

THE REDNOCK REVIEW



TERM 2 - 2023/24
NOVEMBER 10TH 2023



The warmest of welcomes back to Term 2!

It has been wonderful to see our school come alive again with the return of our students. I sincerely hope that you had a wonderful half term break and are ready for the term ahead. Term 2 has started with real pace, with teaching and learning starting back with purpose and focus; school fixtures have kicked off again, Peter Pan rehearsals are underway and the many other opportunities that make our school special are up and running for our students. I hope they are able to take up the many opportunities that are available to them.

It was a real pleasure to meet with so many parents and students of Year 11 at our 'GCSE Success Evening' which took place on Wednesday 8th November. It was a very purposeful and vibrant evening, and I would like to thank those who have sent the welcome positive messages I have received as a result. Today (Friday 10th November) I was proud to stand with the whole school community to mark Remembrance Day in the respectful and collective way we did. The students were an absolute credit to our school and their community.



For me, Term 2 is particularly special, but also very busy! We have information evenings, public examinations, our senior students begin their 'mocks', not to mention our Community competitions and festive events to plan and deliver. I am thoroughly looking forward to the term ahead and welcoming you to the school in the near future.

A reminder that we have a school INSET day on Friday 1st December. Students are not expected in school. The term ends on Friday 22nd December when we will mark the festive period and end the term with a shorter school day, full details of which will be shared in due course.

For now, welcome back and enjoy Term 2!

Mr Stratford
Headteacher

Click [here](#) to view
Mr Stratford's
Rednock Review Video



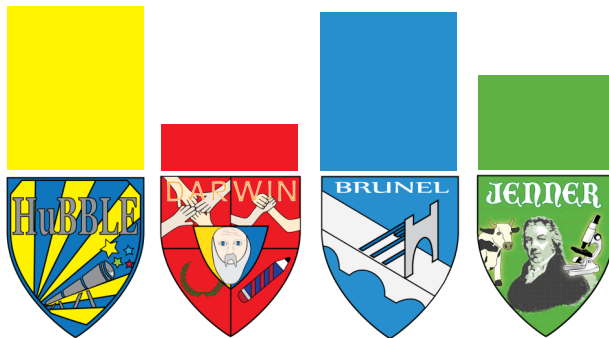
Achievement Heroes

Each week our Community Leaders and Tutors nominate students they feel deserve to be recognised as the Achievement Hero for their community. Here are the winning heroes for weeks 6 and 7!

They were nominated for a variety of reasons, such as photographing the KS3 Awards Evening, reaching sporting achievements to be proud of and collecting the most achievement points in the whole school so far this academic year!

We're incredibly proud of all of our students and we love having the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments.

**Ffion McDuff, Freya Keen,
Ralph Phillips, Charlie Marville,
Frankie Mack, Roxy Stewart,
Elliott Pretlove, Ellie Bick,
Maisie Cook**



Community Leader Board

Brunel are hot on Hubble's heels and are just single points away from taking the lead once more. We're only in Term 2 so Jenner and Darwin have plenty of time to catch up and take the overall championship!

Random Acts of Kindness Reward Points

Jenner have smashed their target of reaching 150 Random Acts of Kindness Award Points before 17th November! This means that Mrs Wytchard is **definitely** going to either climb up onto a roof (safely!) or hold a live spider!

Although they've hit their target we've still got 1 week to go so lets see how many points Jenner can reach!





Remembrance

Every year the local community comes together for Remembrance Day. As a school we held a Remembrance Service on Friday 10th November to mark our respect. Students who are a part of a Cadet Group, Guides or Scouts were invited to attend school in their uniforms in order to show their support.

A two minute silence was held at 11am to remember those who have lost their lives in wars around the world. This silence was brought to a close with students playing The Last Post.

We were joined by local councillor and ex-serviceman, Scott Temlett who accepted the Rednock poppy wreath which is to be placed at the Dursley War Memorial on Remembrance Day, Saturday 11th November. There will then be a Remembrance Parade through Dursley Town Centre on Sunday 12th November.





Military Guests

On Friday 20th October, three branches of the Army: Infantry Engagement Team (IET), Royal Engineers Careers Engagement Team (RE-CET) and Royal Logistics Corps Careers Engagement Team (RLC-CET), came to Rednock to give careers talks and workshops that involved practical problem-solving. As you can see below, students were challenged with navigating an obstacle course whilst blindfolded. Their team mate aided them by giving verbal directions and advice.



I Can & I Am

Next week (13-17th November) we have the **I can and I am bus** coming to Rednock. Year 7 students will be visiting the bus for one lesson in the week and will have the chance to make pizza and take part in a conversation about self-belief. For more information please see <https://icanandiam.com/the-bus/>



Please see below links to watch some useful videos about the bus and what the students may get up to.



+





Sport Science

On Wednesday 25th October, our PE A Level sport scientists had the opportunity to undertake physiological laboratory testing at the University of South Wales. Our students participated in a VO2 max test, undertook tests to measure body mass, bone density and muscle mass in a hydro static weighing pool, experience training in a hypoxic chamber and undertook an anaerobic max test.

The students then had lunch at the University before a series of strength and conditioning tests and lectures. This was a brilliant opportunity to put their theory into practice in top class facilities. Students found this experience really helpful, educational and gave them an insight into University life.

If you are interested in studying PE A-level please speak to one of the PE teachers.

Miss McParland



District Cross-Country Trials at Archway School

On Wednesday 25th October, students Harry Nash, Emily Beeston, Frankie Mack, Hannah Biddle, and Noah Boulton all qualified for the county-cross country trials that are due to take place on Saturday 2nd December at Newent Community School. Both Max Coleman and Jacob Triber (Year 8) were racing against Year 9s and came a very respectable 17th and 18th.

They were all brilliant, well done!



Rugby Success

We have 2 students who have successfully joined the Gloucestershire County RFC . Imogen Toffi and Elise Silverthorn have worked hard and shown real commitment to the sport and we are very proud of their achievements! Below, Elise has written a few words about her love of the game.

“I have played rugby since I was 6 and it has always been a passion of mine, so getting into Gloucestershire County RFC is a huge accomplishment of mine. In the summer I had to do a trial where they put you through multiple passing and tackling drills at Cheltenham North RFC. We have training once every 2 weeks and I feel that it has improved my skills a lot, they give you a new training kit and over the 9 month season you have the opportunity to play in three games.”

Equestrian Club

It is with great excitement that we can now proudly announce that Rednock School is able to compete in National School Equestrian Association (NSEA) competitions led by Miss McParland and captain Tabby Campbell.

Tabby Campbell, pictured below, has always been passionate about horses and was gifted her very first horse, Rosie, at the age of 2! She has ridden many horses in her show jumping career but currently travels the country and competes with Patches. When Tabby found out that Rednock did not have a team involved in the NSEA she was keen to get involved in getting us set up. She fundraised, campaigned and completed our registration and all of her hard work has resulted in the official Rednock School Equestrian Team. Tabby and Miss McParland are now looking for more members to join her in representing Rednock School. Tabby recently competed for the school in October half term and won!

All years are able to join, including 6th Form, and the requirements are that you have your own horse, insurance and transport to get to and from competitions. Our first competition is on Sunday 19th November at West Wilts Competition centre, we have 3 students representing Rednock in a show jumping event: Amelia Freeman, Tabby Campbell and Sophie Burke, good luck girls!

If you would be interested in learning more please email: katie.mcparland@rednockschool.org.uk





Warwick Trip

On the 6th November the Year 13 biologists attended the event “Biology in Action” at the University of Warwick. The students found out about the latest developments in science and the possible new careers in biology.

They really enjoyed finding out how diseases impact wildlife and ecosystems. In the lecture students were challenged to find out about the 6 degrees of separation between Californian driveways and seals dying in Hawaii!

They also attended a lecture given by Greg Foot, a science presenter and communicator. He spoke about the cutting-edge research done at the Tambopata Research Centre in Peru as well as about the impact of local gold mining and illegal logging on the rainforest. Lots of us have been inspired to visit and volunteer in the tropical rain forest and I really hope we all find a way to do it in the near future.

I would like to thank all the Year 13 biology students for their sensible behaviour and maturity shown throughout the day, Mrs Parker for having organised the trip and Mrs Gwilliam for having driven all of us there and back.

Mrs Johnston



A Familiar Face!

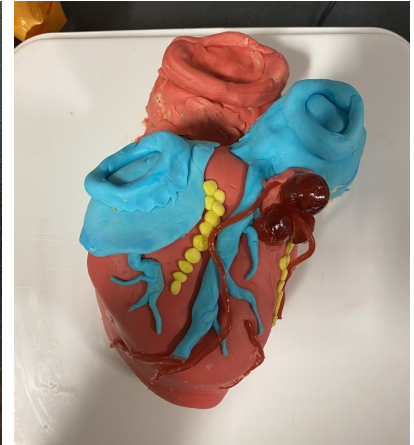
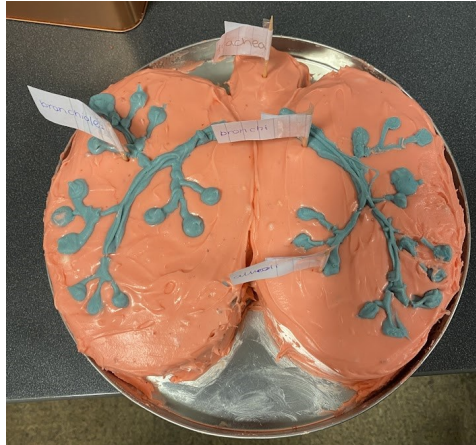
Whilst exploring the University, an old friend spotted the group and had to say hello! Megan Ashford, an ex Rednock student joined Warwick University in September to study International Management. The chance meeting turned into a great opportunity to learn about life at the University.





Work of the Week - Cardiorespiratory Cakes!

Year 10 GCSE PE students were recently challenged to make a cake demonstrating either; gaseous exchange, the mechanics of breathing or the pathway of blood. As you can see, the challenge was met and exceeded! It's a little off putting how realistic some of them look but they definitely still tasted good though!



Quadcopter Regional Final Champions!

The Red Cave Rescuers took part in the RTX Quadcopter Regional Finals on Friday 10th November. The team had designed and built a drone to be used in cave rescues and were competing against other teams from the area.

They first had to complete two flying challenges, then deliver a presentation, before flying two further missions through an aerial assault course. The course tested their flying skills.

The team performed excellently and deservedly won the regional final! They are now through to the national finals.

The team are:- Jack Bottger, Raven Knight, Tyler Miles, Oscar Artz, Leo Lai





Creative Writing

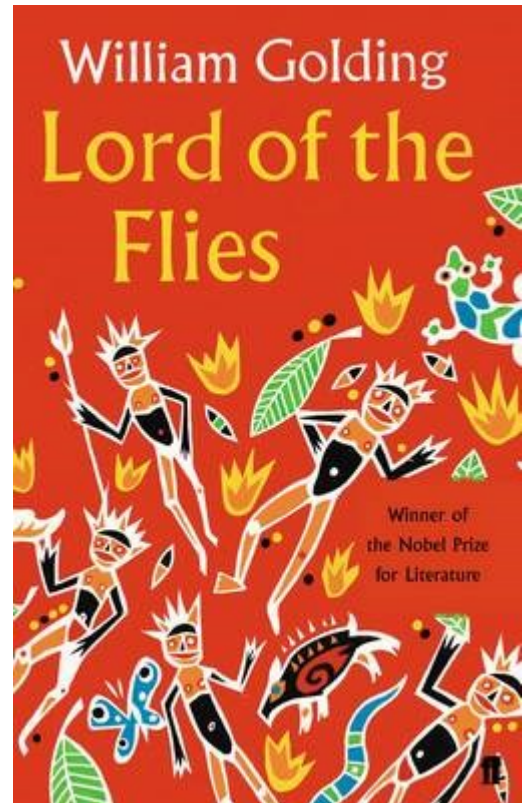
Our Head of English, Mrs Melville-Brown wanted to showcase a particularly beautiful piece of work by Emma Brounger, Year 10. The class were set a creative writing task inspired by certain aspects found in Lord of the Flies by William Golding and Emma's work stood out as a wonderful example.

Paragraph 1: contrast between beach and forest.

Silence engulfed the enchanting surrounding tropics, where waves of heat danced along the shoreline. Tranquilly, a golden blanket of soft sand peacefully lay on the beach floor, a stitch of calm threading itself into the atmosphere. Exotic shades of blue and green of the ocean shimmered in the golden haze of the sun, creating embellished beauty. However, an eerie absence of light in the forest, where a catastrophic disaster had just occurred, started to trickle into the safety of the picturesque beach, like a disease that won't stop spreading, like a beast that won't stop killing...

Paragraph 2: description of plane.

Among the depths of the shadowy darkness of the forest lay a lifeless array of destroyed metals and screws, slivers of light bouncing off them. What was once a seemingly invincible plane, was now a useless pile. This was a scar. A scar which would forever remind these boys how their brutality and descent into savagery originally began, how this war originally started.



Rednock School Reads!

Our Accelerated Reader Programme is something we are very proud of and it helps staff guide students in the world of literacy whilst helping to create a culture of reading through choice. The engaging quizzes and activities help hone students' reading skills with authentic practice which encourages growth.

So far this school year students have read...

1,464 books and **34,358,595** words!

We don't have any Word Millionaires yet this year but we have one student who is very close to the title! Molly Bottger is on a very impressive number of **937,036**!





Danceathon

On Friday 20th October 2023, Rednock Drama Department hosted the first ever Danceathon. The event was a huge success and saw students, staff, local primary school pupils and members of the public all participate in a day of dance.

The day was a fantastic opportunity to increase the profile of dance and thanks to everyone that took part we were able to achieve our aim of dancing non stop for 10 hours.

Dance is such a good way to keep physically active as well as being a great creative outlet and way for students to express themselves. It was great to see our Rednock students so engaged and enjoying themselves during their dance sessions. They danced enthusiastically and even tried moves unfamiliar to them.

We would like to thank everyone that participated during the danceathon and also to the local businesses that kindly donated to our raffle too. The event raised over £400 which will go towards our whole school production of Peter Pan in March 2024.



We need the best recipes from each community for **REDNOCK + GLOS YOUNG CARERS' 30 4 30 RECIPE BOOK**

Last call for recipes!

We need 30 quick and healthy family favourites - lunches, teas, dinners (and maybe a couple of tasty treats) for a **30 4 30 Recipe Book** we're creating to help raise funds for Gloucestershire's Young Carers. 2023 is their 30th year of helping young carers both here at Rednock and within the wider community.

If you have a favourite dish you'd be willing to share please let us know by emailing the dish name, ingredient list and method

GREAT REDNOCK RECIPE QUEST!



to admin@rednockschool.org.uk. Please also include some images, including the ingredients, preparation and final dish!



Christmas Craft Club!

Don't know what to get people for Christmas?
Want a low cost solution?
Why not craft a present this year?

Workshops will be running throughout term 2. Dates to follow.

- Christmas Cards & Tags- Room 345
- Salt decorations
- Homemade fudge gift (Signup required- limited numbers)
Fudge wrapping
- Sweet filled 'Christmas Poppers' - Room 345
- Soap making (Signup required- limited numbers)
Soap wrapping- Room 345



Open to all year groups.

If a session requires a sign up, the sign up sheet is on the door for 345.

If you have any questions, please email Miss Edwards.



Help Stop Book Abuse

Please look after LRC books – you will be charged for lost or damaged books. Plastic pockets to protect books in school bags are available FREE in the LRC.

The Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair will be coming to the LRC 1st - 6th November!

Payments can be made by cash, using a QR code or with gift vouchers bought online ahead of, and during, the fair.

More details to come in the next newsletter.

[Click here to find out more!](#)

  TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR



Summer Project

Over the summer break we have been lucky enough to be able to re-cover the all weather pitch (AWP).

Our AWP is a valuable resource for not only our students but also the local community. As it is used so regularly it was in need of a new cover, which is no mean feat! The contractors worked hard but due to our 'wonderful' British weather the process took a little longer than expected.

Now we can sit back and see that all the stress and hard work was worth it and our KS4 students can take full advantage of the pitch during break and lunch!



SAVE THE DATE

Rednock School

Year 10 GCSE Success Evening

22ND NOV 2023

5.30-6.30pm

Year 10 'GCSE Success Evening'

Year 10 students have made a fantastic start to the new academic year and settled well into their Key Stage 4 studies. While the final examinations may seem far away, the preparation for GCSE success starts now!

Our 'Year 10 GCSE Success Evening' is a key event and we strongly encourage all parents/carers and students to attend. It will take place on **Wednesday 22nd November, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm** The evening will consist of a series of 'lightning talks' from a range of speakers, as well as **practical strategies** that will support your child's preparation for GCSE success.

To help us plan and resource this event, please complete this [form](#) to confirm your attendance.



Sports Clubs in Term 2

Unfortunately, due to staffing issues we have had to alter our Sports Clubs for Term 2. Please see below the new club schedule.

Monday

After School - Boys and Girls - KS3 - Table Tennis (limited spaces)

Tuesday

After School - Girls - Year 8/9 - Netball

Lunchtime - Boys and Girls - Year 11 exam students - Table Tennis / Badminton

After School - Boys - Year 7 - Rugby

Wednesday

Lunchtime - Boys and Girls - KS3 - Table Tennis / Badminton (limited spaces)

After School - Girls - Year 7 - Netball

After School - Girls - U14/U16 - Football

After School - Girls and Boys - KS3 - Badminton

Thursday

Lunchtime - Boys and Girls - Year 10 exam students - Table Tennis / Badminton

After School - Girls - Year 10 /11 - Netball

After School - Girls - Year 7 - Football

After School - Boys - Year 8 - Rugby

After School - Boys - Year 9 - Rugby

**All PE after school clubs start at 3.00pm and finish at 4.15pm,
unless specified on this list**



CHRISTMAS CRAFT CLUB!

Don't know what to get people for Christmas?
Want a low cost solution?
Why not craft a present this year?

Workshops will be running throughout term 2. Dates to follow.

- Christmas Cards & Tags- Room 345
- Salt decorations
- Homemade fudge gift (Signup required- limited numbers)
Fudge wrapping
- Sweet filled 'Christmas Poppers' - Room 345
- Soap making (Signup required- limited numbers)
Soap wrapping- Room 345



Open to all year groups.

If a session requires a sign up, the sign up sheet is on the door for 345.

If you have any questions, please email Miss Edwards.

Monday

After School - Boys and Girls - KS3 - Table Tennis (limited spaces)

Tuesday

After School - Girls - Year 8/9 - Netball

Lunchtime - Boys and Girls - Year 11 exam students - Table Tennis / Badminton

After School - Boys - Year 7 - Rugby

Wednesday

Lunchtime - Boys and Girls - KS3 - Table Tennis / Badminton (limited spaces)

After School - Girls - Year 7 - Netball

After School - Girls - U14/U16 - Football

After School - Girls and Boys - KS3 - Badminton

Thursday

Lunchtime - Boys and Girls - Year 10 exam students - Table Tennis / Badminton

After School - Girls - Year 10 /11 - Netball

After School - Girls - Year 7 - Football

After School - Boys - Year 8 - Rugby

After School - Boys - Year 9 - Rugby

All PE after school clubs start at 3.00pm and finish at 4.15pm,
unless specified on this list



Dates for your diary

Date	Year Group	Event
13/11/23 - 17/11/23	Year 7	I can & I am Bus visiting the school
13/11/23	Year 10	Renishaw School Trip
15/11/23	Year 11	Creative iMedia Photography School Trip
16/11/23	Year 11	Creative iMedia Photography School Trip
16/11/23	Year 11	Year 11 Parent Consultation Meetings
17/11/23	Year 8	Year 8 Computing Trip
17/11/23	All Years	Non School Uniform Day
17/11/23	Year 11	Creative iMedia Photography School Trip
22/11/23	Year 10	Year 10 GCSE Success Evening
24/11/23	Year 10	Year 10 English School Trip

Children in Need

We will be holding a non school uniform day on Friday 27th November. £1 donations can be paid by cash during tutor time or on ParentPay and the money will be going to Children in Need. The students can wear non school uniform but we ask for no fancy dress or inappropriate clothing.

We want to challenge the communities by asking the students to wear at least one visible item of clothing in their community colour. Most community colours on show will win points for the championship - let's be a rainbow!



Upcoming Sports Fixtures Good luck Rednock!

13/11/23	Netball
15/11/23	Netball
16/11/23	Netball
16/11/23	Rugby
22/11/23	Netball
23/11/23	Netball
23/11/23	Rugby