

THE REDNOCK REVIEW

Term 6 – 2023/24
5th July 2024

Dear Rednock Community,

As we reach the end of yet another week, the countdown to the summer holidays is well underway! So much has happened since my last message, and you can catch up on it all in the latest edition of the Rednock Review. We've celebrated Sports Day, our community enrichment walk, and Sixth Form induction days. Our Duke of Edinburgh students have completed a canoe expedition, and some of our Year 10 students are currently in Germany. Our Communities have sung their hearts out in our recent competition, installed a new multi use games area and won multiple local sports fixtures.

In addition to all of these enrichment activities, our students and staff have remained engaged in their education and lessons, keeping the school's vibrancy truly palpable. I witness this daily, but it was particularly wonderful to welcome two school improvement partners and our Governing Body to see our school in action earlier this week. Their positive feedback and affirmation of the tremendous work our students and staff are doing will certainly energise us for the final few weeks of term.



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[video from Mr](#)
[Stratford](#)

Next week is our 'Transition Week,' and we are excited to welcome our future students from Year 5 and 6 from the local primary schools. As always, we aim to give you a glimpse of the many activities happening at school through the Rednock Review. I hope you enjoy reading it.

I will write to you formally next week to outline the arrangements for the end of term and the start of the new school year in September. For now, enjoy the weekend, cheer on England in their Euro quarter-final, and enjoy the Rednock Review.

Best wishes,

Mike Stratford
Headteacher



Achievement Heroes

We always like to use this section of the newsletter to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students. With so many special events taking place in school over the past couple of weeks including Sports Day and Enrichment Day to name just two, throughout this addition you will read about lots of our students who have achieved great things. To kick things off, we wanted to take this opportunity to share this stunning picture taken by talented photographer Zac in Year 9, who we think you will agree has captured a truly beautiful image.



Congratulations to our new Prefects

As our current Year 11s prepare to leave us following their exams, we have been busy interviewing and selecting our new prefects. As prefects, they will be able to make contributions to the school environment and help come up with new ideas for the student body. Being chosen to be a prefect is a special honour and shows that these particular students are a great representation of our Year 10 students. Well done to our year 2024/2025 prefects!





Enrichment Walk

After the rather grey start for today's Enrichment Walk, the sun did eventually come and a great time was had by all - despite some tired feet! The event has evolved since our last Enrichment Walk and was a day full of activities looking at the word **Explore** which is the focus of Term 6 taken from our vision of 'I MATTER'. Here are some of the photos from today...





The Masked Ball!

In Year 9 English we are studying **Romeo and Juliet**. As part of their homework, students were asked to create their own masquerade masks (in time for our study of the masked ball in Act 1, Scene 5) and write a commentary on their design choices. Pictured below are some of the fantastic creations from Class 9L2 modeled by Amber, Maddison, Lily and Olivia.



Visiting Author

As always, it's been a busy fortnight in the LRC. On Thursday 26th June we were lucky to have the popular author Jo Cottrill in school. She did a workshop with some of our Y7 and Y8 word millionaires. Jo let the students into some of the secrets to a successful book with the students beginning their own stories. We have Nailsworth-based charity 'Read for Good' to thank for the visit.

"I really enjoyed it, she showed us some great tips and skills - I'll use them in my own writing!"
Freya, Year 8

"I didn't know what to expect when we were told about meeting Jo but it really was great fun! Jo was really inspiring, she encouraged us to have fun with our own writing. Thank you Read for Good - I came away with a signed book, the start of my own story and loads of inspiration!"
Rosana, Year 8



There are many new titles in the LRC this month, including *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* - it's such a good read the BBC have commissioned a series.



Books can be borrowed over the summer break - just remember to bring them back!

To ensure maximum reading progress is made, it's important that students have a wide range of books to choose from. Please ask your child to check under their beds and in old school bags for lost or overdue books. Students are expected to pay for replacements if books are lost or damaged.





Live Music Lunchtime featuring Reminiscence

On Friday 28th June, the main hall was transformed into a live music venue and students could pop in and rock out to the sounds of a brilliant band performing live. The band, Reminiscence, is made up of Rednock's very own rockstar guitarist Ruby Taylor (Year 13), former Rednock students Jess Smith (vocals and sax) and Evie Press (drums) and their friend Alex on bass.

They played a fantastically diverse and eclectic set including covers of songs by Blondie, Hall and Oates, Madness and Led Zeppelin, which drew an enthusiastic crowd of gig-goers, who got up on their feet and showed their warm appreciation.

The success of this event has led to calls for more of the same, and Mr Mee is keen to hear from other musicians and singers who would like to play a live lunchtime. In collaboration with the music department, he wants to encourage other students to form bands and get sets together, and can support Rednock students with rehearsal space, equipment and coaching.

Look out for Reminiscence playing in the local area or contact Mr Mee if you can offer them a gig as they are keen to play as much as possible.





Modern Foreign Languages event with Cam Hopton Primary School

On Tuesday this week, a group of children from Cam Hopton Primary School visited Rednock to take part in sessions led by our Year 10 'Language Ambassadors'. The ambassadors planned and delivered some Olympics-themed lessons in French, German and Spanish, combining physical activity with language skills. A great time was had by all!



Silver D of E

The Silver DofE successfully completed their Practice Expedition. They had a refresher in camp craft, navigation and training in how to use a canoe. The capsizing drill, steering etc were all done on the Saturday, with a well deserved treat of pizza for supper!

The following day, early in the morning after breakfast and breaking camp, they set off down the River Severn and ended up in Hereford in time to be part of the regatta.

They handled themselves well in what was a stressful situation. Some of the river was low and there was some slip and sliding of the canoes. After ice cream in the shade during a gloriously hot day, it was time to cook and plan the next day's route.

They continued on the Monday, down the River Severn amongst some glorious scenery and got picked up by patient parents in the afternoon. Once the kit had been returned, had a de-brief and discussed ideas for their aim for the final, they all set off back home, looking forward to their next expedition down the River Severn, starting near Iron Bridge on July 13th, where there will be some challenging water. The training and expedition was all led by Ocean Rock, with Mrs Porter supplying the cake, ice cream and applause.





SEND Transition Morning for Year 6 Students

We recently had the pleasure of welcoming Year 6 transition students to our school, where they engaged in a creative and inspiring art project. This visit provided the young artists with an opportunity to express their creativity and get a taste of the vibrant school culture they will soon be part of. The students worked enthusiastically, producing a range of beautiful and imaginative artworks that showcased their unique perspectives and talents. The collaborative atmosphere fostered new friendships and eased the transition process, making them feel more connected and excited about starting their new journey with us. It was a wonderful day filled with creativity, laughter and anticipation for the year ahead.



Community Sings

Congratulations to Brunel for their outstanding victory in the singing competition! Your dedication, talent and hard work truly paid off, showcasing the incredible musical abilities within your group. This was a lovely, inspiring event and we wanted to thank everyone who took part and helped fill the hall with lovely music, laughter and joy!





Governor Back to School Day

On Tuesday 2nd July, we welcomed many members of our school Governing Board to Rednock School for 'Governor Back to School Day'. They experienced a day in the life of our students, beginning with a meeting with the Headteacher and participating in a Year 5 transition event. The Governors attended lessons in Science, Geography, PE, Music, Computing and History, gaining firsthand insight into the learning environment at Rednock. They enjoyed a meal in the school canteen and joined us for our Community Singalong event in the Main Hall. Their feedback was overwhelmingly positive and they felt extremely welcomed by our amazing students and staff.

With thanks for donation made to the Art Department

A big thank you to the Banner Education team who visited the school to donate essential printer paper supplies for us to use.

Andy Wallis, Head of Art and Media said, *"The photo paper donation has made a massive difference to the art department and allowed us to print out many more photographs celebrating the skills of our students."*



Sixth Form Induction Days

We were pleased to welcome both Rednock students and external applicants to our Sixth Form Induction Days on 25th and 26th June. Students participated in a busy schedule of sessions, including introductory lessons in their chosen subjects, workshops on becoming a successful Sixth Form student, enrichment and wellbeing and discussions on future opportunities. Year 12 students led engaging team-building activities, contributing to a successful induction.





Sixth Form - Futures Networking Sessions

We were delighted to host representatives from Gloucestershire University, Renishaw, Mercedes Benz, Dyson, De Vere Group and Immersa for our 'Futures Networking' sessions. Representatives from each group chatted to the students and answered any questions they had. These sessions were followed by our Personal Development team who guided students in exploring careers software and beginning to build their profiles.

Y13 Dinner Dance

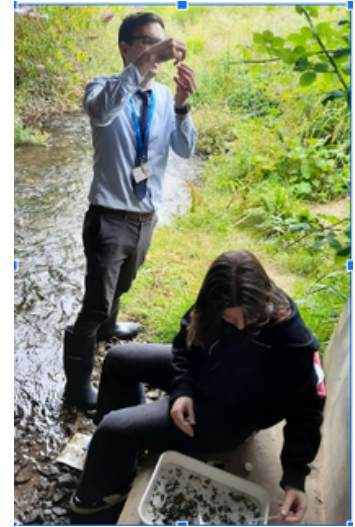
The Year 13 dinner dance at Egypt Mill was a spectacular and memorable event, marking the culmination of the students' hard work and achievements. The elegant venue provided a stunning backdrop for an evening filled with laughter, celebration and reflection. Dressed in their finest attire, the students enjoyed a delicious meal, lively music and heartfelt speeches that highlighted their journey and accomplishments. The dance floor was alive with energy as friends and classmates celebrated their time together and the exciting future ahead; creating lasting memories for everyone involved.





Investigating the Biodiversity of Cam River

Year 12 biology students have been out this week to investigate the biodiversity of Cam river. To do this they collected invertebrates by kick sampling and used their skills to identify what they found. Invertebrates have varying tolerance to pollution so are also reliable indicator species. They were pleased to find large numbers of mayflies and stoneflies as they suggest the section we looked at is relatively unpolluted and supporting healthy numbers of organisms. A highlight was the cased caddisfly hiding in its homespun case made of stones and silk. The data will be saved and form part of regular monitoring by future 6th form groups - a great way to combine subject specific work and looking at the wider issues of conservation and caring for the environment around us.



International Women in Engineering Day

Five Year 9 girls went on an adventure to GCHQ in Cheltenham to take part in International Women in Engineering Day. This was a real privilege as we got to go inside the building, meet the director and play with an Enigma machine!

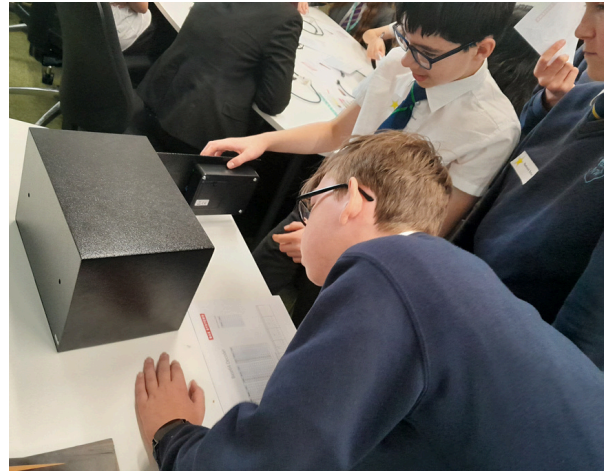
During the day students got to hear from a whole range of different women in high profile technical jobs in GCHQ and be inspired by their stories. They also got to play with some 'Ozobots', which are very cute little robots that follow and respond to coloured lines and that can solve mazes!





Unlock Cyber Event

On Friday 28th June a group of Year 9 pupils attended the Unlock Cyber event at the University of the West of England. The students had already chosen to study Computer Science at GCSE, and Unlock Cyber had a range of employers from the South West who showcased the different career opportunities that were available. Each employer ran a different activity, ranging from tricking an AI into giving up its password, to cyber forensics and safe cracking. They learnt about hacking and the law. Each employer stressed the need for Cyber Security and for more people to choose it as a career, with information about the different roles and routes into the profession.



Careers visit to Gloucestershire College

As part of our careers programme, we have already surveyed and group-interviewed the majority of Year 10 (if you haven't had your interview yet, don't worry, it's coming!). We offered some students who indicated they want to do vocational courses next, the opportunity to visit Gloucestershire College. It was brilliant to see all of the different areas of the college on a personal tour, and the students we took were very impressed by the facilities like the 'plane room' for training cabin crew, the engineering and mechanics workshops and the beauty salons. The visit really opened students' eyes to pathways that they hadn't thought of before, and we will try to run another trip in the Autumn term for other students who might be interested.





Sports Day 2024!

Sports Day is always a highlight in the school calendar as it's a chance for the whole school to come together and cheer on their fellow community members in many sporting events. This year the competition was high and the spectators were treated to a wonderful show of athleticism. We're happy to announce that Hubble were the victors of the day! We were lucky enough to have one of our Sixth Form students, Luke Sullivan, present to capture the day and we will bring you lots of wonderful photos of the activities in our next issue.



Rounders Success!

Earlier this week students from Year 7, 8 and 9 played Rounders against Sir William Romney's School and we are very proud to report that the teams won all their games by a considerable margin. Some accurate fielding and great communication helped all year groups keep their opponent's score rates low. The batting was consistent and intelligent, ensuring the ball was kept away from SWR's fielders. A really fun afternoon and a great achievement for all involved!



Anyone for Tennis?

Our Year 7 and 9 tennis players headed over to Wycliffe last Thursday for our first tennis friendly in many years, playing FAST4 games against a selection of their Year 9 and 10 players. Despite not winning overall, we did come back with 2 set wins and one lost on tie breaks which shows the resilience, determination and sportsmanship of our students taking on the challenge playing against an opposition nearly four years older than them. The weather made it a great afternoon, thanks to Mrs Gwilliam for driving us across.

If you play tennis and are interested in playing for the school let Mr Mitchell know, hopefully there are more sunny afternoons on court ahead for us.



Staff Vacancies

We have a fantastic opportunity to join our team of School and Sports Facilities Attendants; it's a great opportunity for a young person looking for evening and weekend work. Click below to find out more.

[School and Sports Facilities Attendant - casual](#)

You can keep up to date with our vacancies and find out more about our recruitment [here](#).

Feeling the pinch?

Feeling the pinch this summer? Certain restaurants are offering a fantastic initiative where kids can eat free (or for £1), helping to ease the financial burden on families. This generous offer allows children to enjoy nutritious and delicious meals without adding to the parents' expenses. This initiative not only supports families during challenging times but also ensures that kids have access to healthy meals throughout the summer. Take advantage of these offers and make the most of your summer dining experiences!



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

LAS IGUANAS

Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

TESCO CAFES

1 Free Kids meal with every 60p Spend. Available from July 1st Scotland and NI - from July 22nd England & Wales

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

YO! SUSHI

From Monday 1st July - Friday 30th August 2024, kids eat free all day Mondays to Fridays at YO! Sushi (min adult spend £10).

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

COCONUT TREE

One child (aged 10 and under) eats free per paying adult. Valid Daily, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 22nd July to Friday 6th Sept 2024.

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.



Dates for your Diary

| Date | Year Group | Event |
|-------------------------|------------|--|
| 08/07/2024 - 09/07/2024 | Year 5 | Year 5 Open Morning (FULLY BOOKED) |
| 10/07/2024 | Year 6 | Year 6 Meet The Tutor Evening (Invite Only) |
| 11/07/2024 - 12/07/2024 | Year 6 | Year 6 Transition Days (Invite Only) |
| 12/07/2024 | Year 11 | Year 11 Prom |
| 12/07/2024 | Year 7 | 'Go to Work for the Day!' |
| 19/07/2024 | All | End of Term 6 - Day ends at 12.45 for all students |
| 02/09/2024 | All | INSET DAY |
| 03/09/2024 | All | Start of Term 1 |