

THE REDNOCK REVIEW

Term 1 – 2025/26

10th October 2025

Dear Rednock Community,

Welcome to another exciting edition of the Rednock Review! This issue is a celebration of the stories and achievements within our community. It's hard to believe we're already six weeks into the term, with just two weeks remaining until the end of Term 1. Time is flying by, and with so much happening, it's clear that our students are making the most of every opportunity.

As the evenings start to draw in, we want to remind everyone how important it is for students to stay visible and safe when traveling to and from school. Please encourage your children to wear bright or reflective clothing and to take extra care during the darker months.

A very important reminder, for students in Years 7 to 11, we expect phones to be switched off and kept away throughout the school day. To support this, we kindly ask parents and carers not to make or accept calls or messages to their children's personal devices during school hours. If you need to get in touch, please always contact the school via our reception team.

As the year progresses, we will be exploring ways to further strengthen our position as a phone-free school, helping our students to focus fully on their learning.



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

Your support with this is greatly appreciated. With this in mind, we are proud to host and invite you to attend a Cyber Security Awareness Evening. This safety presentation for parents is designed to equip you with the knowledge, tools, and confidence needed to protect your family in today's fast-paced digital world. Join us alongside Gloucestershire Constabulary on Tuesday, 14th October at 6pm, online. Full details can be found in this edition of the Rednock Review.

At the end of this edition, you'll find important key dates, including a reminder that the final day of Term 1 for students is Thursday, 23rd October. On that day, we will also share the final edition of the Rednock Review for this term.

On behalf of everyone at Rednock, we wish you an enjoyable weekend ahead.

Mike Stratford

Headteacher



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Achievement Heroes

Each week, we select new Achievement Heroes to celebrate. We've had some amazing nominees and we're proud of everything they've accomplished. They were recognised for different reasons, each one just as impressive as the last. Every nominee exemplifies what it means to be an Achievement Hero and we couldn't be prouder to shine a spotlight on their accomplishments.

Winners are:

Poppy, for walking 30 miles in September and raising £333 for Dementia UK.

Emilia, for gaining the most reward points in the whole of Darwin.

Phoebe, for always being a supportive student to her peers.

Isaac, for making a great start as a new student at Rednock.

Holly, for showing amazing improvement to her attendance.

Florence, for looking after her friends and always offering support.

Ellie, for gaining the most reward points in Hubble.

Violet, for being a superb buddy.

Leo, for having an amazing start at Rednock.

Ria, for always looking out for her friends.

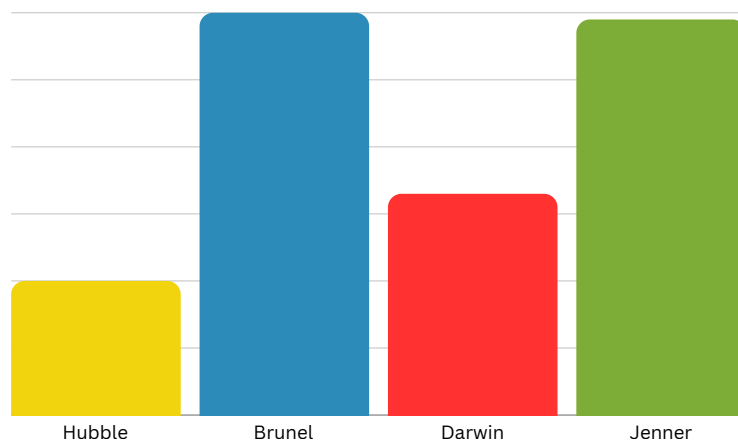
Finlay, for being an amazing buddy to a new student.

Louis, for winning the Year 7 cross country race.

Noah, for coming 2nd in a 400m National Competition.



Community Leader Board





Teaching and Learning Focus – Learning in Action

In Modern Foreign Languages, a variety of different strategies are used to encourage students to recall prior learning and to be able to demonstrate their knowledge of the language they are studying. In this German lesson, Year 8 students were doing some retrieval of prior knowledge and practising their speaking skills with a ball throwing activity. The teacher throws the ball at a student, says a phrase in English and the student then needs to say that phrase in German, before throwing the ball back.

Not only does this make the learning interactive and fun, but the physical activity involved can help students to be more involved, which enhances memory retention. The unpredictability keeps students alert and engaged and also ensures a range of students take part, not just the more vocal ones.



Cyber Safe presentation for parents

You may recall a few weeks ago that we shared an article inviting you to attend a Cyber Security Awareness Evening. As this event has such useful information for parents, we have decided to move it to an online format so that as many parents and carers as possible can access it.

Join us for an essential Safety Presentation for Parents, designed to give you the knowledge, tools and confidence to help protect your family in today's fast-moving digital world.

What You'll Learn:

- The latest apps and trends popular with young people – and what you need to know
- Online gaming: how to balance fun with awareness of hidden risks
- Spotting and dealing with cyberbullying, grooming, sexting and sextortion
- Simple cybersecurity tips to protect your devices, data and privacy

Whether your child is just beginning their digital journey or already a seasoned user, this session offers real-life examples, expert advice and practical tips you can start using straight away.

Gloucester Constabulary: Parent Talk on Digital Resilience

Date: Tuesday 14th October

Time: 6:00pm – 7:15pm

Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

Access link: [Join here](#)



Key Stage 3 Awards Evening - Thursday 2nd October

On Thursday 2nd October, we proudly hosted our annual Key Stage 3 Awards Evening. This event is a celebration of the hard work, achievements and talents of students from last year's Year 7, 8 and 9 cohorts. The evening featured a series of outstanding musical performances, including solo pieces by Safia, Daisy and Oscar and a duet performed by brothers Will and Thomas.

Awards were presented to one student per subject in each year group, recognising both Outstanding Attainment and Outstanding Effort and Progress. In addition, two students in each year group received special recognition as overall winners in the categories of excellent attainment and exceptional effort and progress. A further highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Key Stage 3 Literacy Award, given to a student recognised as a "perfect ambassador for reading at Rednock".

It was a truly memorable evening, enjoyed by students, staff, parents and carers alike, as we came together to acknowledge and celebrate the successes of our Key Stage 3 learners.

Overall Attainment

Year 7 - Eva S
Year 8 - Daisy S
Year 9 - Elliot J

Overall Progress & Effort

Year 7 - Henry M
Year 8 - Phoebe D
Year 9 - Penelope O

Key Stage 3 Literacy Award

Amayah W





Mount Kilimanjaro Fundraiser

Did you catch Year 8 student, Jasmine, on Good Morning Britain last week? She was there along with mum, Anna, to talk about a wonderful fundraising mission Anna and her father will be taking on. They will be walking up Mount Kilimanjaro, a trek that will take around 8 days in aid of DEBRA, the patient support organisation for people affected by epidermolysis bullosa (EB), which Jasmine herself suffers from.

Here's a few words from Anna...

"My dad and I are heading to Africa to take on an epic, challenge-of-a-lifetime, 8-day Kilimanjaro trek to raise money for Debra UK, in the hope of one day finding a cure for 'the worst disease you've never heard of' and giving little Jasmine a chance to be free of pain and enjoy a life she can only dream of.

This is where you can help. Please support my dad and I, as we leave our families (which, when you have a child with EB, is a massive undertaking in itself), and take on the biggest challenge of our lives, to raise as much money as we can, to not only find a cure, but to enable Jasmine, and others just like her, to experience a quality of life they deserve."



[You can find out more about the condition and donate by clicking here.](#)



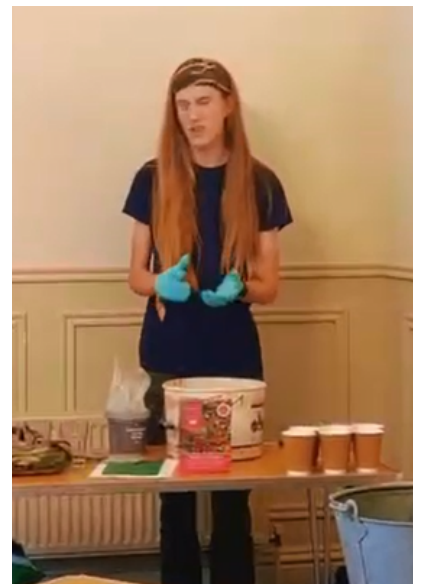


Rednock Students Shine at Intergenerational Climate Event

Last week saw three of our students representing Rednock at the Stroud District Youth Council Intergenerational Climate Event. The organiser of the event has this to say...

"I wanted to say a special thank you for Rednock School's involvement in the SDYC Intergenerational Climate Event on Friday. Ellie, Leo and Ruza did an absolutely incredible job running the wildflower bomb workshop – they planned, organised and delivered it with such confidence. It was a hands-on session that really engaged everyone and they should be so proud of themselves.

They are a real asset to the Youth Council and it's fantastic to see their skills and confidence developing so strongly. Thank you as a school for supporting them to be part of SDYC – it truly makes a huge difference. Ellie, Leo and Ruza represented Rednock extremely well and I hope you are as proud of them as we are."





National Poetry Day

In honour of National Poetry Day, a few of the English teaching staff decided to share their favourite poems with students and staff. It was a lovely opportunity to hear different styles of poetry and to share their own work as well. Below, you can read poems by Year 10 student, Twisha and our own Miss West.



Often find myself dreaming
Were you the wrath of sun on a winter day
Or first sip of my morning coffee
Were you those soft droplets from rain
Or the thunder storm in the middle of the night

Often find myself dreaming
Were we two silly kids
Or two soulmates
Were we like sunflowers to sun
Or just the laughter which left it's print on a heart

Often find myself dreaming
Was your time clock over too soon
Or was it too late to let it go
Were we the movement of golden hours
Or a dead flower to be

Twisha M.
(right)

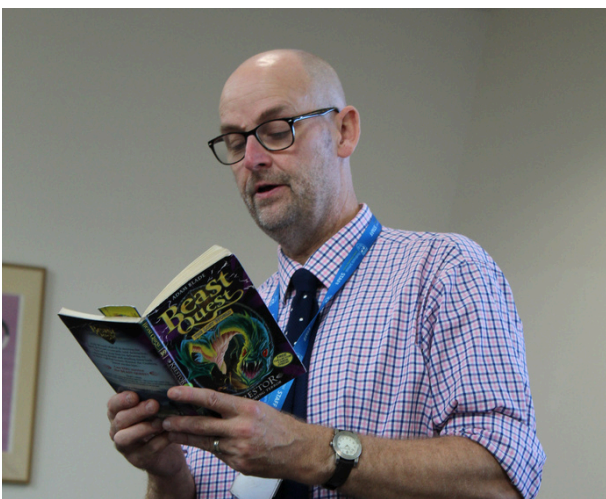


Reasons to be cheerful

dancing is unaffected by inflation
smiles are still contagious
house sparrows are a free alarm clock
clouds won't stop passing
the difference you feel between you and everyone else is real
walking in the sun cannot be curtailed
you don't actually have to watch the news
search for the way to make love stay
coffee, smoothies and juice
meteorological spring will always be sung in the northern hemisphere
voices you like saying words in your ear
the sun
the moon
the sound ash trees make when they sway
you don't actually need that thing to make you happy
happiness is a tide
jokes between friends are the height of art
hope is a pinch of salt and despair is peppercorn
you need both to make a nice spag bol
sunglasses do suit you
some days not getting out of bed is for the best
some days getting out of bed is for the best
an open window pours in free air
house plants won't judge you for not getting dressed
someone is listening to what you have to say
the colour green
chocolate buttons and Rowntree randoms
Etta James and Frank Sinatra
cheap CDs, DVDs and second-hand clothes
fairytales and folklore
We have been at this for thousands of years

Miss C West

(below right)





A little yellow goes a long way

We invited our students (and staff) to add a little yellow to their uniforms for World Mental Health Day on Friday 10th October in aid of YoungMinds. Whether they wore a banana hat, sunflower brooch or bumblebee socks, it was be great to see them joining us in raising funds for young minds in need.





Burger Branding Trip

Marketing and Enterprise students have been set a tasty challenge this year: to design, brand and present their own unique burger as part of their coursework.

To support their market research, students visited The Beefy Boys, where they explored different flavour combinations, learned about branding strategies and sampled the products for inspiration.

The visit gave students a real-world insight into how successful food businesses market themselves—while enjoying a delicious burger along the way!

Community Marketplace Event

Thursday 23rd October
3.30pm – 6.00pm

We are bringing together many groups and agencies who have agreed to come and share their knowledge, expertise and opportunities for support for parents, carers and students.

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.

We will be joined by the below organisations and more!



Motivating kids to read



Rednock School
Preloved Uniform



Est. 1953
Juniors





Year 10 photography homework

This week the Year 10 photography students were challenged with the title 'Where I Live'. There has been many different interpretations of the theme and each student has thought out how they want to represent where they live.

Here is just a small sample of the wonderful work submitted by the class.

Top left: Charlie

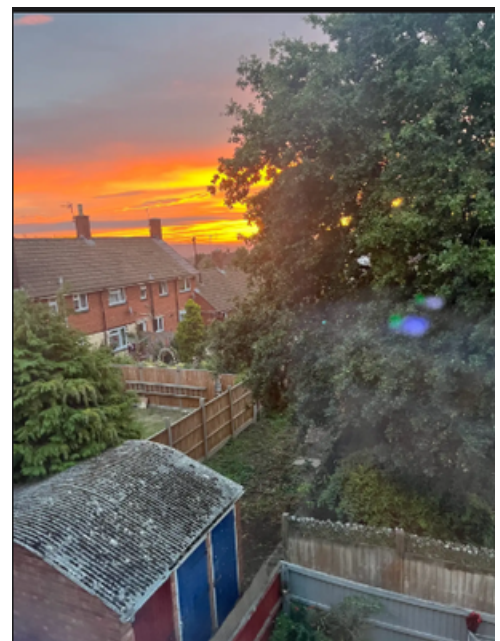
Middle left: Louie

Middle: Bella

Middle right: Amelie

Bottom left: Summer

Bottom right: Devon





Rednock U15s Edge Out Archway in Season Opener

The U15s rugby season kicked off in impressive fashion as Rednock travelled to Archway in a fiercely contested encounter that set the tone for the season ahead.

From the first whistle, the game was played at a fast pace, with Rednock coming out of the blocks firing. Showing sharp handling and explosive pace, Rednock surged to an early lead, running in three unanswered tries to put Archway on the back foot.

However, the momentum began to shift as a string of unnecessary penalties and a tendency to narrow in defence allowed Archway back into the game. Archway mounted a spirited comeback, narrowing the deficit before the break.

The second half was a showcase of quality rugby – fast, physical and competitive. Both sides traded phases and tackles in a game that refused to let up. Rednock found another gear and began to dominate in the loose. Some abrasive running lines and slick ruck play led to three quick tries, restoring their advantage. Yet again, discipline proved costly, with further penalties gifting Archway territory and possession. With just three minutes remaining, Rednock clung to a narrow 32-29 lead as Archway launched a final attack. In a dramatic finish, Rednock’s defence held firm, eventually forcing a crucial turnover and bundling Archway into touch to secure the victory.

It was a thrilling contest from start to finish. Rednock can take great pride in their performance. A cracking start to the season – and a game both teams can be proud of.

Cross Country Success

Our best cross country runners were selected to run at Sir William Romney School in the district cross country run. Those selected were brilliant in running the long and tricky course. Some standout results are as follows:

- Louis T Y7 - 1st.
- Violet H Y7 - 2nd.
- Eva S Y8 - 1st.
- Noah B Y12 - 3rd.
- Frankie M Y10 - 1st.

The team were excellent and are now looking forward to the district trials at Farmers school on the 20th October.





U16 Netball Squad Compete at Challenge Cup

The U16 Netball squad recently travelled to Cheltenham Ladies' College to take part in the annual Challenge Cup competition. It was a great opportunity for the team to test themselves against strong opposition and gain valuable match experience.

Throughout the day the girls showed real determination and teamwork, growing in confidence and really starting to gel as a team by the end of the tournament.

Special mentions go to Tabby C and Poppy C for their excellent work in defence and a big thank you to Darcey C and Annabel B for stepping up to support the U16 squad.

Well done to all involved for representing Rednock so positively!

Year 10 boys football

The Year 10 football team have made a fantastic start to the National Cup. In the first round they played an exciting match vs Redland Green School where they drew the game 2-2 but won on penalties progressing to Round 2. In round 2 they faced a tough Bedminster Down school side where again they were victorious again coming out 2-1 winners. The draw will be coming soon for who the team draw in the next round.



Year 7 Rugby

The Y7 A Rugby team played their first match this week against Kingshill. In what was an exciting match the boys managed to rescue a draw with the game finishing 30-30. The boys have been brilliant in training and their hard work was shown with some great rugby played and some excellent tries scored. The team will now look forward to their next fixture against Archway on the 4th November.



Year 7 Rugby

The Y7 B Rugby team started their rugby campaign this year against a strong Kingshill school team. For many of the boys this was their first time playing a competitive game of Rugby. The boys were able to learn lots and were competitive in their game, narrowly losing their game. There has been such improvements in their rugby and they look forward to more opportunities in training and further games.



Strong Start for U13 Girls' Football Team

The U13 Girls' Football Team have kicked off their season in style with a fantastic 4-2 win against Lydiard Park School in the opening round of the National Cup. The whole team put in a great performance, with standout contributions from Violet O, Eva S and Brooke B, who helped drive the team to victory with skill, determination and teamwork. This impressive win sees the team progress to the second round, where they will take on Kingsdown School.



Rednock Students Take On Cross Country Relay Challenge

Fifteen Rednock students recently represented the school at the annual Cross Country Relay event hosted by Thomas Keble School. It was a fantastic afternoon of teamwork, determination and strong running across all year groups. A special congratulations goes to our Year 7 Girls' team, who put in an impressive performance to finish third in their race which was a brilliant achievement.

Well done to everyone who took part and gave it their all. You did Rednock proud!



Introduction to rugby

Our Year 7 students have been having a great time taking part in our 'Introduction to Rugby' sessions, which both Year 7 and Year 8 have been enjoying as part of our celebration of the success of the Women's Rugby World Cup.

The sessions have been a fun and active way to get involved in the sport, build teamwork and be inspired by the achievements of the women's team.



Student Success

Isla, a Year 8 student, has achieved some incredible results in recent swimming competitions. In one event, she won six gold medals and was named the top girl overall in her age category. Most recently, she competed in the Gloucester County Championships against teams from Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire and Bristol, where she won a gold medal in the 100m Individual Medley, along with a silver and two bronze medals in team relay events. Isla's hard work and dedication to training have paid off, with many personal bests achieved along the way.



British Trials Championship

Kasia, Year 10, wrapped up the final rounds of the AMCA Belle Trailers Ladies and Girls British Trials Championship last weekend, bringing to a close what has been a highly successful series for her.

After months of hard work, determination and consistent performances, Kasia secured 2nd place overall in the British Championship - a remarkable achievement in a highly competitive field. Her dedication throughout the season paid off, earning her a well-deserved spot on the podium and recognition as one of the top riders in her class.



Lions at Large Farewell Event

Our "mane" (ha ha) lion painters were invited to spend the day at Cheltenham Racecourse to celebrate the end of the summer trail and view all 68 lions (large and small) all in one location.

The students were also given the rare opportunity to visit the royal box, be up close with the real Cheltenham Gold cup (but not too close!!) tour the weighing room with an ex pro jockey and TV commentator and experience racing on the Cheltenham course through the wonders (and hilarity) of VR.



After the "roaring" success of the summer trail and weekend celebrations "Bernard" our little lion has returned to his forever home in Rednock.

The 32 big lions and 3 of the small lions are being auctioned to raise money for Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals charity The Big Space Cancer Appeal this week.





Live Willow weaving

We have been generously donated a bundle of live Willow Withies by a local resident. After much research into the skills we have been busy enhancing the area around the outdoor classroom planting and weaving.

Fingers crossed the willow likes its new home, takes root and thrives. Willow grows incredibly fast and we hope these 2 structures will be full of leaves in the Spring.

What's the science behind living willow structures?

Live willow regenerates through its strong ability to sprout from existing stumps or root from cuttings and branches, a method known as coppicing or planting live cuttings. New shoots grow rapidly from the stored energy in the established root system after the parent plant is cut back. For living structures and riverbank stabilization, fresh cuttings are pushed into the ground and will readily take root, forming a new, living plant.



Dissecting the Bible

Starting Monday 13th October, and running for eight weeks, Simon Helme, Minister at Dursley Tabernacle, will work with students to look at what the Bible is and what it isn't. They will dig deeper into it and ask all those awkward questions: how to interpret it, how it's been used, and misused, through the centuries and see what we make of it today.

Those who wish to attend, please go to room Room 112 Mondays 3.15pm - 4.15pm. This club will run until 8th December.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Year Group	Event
14/10/2025	All parents	Online Parent Talk on Digital Resilience (info on Page 3)
16/10/2025	All	Year 6 Open Morning
23/10/2025	All	Meet the Tutor Evening / Community Marketplace Event - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
23/10/25	All	End of Term 1
24/10/2025	All	INSET day 2





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