

THE REDNOCK REVIEW

Term 5 – 2023/24
3rd May 2024

Dear Rednock Community,

As we approach this well-deserved Bank Holiday weekend, I wanted to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to you all. This edition of our 'Rednock Review' celebrates the many achievements of our wonderful students and highlights some important upcoming events. I hope you enjoy reading it.

Whilst I hope the Bank Holiday weekend gives staff and students a chance to unwind, it's also an opportune moment to glance ahead at the challenges awaiting our students in Years 11, 12 and 13. The upcoming exams are significant milestones in their academic journey, and I want to assure you that we are dedicated to supporting them every step of the way. Our joint encouragement and involvement are invaluable during this period. Any words of wisdom, a comforting reassurance, and our unwavering support will make all the difference for our students as they navigate through the imminent exam season.



Click [here](#) to a
video from Mr
Stratford

Let's approach the coming weeks with optimism and determination. Together, as a supportive community, we can help our students embrace the challenges ahead and emerge successful and stronger than before. We wish them all the very best!

Wishing you all a happy Bank Holiday weekend and I look forward to seeing our school community back together again on Tuesday 7th May.

Best wishes,

Mike Stratford
Headteacher



Achievement Heroes

We've had some wonderful Achievement Heroes in the past 2 weeks and we're extremely proud to celebrate their achievements. They were nominated for various reasons, all as impressive as the last!

Winners are: **Freya**, who was nominated because she competed in the Supreme Dance Competition in Birmingham and her group came in first place for their category.

Enrique, who completed an essay about 'Preventing the Spread of Malaria' as part of the Scholars Programme and this was submitted for publishing. **Harvey**, who took part in a charity event to plough fields non stop for over 24 hours and altogether they raised £10,000. **Aiden**, who finished work experience with the MOD and is now in the process of applying for an apprenticeship with them.

Beau, who represented the school as the goal keeper of the winning football team in the district final.

Inaya, who has an outstanding work ethic and has stayed focused and determined throughout her revision. **Phoebe**, who is really supportive of others, consistently hard working and actively involved in everything that goes on in tutor as well as her other lessons.

Austyn, who was voted the best cadet of the weekend after a 2x 40km walk over 2 days. This event is included as a qualifier for the Nijmegen marches in the Netherlands this summer. It is a gruelling and exhausting experience, both mentally and physically, designed to really test the cadets.



Mrs Alexander's Fundraising Efforts

What a success this has been... The miles have been covered, the marathon completed and quite literally buckets of money have been raised. The purpose of Mrs Alexander and her daughter running the London marathon was always to increase peoples understanding of Stroke and raise as much money as possible for the Stroke Association.



A few words from Mrs Alexander

April 21st 2024 was a fabulous day and I feel incredibly lucky to have had the opportunity to run it alongside my daughter Lizzie, we stayed glued to each other's sides and quite literally ran together step by step. Every minute was cherished (and there were a lot of them) since being back at school the number of students who have asked about it has been amazing.

The total raised by Rednock staff and students alone; through the non-uniform day and Community coin collections has now reached a staggering £1499.76. Added to this, many kind and generous members of the Rednock community; parents, colleagues, students and ex-students have donated online, the grand total currently is £4791.76!!! This amount of money will make an enormous difference... Thank you, thank you, thank you.

I have been totally overwhelmed by so many people's support and kind words, wow the Rednock community is special, it almost makes me want to do it again!!!

Thank you everyone!

Kate and Lizzie



Word Millionaires

We love the written word here at Rednock and we like to encourage our students to read a variety of genres and styles of book.

Each book a student reads has a word count that's added together and monitored until they hit the magic number of 1 million! Once they hit this target they are rewarded with a token for the Book Vending Machine where they can choose a book of their choice!

We've had 4 students hit the goal and choose a book. Well done to Aoife, Victoria, Tom and Reuben!

Stop Motion Animation

In Art we have been looking at the range of creative processes and roles that contribute to a stop-motion animation film. Students have "cast" their characters, designed the look, outfits, and created them out of clay and mixed 3D materials, before creating storyboards, any scenery, props and set backgrounds, and used digital technology to make their film!

Click on the image to view a wonderful interpretation of Red Riding Hood that Enrique, Mya, Aaron and Ebony have been working hard on!





Duke of Edinburgh

31 students gathered their tents, stoves and added them to their backpacks and finally set off from Rednock School on a drizzly Saturday morning. They walked with leaders from Pioneer Leadership who trained and tested their map reading skills enroute. There was motivational singing and a range of bad jokes to keep people motivated.

They arrived at camp, were shown how to erect and take down their tents- ready for a wet start Sunday morning.

A range of suppers were consumed in good humor, from homemade curry, rice and naans, to boil in the bag stews and pasta dishes. Washing up was a new experience for some, but with Gold DofE in mind, they were shown what to do "out in the field". Most slept- despite the torrential downpour.

A brave start to the morning, but as they were properly attired, they just cracked on with the morning. A hot breakfast was much appreciated, then route planning and birthday cake in the Scout Hut, before setting off back to Rednock. Routes had checkpoints, and some were re-routed as they were too quick and it needs to be a challenge!

A fantastic practice weekend and we're looking forward to the final on the 18th and 19th of May.

Many have finished their other sections as well and so will have completed their Bronze on the 19th! Activities have ranged from horse riding, ballet, playing the drums, learning to referee: there are so many great things to get involved in, learn from and be challenged by. The Assessors just need their ID number and can do it on the DofE website.

Plans for the final: Drop off 10am Saturday 18th Conygres Scout Camp, and collection from same location on Sunday 19th around 2pm.

Mrs Porter



'The DofE practice weekend was so much fun! I enjoyed working in a team with some people I wouldn't normally work with. Navigating around the Cotswolds was great too! Overall, an amazing weekend, although rather rainy!' Lydia.

***'The DofE practice expedition was very well organised but also very fun. It was challenging but not too difficult. The instructors were very supportive and invited us to ask questions. Overall a very enjoyable experience.'** Xavi.*



Scholar's Programme

We want to share with you some really hard work that has been going on in the last 3 months for the students pictured above. The students have taken part in the Scholar's Programme to gain an insight into university style life and work. They have all completed a 1500 word essay all about preventing the spread of Malaria using referencing which is amazing work.

They have done a fantastic job, resulting in first class, second class and third class 'degree' results for them on their assignments and they were all invited to the University of Bath for a graduation event on Wednesday 1st May.

Special mention must also go to Enrique Major as his assignment is being submitted for consideration for publishing as his tutor deemed it outstanding, which it was!



Intercommunity Chess Tournament

The Rednock Intercommunity Chess Showdown was won by.....Brunel! Well done to all students that played. The trophy will go in the cabinet, decked with blue ribbons, and certificates will be awarded next week.

Thank you to Ms Gillies for organising the tournament!

The competition for an individual winner continues on Tuesday 7th May.



Royal Windsor Horse Show

On Thursday 2nd May, Rednock Equestrian team went on their first equine trip to the Royal Windsor Horse Show. We left school at 7.45am and arrived by 10am in time to watch top class showjumpers, we saw Joe Stockdale, Ben Maher, who are Olympic champions and other professional showjumpers. The next competition was an FEI dressage to music competition, which was very exciting, watching riders and horses ride to music. Again we watched top class athletes in this class who are competing at International level, Louise Bell being a favourite. The students had an opportunity to wander around the whole show ground, spectating lots of different competitions: in hand showing, working hunter classes and horse driving competitions. After we had some dinner, the evening performance started off with a phenomenal display from Azerbaijan Land of Fire display horses and then onto a fast paced Shetland Grand National. The evening then ended with a remarkable display from The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery in honour of the King. The show was in the ground of Windsor Castle, luckily it stayed dry and was a superb inspiring day for the equestrian team.

If you would like some more information on the equestrian team, please contact [Miss McParland](#) or Mrs Bird to find out more.



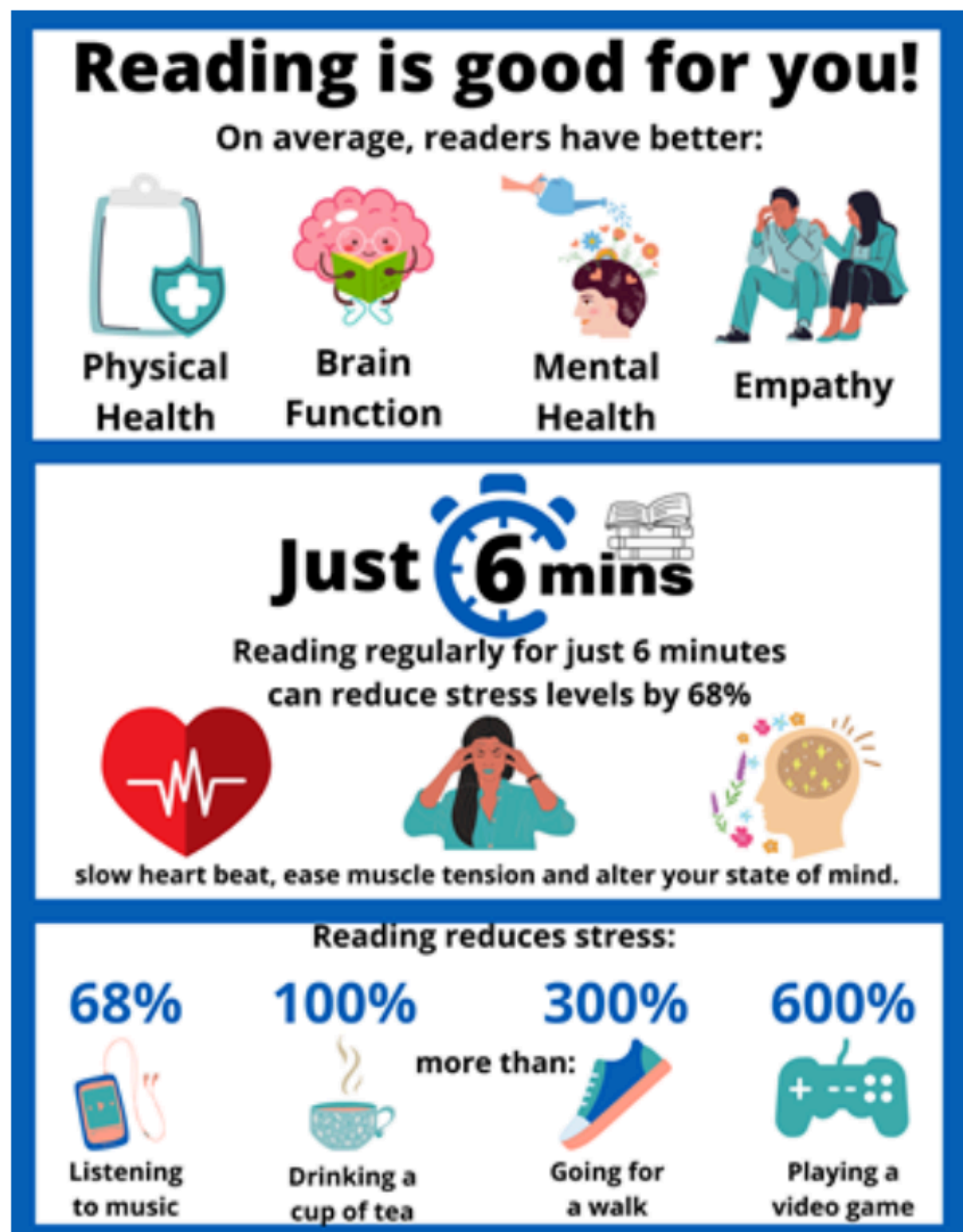


Year 12 trip to Oxford

On Tuesday 30th April, we were part of a group of sixteen Year 12 students who went on a visit to Lady Margaret Hall - one of the colleges within Oxford University. There we received a talk about the university; this covered the application process and the opportunities that come with attending a Russell Group university. After having an on-site lunch, we walked across the city to The Oxford Union, a historic and prestigious debate club, run and formed by students. Here we partook in a practice debate with one of the union's committee members. This unique experience allowed all of us to embrace the potential of a life at university and view first hand what opportunities higher education brings.

Emily Rolfe
Charlie Galliot





A Message From The LRC

Reading is good for you - and [here's the proof!](#) Research by the National Literacy Trust (2018,) and supported by the NHS, shows that 'children who enjoy reading are 3 times more likely to have high levels of mental wellbeing compared to those who do not'.

According to a study by the University of Sussex (2009), silently reading for just 6 minutes reduces stress levels by 68% - that's more than listening to music, having a cup of tea or going for a walk!

Encourage your child to visit the LRC and make a choice that's good for them.

Be More Like Batman...

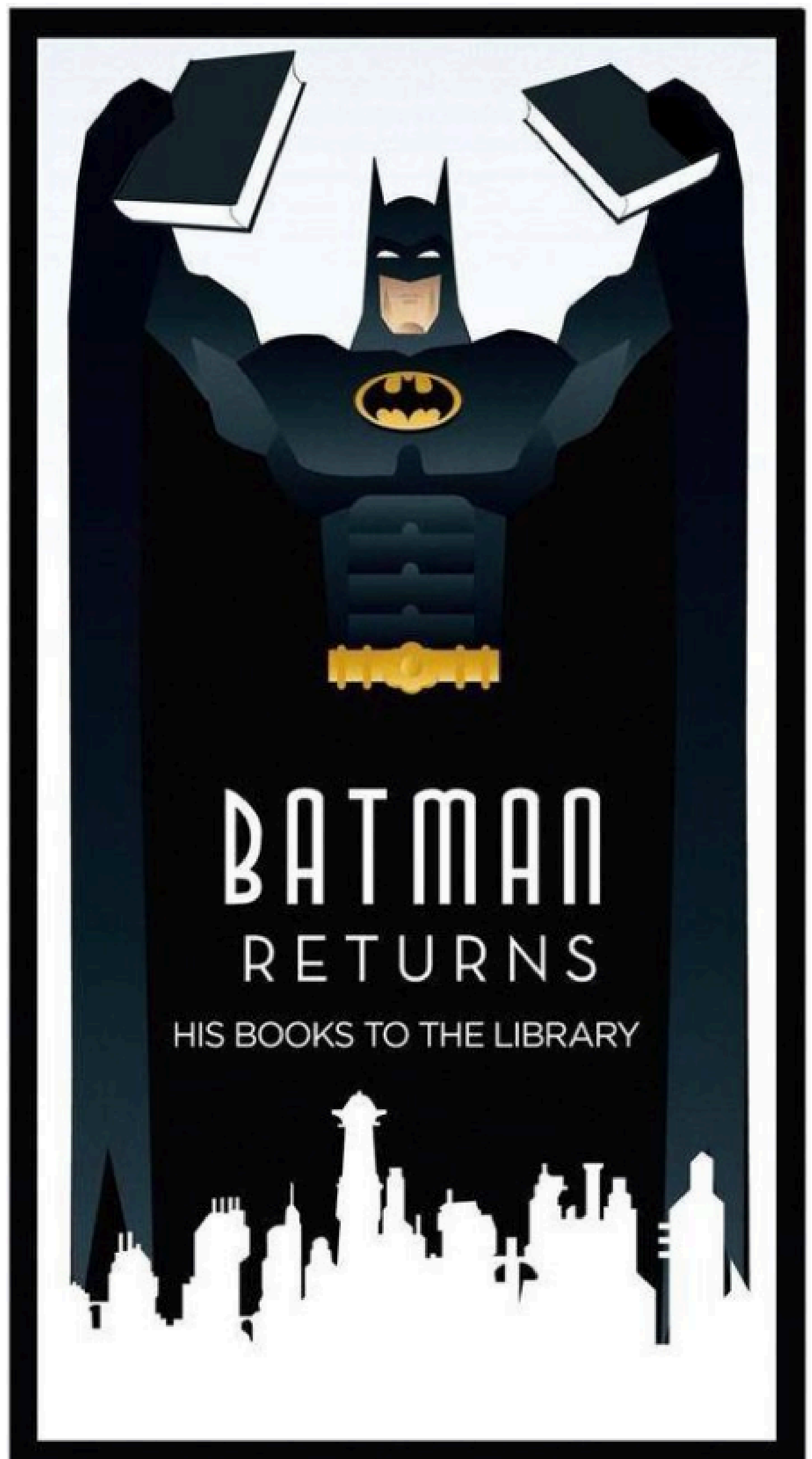
Please remember to return LRC books - we are lucky to have a wide selection of books for students to choose from - please encourage your child to look for them.

If lost books are new or popular you will be charged for a replacement.

Calling All Year 11s

The end of Year 11 creeps closer and we know what that means..... Please look for long-lost and forgotten overdue books. It doesn't matter how overdue they are, all returns are welcome!

Please be reminded that school policy is that prom tickets and exam certificates will not be issued until your LRC account is clear - overdue books returned, replaced or paid for. Reminders will continue to be given at tutor time and students can check with Ms Gillies in the LRC at break and lunchtimes.





U18 Boys Football

24th April 2024

For the first time in over 15 years the Under 18 Football team have reached a County Semi Final with an astonishing 8-5 win against St Edwards School, Cheltenham. Setting up a semi final against Archway for a place in the prestigious final to be played at Hartpury University.

Rednock went behind to an early goal and responded in great fashion. A penalty and another goal from Liam Clark, followed by a screamer from Arthur Rudge and a well finished goal from James Tainton ensured that the team strode into a 4-1 lead. St Edwards then hit back with two goals of their own, leaving things in the balance at half time. Within minutes of the restart Rednock gave away a needless foul on the edge of the box and this resulted in a goal leaving the tie at 4-4. Rednock yet again responded well and further goals from Clark and Tainton meant that an 8-4 cushion could see the team through. St Edwards managed a consolation in the last moments put Rednock securely into the Semi Final.

Player Of The Match - Liam Clark for his 5 goals and a special mention to Merrick Atkinson the team's linesman.

29th April 2024

Under 18 football team beat Archway 2-1 in a really tight encounter in the semi final of the County Cup. Goals from Liam Clark and Matt Binns secured a place in the final against Crypt School.

The final is next Wednesday (8th May) at Hartpury College on their main grass football pitch with a 4pm kick off.

Good luck boys!

Mr Sykes



U14 Girls Football

The U14s played in the County Quarter Final against Kings Oak Academy on Tuesday. The game was extremely close throughout. There were some wonderful saves from Poppy Crosbee and some brilliant passing from Hannah Biddle and Holly Clark. Suria Ferraz came into the team and cleared some great balls in defence. The game finished 2-2 so the team played extra time. A nail biting 12 minutes ended in King Oak academy winning the fixtures. The girls were, as always an absolute pleasure to take away.

Mrs Bird



Netball Trip

On 26th April, the PE team took 40 students to watch Gloucester Seven Stars vs London Pulse at Worcester Arena. Students had a brilliant time, watching some very fast pasced netball and a brilliant Friday night was had by all. The PE team is looking forward to returning to netball next season!

Year 10 Rounders

Massive well done to our Year 10 Rounders team who beat KLB! Thank you to KLB for a great fixture! Score = Rednock 19 1/2 - KLB 16. WHAT A RESULT!



Alcohol Dependence Awareness

Alcohol dependence, which is also known as alcoholism or alcohol addiction, describes the most serious form of high-risk drinking, with a strong - often uncontrollable - desire to drink. To help approach this difficult subject, Mr Cole welcomed a guest speaker into one of his Year 11 Life Skills classes.

Rach Goatman visited to talk of her personal experience with the challenges of alcohol addiction. The students were able to ask many questions to better understand the condition and possibly take away a new view on the topic.





School Tour Opportunities

Year 12 Physicists and Chemists were lucky enough to visit Oldbury Nuclear power station recently; we were the first public visit in almost 20 years!

We found out about the safety issues while visiting a power station and how we, and their workers, are kept safe. We learnt about the history, it ran as a nuclear power station for 44 years and shut down in 2012. It was really interactive and informative to find out how they are now decommissioning the site and how it will take up to at least 2080.

We found out about nuclear engineering, health physics, civil engineering, security work and the decommissioning process. The apprenticeship talks were really interesting, they take on apprentices post GCSEs and as degree apprentices post A level. One student commented that "the fact that they are a viable option instead of going to university has made me consider them as an option".



The tour of the site was amazing and eerie, some buildings have been flattened but the main reactor buildings (now empty of fuel) are mostly untouched at this point. We really enjoyed scanning each other with security wands and all of the PPE we had to wear/carry to enter the site: steel toe capped shoes, safety glasses, gloves, hard hats, ear defenders and a high viz jacket. As we left the reactor area we all had to be checked for radioactive contamination and then our personal radiation detector had to be registered. A few of us had managed to avoid all radiation, the most was 5mSv, this is less than a chest CT scan!



School Tour Opportunities

We have a new opportunity for the local community to visit the school. Each Friday we will be holding a tour of the school, with a maximum of 4 visitors per tour.

During the tour, you will get a firsthand look at our classrooms and facilities and meet some of our friendly staff members. Whether you are a prospective student, parent, or just curious about our school, this event is a great way to see what Rednock School has to offer.

We can't wait to show you around and answer any questions you may have.

Details on how to book a place can be found on our website [here](#).

Dyslexia Intervention Project

The bespoke dyslexia intervention project that is being undertaken with Bath Spa University, is nearing the end - only 4 weeks to go until the end of the term. The students have worked tremendously hard and have shown excellent commitment to the after-school sessions. They have given insightful feedback that will help not only themselves, but other dyslexic students in the future.

They have a celebration event to look forward to in June, when their efforts will be celebrated and they can feel proud of themselves. Watch this space!

Well done to - Aiden Hall, Mattia Sacca, Will Tull, Lucas Radford and Finley Williams for their regular attendance, as not everyone has managed to fully commit.

Also well done to the Teaching Assistants taking part - Vicky Cooper, Caron Whitlock and Caroline Pagett.





Community Marketplace Event


You may recall that last year we held our first Community Marketplace event and the evening was a huge success! Parents, carers, students and staff were able to learn more about what our community can offer. We are excited to confirm that the event is returning this year!

There has never been a text book for raising children and even more so in today's challenging times and this event is to let you know that whatever challenge you may be facing with your child, you are not alone. The evening is an informal event where you can pop in at any time and see what support is available to you and chat to staff about what they can offer. You are welcome to bring your children (any age) or come alone; stay for 10 minutes or the whole evening, it will just be lovely to see you!

This year, we will also have workshops led by industry professionals focusing on self harm and supporting your child’s well being:

Attention Seekers? Self Harm Awareness Session led by Satveer Nijjar. Reserve your place [here](#).

Supporting Your Child’s Wellbeing led by Belinda Heaven. Reserve your place [here](#).



A Message From First Aid

We would like to remind parents that if their child is feeling unwell in school, they should not call or text you themselves. Students should tell their teacher and make their way to the first aid room to be looked after and a member of staff will make a call home if appropriate.

Dates for your diary

Date	Year Group	Event
06/05/2024	N/A	BANK HOLIDAY - School closed
08/05/2024	Year 13	Year 13 Celebration Day
09/05/2024	Year 13	Year 13 Celebration Evening
16/05/2024	Year 10	Year 10 Report 3 Due Home