednocks journey. Also, a huge thank you to all the incredible musicians who performed throughout the evening.

The celebrations continued with Year 11 Celebration Day with a year group assembly, student awards, shirt signing and lots of photos along the way! Prom arrangements are also being finalised and we are really looking forward to the students being able to celebrate after their exams have finished.

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Higher Project Qualification; you have worked so hard, alongside your studies, and it is a huge achievement:

- Phoebe Snow
- Hettie Hudson
- Maisie Hughes
- Hannah French
- Scarlett Evans-Pritchard
- Ted Smith
- Dan Lee
- Arlo Hicks

I would like to wish all students good luck in their examinations - they've worked so hard and it is time to show what amazing students they are. If there are any queries about the final few weeks, please feel free to email natalie.jones@rednockschool.org.uk





Dates for your Diary



* Friday 27 th May	End of Term 5
* Monday 6 th June	Term 6 begins (Week A)
* Thursday 9 th June	Year 8 Left Population Parents' Consultation Meeting (virtual)
* Week Commencing - Monday 13 th June	Year 10 Left Population Work Experience Week
* Tuesday 14 th June	Year 8 Right Population Parents' Consultation Meeting (virtual)
* Week Commencing Monday 20 th June	Year 10 Right Population Work Experience Week
* Thursday 23 rd June	Year 11 Clearance Process
* Wednesday 29 th June	6th Form Induction Day
* Friday 1 st July	Year 5 Summer Open Morning
* Wednesday 13 th July	New Year 7 Intake Meet with Tutor Event
* Friday 15 th July	Year 6 Induction Day
* Friday 15 th July	Year 11 Prom at Tortworth Court (6.30pm– 11.00pm)
* Wednesday 20 th July	Sports Day
* Thursday 21 st July	End of Term 6

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