

# THE REDNOCK REVIEW



TERM 2 - 2023/24  
NOVEMBER 24TH 2023

What a week! At 10am on Monday 20th November I took a call from Ofsted notifying us of a fully graded, two day inspection, starting at 8am on Tuesday morning. Needless to say, it was a very intense two days for the staff, students and Governing Body. Nevertheless I welcomed the visit as it gave us the opportunity to demonstrate our journey to make Rednock the very best school and for the students and staff to show their amazing work which I have the privilege to see each and every day.

We are confident that we gave a true representation of 'life at Rednock' and demonstrated what an amazing, supportive school community we have. Although I cannot confirm the outcomes of the inspection at this point, I can confirm it was a positive experience for the school and I very much look forward to sharing the outcomes when it becomes available.

Nevertheless school life continued as usual and there is much to read about in our Rednock Review. I hope you enjoy our latest issue.

As always, on behalf of the school I thank you for your ongoing support.

**Mr Stratford**

Headteacher



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Mr Stratford's  
Rednock Review Video



We've had some wonderful Achievement Heroes in the past 2 weeks who all received their recognition for being great role models for other students and for making us incredibly proud!

Isaac Irvine, Maddie Clark, Eric Teale, Dylan Stevens,  
Mylo Normansell, Isla Towers, George Jones,  
Chloe-Sophia Trotman, Millie Hetherington, Libby Arnold





### **Year 11 Drama**

On Wednesday 15th November, Year 11 performing arts students (above) performed their Component 2 performance of "Blood Brothers" to family and friends. It was an entertaining evening and all students worked extremely hard. We are very proud of them.

### **Year 10 Drama**

Year 10 students are currently creating a devised group performance, Fin Powell has made this horrifying prop of Hetty's face (right), as a contribution for their devised horror / thriller scene. Creepy!



### **Year 9 Drama**

Year 9 students (below) continue to explore production design this term. Here's some of our students using mannequins, gels and special effects to create the appropriate "lighting states" for scenes from the play "Frankenstein". They worked in groups to negotiate the intensity, colour and the direction of light to create meaning, mood and atmosphere for their chosen moments.







## Poetry Success

A few weeks ago three of our students, Isla Towers (Year 9), Thomas Hooper (Year 9) and Elisha Lewis (Year 7), entered a Young Writers competition in which they each wrote an original piece of poetry inspired by the title 'This Is Me'. All three students have been chosen to be published in the Young Writers publication entitled 'This Is Me: I Am - A Fountain Of Ink' and will be able to see their brilliant poetry in print! Their enthusiasm, motivation and talent is evident in their work and they should feel incredibly proud of themselves - we definitely are!



## Cyber First

On Friday 17th November, 6 of our Year 8 girls travelled to Gloucester to complete the Empower Cyberfirst activity morning. There they listened to a short talk then participated in four different challenges including hacking into a website to unlock a safe full of sweets and programming a robot to travel round a track. They had lots of fun and greatly enjoyed the morning. Everyone agrees that, if they had the chance, they'd go again!

## Logistics Management

Recently, Year 12 Business students met with managers Pete Evans and Elliot Ashton from Howard Tenens, a local company with national reach to understand the pressures and influences in the logistics industry. They are now looking forward to a site visit and further discussions with representatives from their HR and Marketing managers. Some students have also arranged work experience with the company to be undertaken in the new few months.







## Family Fun Race Night

With the Peter Pan school production just around the corner, we're continuing with our fundraising events! Coming up next is a Christmas Family Fun Race Night which is all about games of chance.

The evening will be on 15th December and It would be lovely to see you there. Tickets are £2 each and can be purchased via Main Reception and ParentPay as of Monday 27th November.



There will be raffle tickets available on the night where some wonderful prizes can be won, including a gift hamper worth £100 and a professional photoshoot worth £200! During the evening there will also be refreshments to purchase but please be aware we are only able to accept cash payments.

If you would be interested in sponsoring a race for £20 please email us at: [admin@rednockschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@rednockschool.org.uk) All sponsors will be included in the production programme and will be thanked on social media.

## Bespoke Dyslexia Intervention Project

Rednock has the exciting opportunity to work with Bath Spa University and The Gloucestershire Dyslexia Association to pilot a bespoke intervention for dyslexia learners.

The purpose of the project is to produce materials based on the interventions that will become part of a holistic portfolio of tools that teachers and TAs can use to support dyslexic individuals with their reading, spelling, writing and emotional needs.

The strength of the project lies with it being a student-led and classroom-based naturalistic one. The learners are encouraged to pick topics and a literacy repertoire that suits their interests and needs. The learner is encouraged to voice their thoughts to reflect on the work with the aim to foster independence, self-efficacy and deeper understanding. This will foster ownership, self-efficacy and mastery. There is a focus on literacy and

metacognition. It targets reading, spelling, writing, handwriting, letter sound associations and alphabet knowledge through explicit instruction. A range of the best dyslexia practices are being used, such as structured, cumulative, sequential and multisensory activities and scaffolds to support memory, production and automaticity. The use of creative and multisensory techniques aims to create a bespoke intervention that targets specific needs and provides strategies and tools to foster independent learning as the outcome.

The team at Rednock is made up of Miss Whitlock, Miss Cooper, Mrs Pagett and Mrs Hawkins who are working with 8 of our dyslexic students in Years 8 and 9. We are all on a steep learning curve together but there are plenty of biscuits and treats on hand! And lots of fun and learning along the way!







### Sculpture Trail Artwork

Some of our students were selected to attend an art workshop with local clay artist Clare Mahoney. The initial session took place up at the Sculpture Trail up by the Quarry so they could see the environment and get some inspiration. They are now working from the Quarry Chapel to create a piece of art work using clay that will go up into the trail as a new permanent exhibit! The work the students create will be there for at least 12 years for all to see. This week they have been working with the clay to explore and try different techniques that they can then use when making their final piece. We look forward to seeing what they come up with!



### Work of The Week

We have 2 pieces for Work of The Week!

Ffion McDuff, Year 8, really enjoys drawing and this sketch of some lilies in a mason jar is just beautiful. Miss Chinnock (Art Teacher and SEN Lead), is quoted as saying "the directional linework is just stunning", which is high praise indeed! Keep up the sketching Ffion, you've clearly got a special talent!

Jacob Smith, Year 8, has written the below poem for his Geography lesson which reads beautifully.

*The sky grew dark, ominous and gray, As nature's  
fury came our way.*

*Winds howled, trees swayed in despair, A storm of  
chaos filled the air.*

*Torrential rain poured from the sky, Rivers surged,  
reaching mountains high.*

*Homes crumbled, lives torn apart, A natural  
disaster, breaking hearts.*

*But in the aftermath, we find strength,  
Communities unite, rebuilding at length.*

*Through resilience and hope, we rise, Learning  
from nature's humbling cries.*





### Girls Rugby Training

Some of our Year 9 girls have been lucky enough to receive a Rugby session from Leanne Huxley (below) from Gloucester Rugby.

They were introduced to some of the key skills and played a fun touch rugby game. Moving forward they will be taught how to tackle. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the session!



### Boys Rugby

On Saturday 11th November the Year 7 boys were invited to the annual rugby tournament held at Katharine Lady Berkely's (KLB) School alongside other schools in the district. The boys were proud to represent Rednock and were competitive in all 4 games with a great result against KLB. It was brilliant to see so many of those who are new to rugby getting involved on a Saturday morning and improving with each game, whilst the experienced players showed great leadership and motivation. A huge well done to Elliot and Fin who were exceptional throughout the tournament. Finally a huge thank you from the PE team to the boys who represented the school in such a good manner and the parents for taking time out of their Saturday to show their support.







## Netball News

Our Netball teams are busy with lots of tournaments at the moment. Pictured are 2 of our teams who have been playing this week.

U16 District Netball Team (left) - Competed last week in the District Netball tournament at Farmors.

Year 9 Netball team (below) competed in the CLC Netball tournament on 13th November. There were some fantastic plays of netball throughout the event!



## Rednock Equestrian Team

Rednock's first ever equestrian team took part in their first show jumping competition at the West Wiltshire showground on Sunday 19th November. The team was made up of Amelia Freeman riding Royal Sapphire (below), Tabitha Campbell, riding Woodfield Patch and Sophie Burke riding Ranger.

It was a very early start as the first class began at 8 o'clock, but all riders and ponies arrived looking beautifully turned out. All our riders made an outstanding effort with some quite challenging courses, with Tabitha, after a very fast and competitive jump off time, just missing out on being placed.



Participating in any equestrian event demands a great deal of commitment from our riders and their parents so I would just like to thank everyone involved for their support. I was extremely proud of our girls' achievements and I am sure we will go from strength to strength and have fun along the way. We are all looking forward to having some training sessions together and attending more competitions in the New Year.

If you would like to join the team please email [katie.mcparland@rednockschoool.org.uk](mailto:katie.mcparland@rednockschoool.org.uk)

Katie McParland  
Equestrian Team Leader





### Hospitality and Catering Practical

You would be forgiven for thinking the food pictured was served in a restaurant but it was actually made by our Year 11 Hospitality and Catering Students for their Exam Practical!

The students really pulled out all the stops for this and made a variety of technical items from scratch, such as Pasta, Mayonnaise even Mozzarella!





## Children in Need

We held a non school uniform day on Friday 27th November in aid of Children in Need. We challenged the communities by asking the students to wear at least one visible item of clothing in their community colour. Tutor Group H1VED did Hubble proud with their efforts as you can see below. Miss Edwards may have aided them by buying a very large roll of yellow ribbon though!



6th form students joined in with the fundraising efforts and decided to come to school wearing their pyjamas!

In total, the school raised over **£600** for Children In Need. They fund thousands of charities and projects in every corner of the UK, that support children and young people to feel and be safer, have improved mental health and wellbeing, form better, more positive relationships and be given more equal opportunities to flourish.







## STEM Club

Thursday 30th November marks the start of COP28. To raise awareness of climate change and the importance of protecting our planet there will be a day of live links into schools sponsored by the European Space agency. Some classes will be dipping into this and students are encouraged to come to 207 at lunchtime to hear more about careers in STEM.

We are also launching opportunities to participate in two exciting competitions which you will hear more about during morning tutor times. If you are interested please come to 207 afterschool 3:00 - 4:00 on Thursday 30th to find out more.

## Renishaw's Early Careers Information Evening 2023

Come and join us at this information event for school leavers to find out more about our work experience, apprenticeships, placements and graduate programmes.

**Not sure which steps to take to start your career in STEM then come along and find out more...**

People are at the heart of Renishaw's success and that's why we want to help you find a rewarding career in STEM, during the events we will explore the different pathways Renishaw offers to help you make those important future career decisions.

This early careers information event gives students and their parents/carers the opportunity to find out more about how to begin a career in STEM. We will outline our work experience opportunities, our range of apprenticeship schemes and the different levels we offer, our summer and industrial placement schemes and our graduate schemes available once you've graduated from university.

The event will be held at our headquarters site at New Mills on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023, guests to arrive from 5.30pm with tea and coffee being served and presentations will start at 6.00pm. The event will finish at 7.30pm.

### The session will include:

- An introduction to Renishaw including information about our Sustainability goals
- The importance of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at Renishaw
- Information about our work experience programmes
- Information about our apprenticeship schemes
- Information about our placements and graduate schemes
- Journey talks by some of our apprentices and graduates
- Q & A session
- 1:1 networking session

There are a limited number of tickets, please register for tickets on the following link [EC event New Mills](#)

For further information on our all of our Early Careers opportunities please visit [www.renishaw.com/earlycareers](http://www.renishaw.com/earlycareers)

Any questions please email [education@renishaw.com](mailto:education@renishaw.com)







## I Can & I Am

Last week we welcomed the **I can & I am bus** to Rednock, which was visited by all Year 7 along with some Year 10 and Year 12 across the week. The activities on the bus were talking about building resilience and self-belief, along with making a pizza! **81% of Rednock students that took part rated their self-belief as better after their time on the bus.** We look forward to welcoming the bus back in the future!

For more information about the scheme please see <https://icanandiam.com/the-bus/>







## Beer Goggle Experience

Students in Year 8 are discussing alcohol during Life Skills lessons and the effects on the human body. They experienced what it's like visually through the use of 'beer goggles' and were asked to walk competently along a white line and the challenges of this when intoxicated with alcohol. Whilst it was a fun activity, the students were sensible in their discussions about how difficult it was to do.







## The Scholastic Book Fair

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

Pay with cash

Pay with gift vouchers

Parents can purchase pre-paid gift vouchers for the Book Fair on their website.

Pay online

Parents can also now pay securely online. Simply visit [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay)

Note: parents will need to send their completed wish list back into school before the end of the fair so we can send the purchased books home with your child.



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### GCSEPod

We've recently launched GCSEPod with our Year 11 students. On there, you can find a wealth of information and tools to aid in the revision for exams. The students are already taking advantage of this amazing resource and hit the following targets already!

Pods Watched  
3248

Assignments  
Handed In  
150

Total Questions  
Answers  
3709

Pods Watched  
duration  
171 hours





## Victoria and Albert Art Museum

On Thursday 9th November the science department went on a joint trip with the Art department. We took 60 Year 9s to London. There we visited the Science Museum and the Victoria and Albert Art Museum. It was a long day full of fun and education, all of the students said they enjoyed the day.

We visited the 'Who am I?' exhibit which talked about genetics and components which make up parts of the human body, like eye colour and phobias. After that we walked through the museum looking at different exhibits until we reached 'The Wonderlab Experience'. The Wonderlab Experience was an area of the museum which had many practical exhibits that covered a wide variety of topics such as: forces, gravity, pressure, and light.

The art department visited the V&A museum, they looked at how specific products are designed, how they can be renewable or be used in many ways. An example of this is how IKEA produced a cardboard box that could be made into a shelter for the homeless. After that we were allowed to create posters that represented an issue in society, to raise awareness, some students' ideas were very creative.

Written by Willow Metcalf, Year 9





# WARNING

IT'S ABOUT TO GET CHRISTMASSY!



## Christmas Craft Club

Our Christmas Craft Club have been making their own Christmas cards this week and we think you'll agree, they look great! You can see the upcoming sessions below.



### SALT DOUGH TREE DECORATIONS # 1:

Tue 28th Nov - after school - room 122 - open to all!

### SALT DOUGH TREE DECORATIONS # 2 (PAINTING):

Thurs 30th Nov - after school - room 317 - open to all!

### SOAP MAKING # 1:

Tues 5th Dec - after school - room 112 - sign up!

### SOAP MAKING # 2 (WRAPPING):

Thurs 7th Dec - lunchtime - room 345 - sign up!

### CHRISTMAS POPPERS/CRACKERS:

Tues 12th Dec - lunchtime - room 345 - OPEN TO ALL!

### FUDGE MAKING # 1:

Tues 19th Dec - after school - room 122 - sign up!

### FUDGE MAKING # 2 (WRAPPING):

Thurs 21st Dec - lunchtime - room 122 - sign up!

## Feeling The Pinch?

Worried about the cost of Christmas this year? No problem! The best gifts come from the heart. It's the thought and effort that truly counts! Here are some heartfelt gift ideas that cost next to nothing:

**Baked Goods:** If you enjoy baking, homemade cookies, bread, or cakes are always a hit. There are plenty of simple Christmas recipes using minimal ingredients and supplies.

**Handmade Photo Albums or Frames:** Use your scrapbooking skills to create a unique photo album, or use your crafting skills to give a picture frame a holiday makeover.

**Nature Crafts:** Use natural materials like pine cones, evergreens, and scrap wood to create rustic and charming gifts like DIY wreaths or signs.

Click [here](#) to find some more ideas for homemade gifts!





## Dursley's Christmas Lights Switch On 2023

Dursley's Christmas Lights Switch On event will take place on Friday 24th November in the town centre. The Rednock Swing Band will be performing at the event from 5pm - 5.50pm so be sure to stop by and show some support! Timings for the evening can be found below:

**4:30pm**

Stalls & Funfair open.

**4:40pm-4:50pm**

Dancers perform in the Market Place.

**5pm**

St James Christmas Market Opens.

**5pm**

Sleigh opens in St James' garden.

**5pm - 5:50pm**

**Rednock Swing Band play**

**5pm - 5:45pm**

Grotto opens at the rear of the new Parsonage 53 restaurant (Kings Head Pub Castle Street entrance)

**6pm**

Countdown for the Lights Switch On (by the Christmas Tree in the Link area) with Fireworks display.

**6:10pm**

Grotto Re-opens & will remain open until the last child has been seen!!



## ADVENT CALENDAR COLLECTION

Any donations are welcome and can be passed to your tutor

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# Dates for your diary

Date	Year Group	Event
27/11/23 - 29/11/23	N/A	Flu Vaccinations
01/12/23	N/A	Inset Day
04/12/23 - 06/12/23	N/A	Book Fair
05/12/23	Year 11	A Christmas Carol English Trip
06/12/23	Year 8	STEM Roadshow

Recent Sports Fixture Results		
11/11/23	Rugby	Won 1 Lost 2
13/11/23	Netball	Won 2 Lost 3
16/11/23	Rugby	Opposition cancelled - Rednock Red Vs Blue. Blue Team won 40-25
23/11/23	Netball	Year 8 won 14-9 Year 7 lost 12-2

Upcoming Sports Fixtures Good luck Rednock!	
27/11/23	Football
28/11/23	Netball
28/11/23	Football
28/11/23	Table Tennis
29/11/23	Netball
30/11/23	Rugby
30/11/23	Table Tennis
04/12/23	Football
06/12/23	Football
06/12/23	Netball
07/12/23	Table Tennis