

Reddish Hall School

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Newsletter



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The Hive
At Reddish Hall



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Spotlight on Science

“We are just an advanced breed of monkeys on a minor planet of a very average star. But we can understand the Universe. That makes us something very special.” - Stephen Hawking

During this term at Reddish Hall, we celebrated British science week in style, offering classes a science fun day packed with lots of different science activities based on our “connections” theme. Have a look at some of our students enjoying their science sessions.

Slime

Circus

Electricity

Fire



Mad science show:

Our science week grand finale involved a visit from a mad scientist, who put on a science-laden spectacle for the whole school to enjoy.



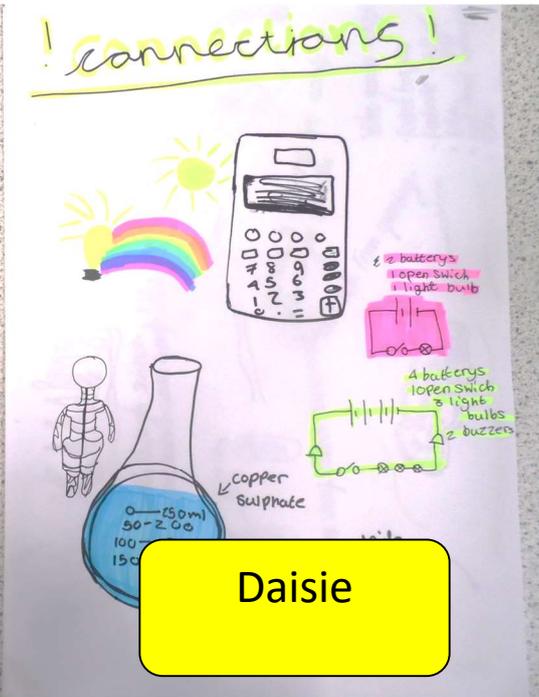


Poster winners

As part of our science week, our students completed posters showcasing our 'connections' theme. From the amazing entries we received, three have been submitted to the national science week poster competition. Good luck on the next stage of the competition!



Ruthie



Daisie



Alfie

Upcoming science events:

In science, we are always looking for ways to apply scientific knowledge and understanding to our real world experiences. Over the next term, we will be exploring - and experiencing! - forces with an indoor skydive and developing our understanding of ecosystems with a trip to Chester Zoo.

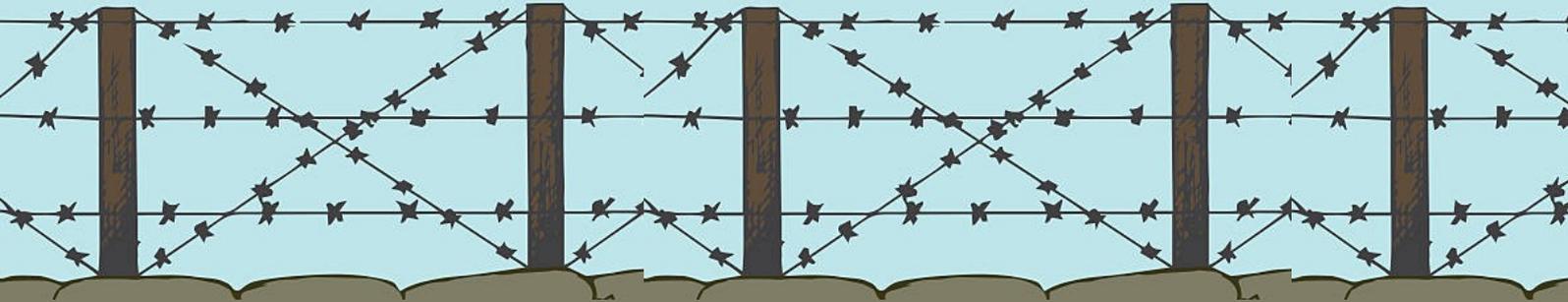




Subjects

Humanities:

This half term, we have finished our topic on WWI: Life in the trenches. Students learned about living conditions in the trenches, where millions of young men had to live and fight for 4 long years. Reddish Hall students have designed and built their own model of trenches, and some of them are just amazing!



Also, a big shout out to our Year 9A students, who have finished their KS3 History studies, and Y9B students who have finished their KS3 Geography studies. We wish them all the best for the future and hopefully we will see some of them in KS4 in one of the GCSE humanities subjects! Well done!



Finally, the humanities family keeps growing! This term we welcomed our brand-new Humanities teacher, James Baynham, who will take over some of our subjects as well as the teaching of KS3 French. Bienvenue, James!

Health:

This term, we are discussing and exploring mental health, identifying what can have a negative impact on our mental health and learning how we can support ourselves and others when experiencing negative effects on our mental health.

We will be utilising lots of coping techniques such as mindfulness and really embedding the skills that we have been developing throughout the past 6 months.



Learning Support:

In the run up to Easter, Learning Support have done lots of Easter teambuilding activities such as:

Easter baking - we went to Morrisons to shop for ingredients and then created some delicious nest cakes.

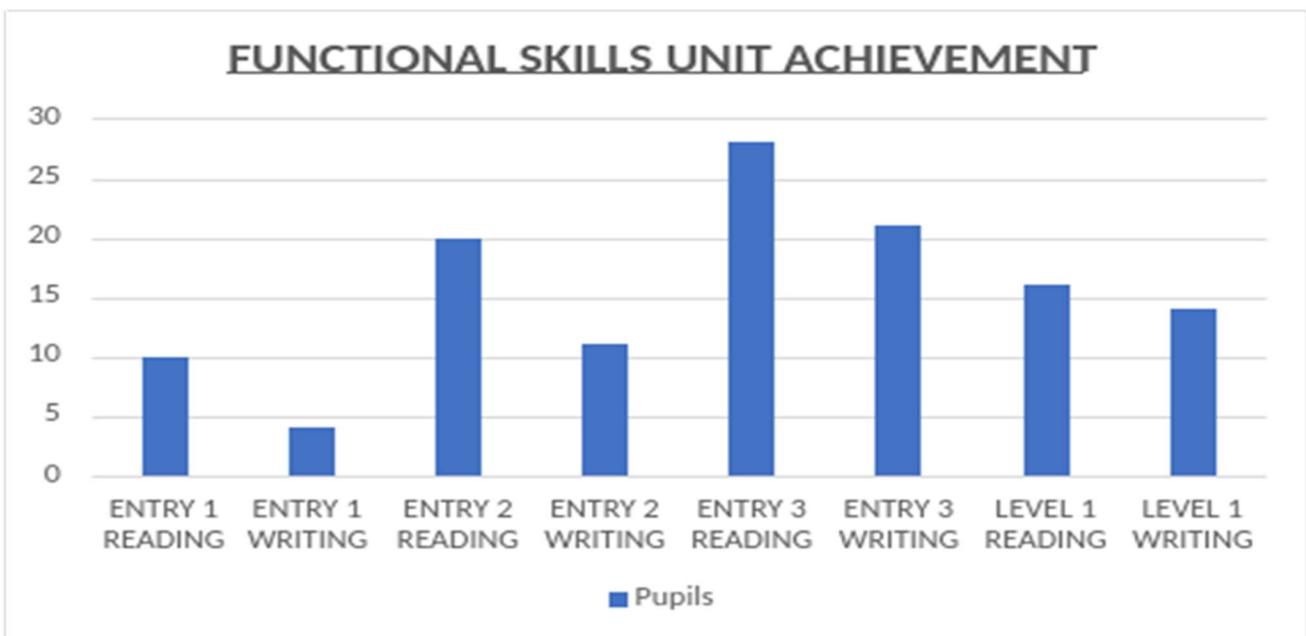
An Easter egg drop - we worked in pairs to come up with the best way to protect a chocolate egg that would be dropped from a height. Each solution was creative and different (a newspaper parachute, a bin bag cushion and a hot air balloon)

A scavenger hunt - the class split into red team and blue team and had to find the eggs hidden around the school, following clues to their locations.



English:

70% of pupils (above primary) have passed a Functional Skills qualification component so far this year, which is a wonderful achievement both for those pupils and as a whole school.





Subjects

Nurture:

Nurture 2 have reached their goal of 50 kindness bees this term and so are being rewarded with a trip to Legoland. We have been learning about money this term and the class used their skills to budget a trip to McDonalds, calculating all the costs. In horticulture, we visited Debdale park to carry out a scavenger hunt and the pupils decided to each make a wish at the wishing tree.

STEM:

In STEM this term, we have been focussing on the 'E / Engineering' part of STEM by trying some small-scale construction projects such as spaghetti bridges and catapults (for flinging Cream Eggs); for the catapult challenge, the furthest cream egg won the chance to eat the eggs, prompting a lot of determined engagement!



Construction:

This half term has been very productive with year 9 starting to learn basic tiling skills.

This involved setting out the battens straight and level, marking out where to start then applying the tile adhesive to the tiles and fixing them to the wall.

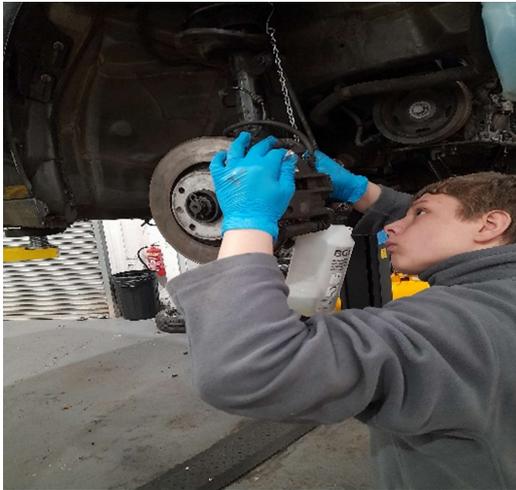
They also learnt how to cut tiles using a tile cutter and then finished off the wall by grouting the whole tiled area.

We had 7B making wooden shelves. This began with them following the plan and instructions but once they had made the initial square box shelf, they then chose custom additions, making each shelf personally designed and unique. Once made, they then painted the shelf in the colour they had chosen.



Motor vehicle:

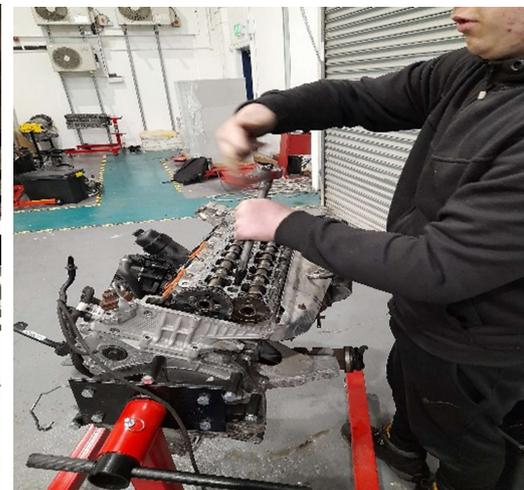
Our students have been hard at work progressing their knowledge of mechanics.



OS has completed his Brakes unit this term.



AA has been working hard on his steering unit this term: here he is carrying out a wheel alignment adjustment.

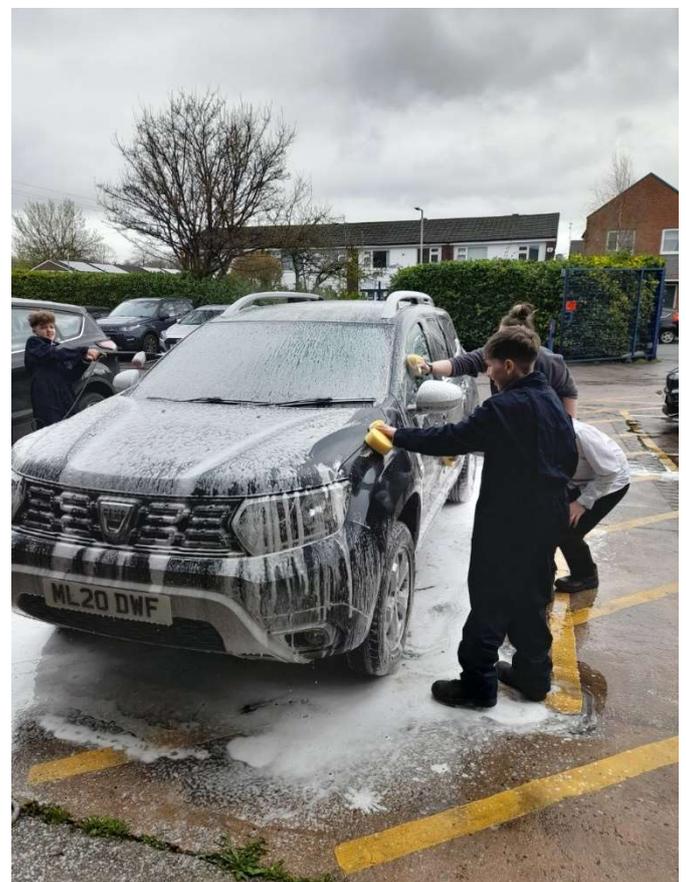


CTB has started work on his engine strip and rebuild.

Car washing:

Year 8 have been hard at work cleaning the exterior and interior of staff cars. Learning the best techniques to leave the cars looking brand new.

Thank you, Beth, for volunteering your car to be cleaned.





Other news

Every half term, a member of staff received the extra mile award. This half term, Chloe Unwin, our Senior Administrator, was the winner!

Chloe seems to be unstoppable. She is back and forth constantly and sometimes looks like she is going to catch herself coming back! She will always stop what she is doing to help a member of staff, often arriving at work early and staying late. She ensures payroll, orders and all manner of unseen tasks are managed and, in the event of any issue, will do what she can to get it sorted out quickly. If you ask for something that needs completing, you can guarantee it will be done - and sometimes you don't even need to ask! She proves that the office is the heart of the school. She is always smiling and happy to help: all staff, all pupils, all the time.

Easter egg competition:

For Easter, as part of Options we ran an Easter Competition. Students were asked to decorate an egg and Martyn (Head of School) was invited to judge it. All the entries were fantastic, but some deserved a little egg-straight recognition:

Eve: 1st Place

Ruby: 2nd Place

Olivia: 3rd Place



Farm trip:

Our year 7 students enjoyed a trip to Lancaster animal farm and park.





Other news

Hygiene kits:

As a SEN department, we have made hygiene kits for our students. These will be shared with students who may struggle to buy hygiene products due to the cost-of-living crisis. We have started with 10 (5 female and 5 male kits) and if these are used and appreciated, we will certainly make some more.

We have included in each:

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- shower gel
- shampoo
- wipes
- deodorant
- sanitary towels, female wipes and sanitary disposal bags for the girls



Options:

Our Gold achieving students enjoyed a Friday afternoon trip to 'Glitch'. The students enjoyed booths filled with modern console games, and even had the chance to experience some more 'retro' Arcade games.

All students had an amazing time and are all looking forward to another visit soon.





Nurture medal winner:

On Sunday 5th March, RHS student Sophie Rowney (from NG4 at The Hive), competed in the regional synchronised swimming competitions, winning an incredible 7 medals: 3 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze. She competed in 4 routines in both the junior and senior categories, swimming twice with her team and twice solo, wearing her amazing bespoke costumes designed and made by her sponsor Neil Ednie.

She is currently training as a member of the GB progression project which involves travelling to Bristol once a month to train with the GB coaches and team, in preparation for the upcoming trials for entering the GB team later this year. Her goal is to swim at the Olympics, representing Great Britain.

At the end of April, she will compete at The National Junior and Senior Championship competitions in Nottingham which are the major national event for synchronised swimming. We wish her the best of luck.



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