

2023-2024

Newsletter

Spring 1



**Reddish Hall
School**



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Spotlight on Careers

RHS Bridgewater:

This term, horticulture and careers teamed up and headed to RHS Bridgewater’s amazing gardens to learn about careers in Horticulture as part of national Green Careers Week. We had a tour of the gardens as well as meeting loads of staff from across the organisation who told us about what it’s like to work there, what skills they need and most importantly how much they get paid! After our lunch, we got involved in some practical activities in the garden, building on the skills that our students have developed in our own garden and growing area.



Kooth Workshops:

During our wellbeing sessions this half term, we had Mental Health organisation Kooth come into our school to deliver sessions for our students about managing their own mental health, as well as what it means to work in the health and wellbeing sector. Managing our own mental health and understanding the services available is a vital part of preparation for adulthood and our students got really stuck into the sessions.

A blue rectangular graphic containing the Kooth logo, which consists of the word "kooth" in a bold, lowercase font with two speech bubbles integrated into the letters 'o' and 'o'. Below the logo, the text reads: "Kooth is a free online service offering emotional and mental health support for children and young people" and the website "www.kooth.com".

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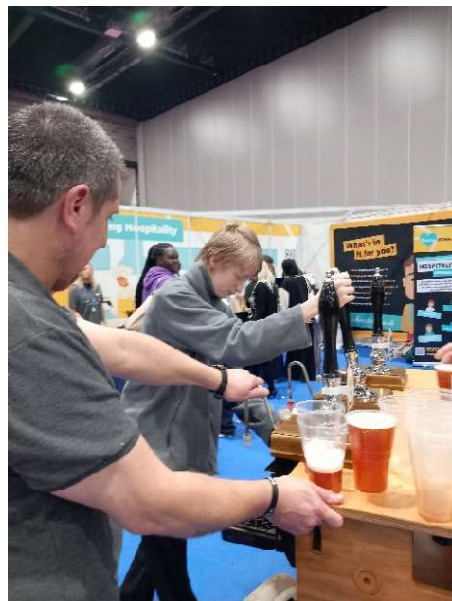
Travel Training:

12 of our staff members from across the school completed a 5-week travel training course delivered by Pure Innovations. Independent travel is so important for young people in accessing their communities and we're excited to bring a bigger focus on travel training in 2024. If you're interested in travel training, please contact Emily.Aris@reddishhallschool.co.uk



Apprenticeship Roadshow:

15 of our Year 11 students trekked all the way to Liverpool to learn more about the North West's labour market as well as all the amazing apprenticeship opportunities in our local area. They met with over 40 companies including: Rolls Royce, AstraZeneca, BBC and Mercedes-Benz. With hundreds of young people from across the North West in attendance, they spoke confidently to a range of employers, got involved in activities and did Reddish Hall proud!





Subjects

Keystone:

In RE this half term, we have looked at different winter festivals, including Hannukah, Bodhi day and Christmas. We created Bodhi tree biscuits and looked at meditation to find calm.



In Keystone 1, we have planned and written our own endings to Roald Dahl's "James and the Giant Peach". See below for Rocco's ending and a Christmassy picture.

When it looked like there was no hope suddenly the wind ^{blew} blew the big peach back to land. James ^{felt} felt more safer and safer and calm because the peach is all safe. James looked around and saw the sun for his first time ^{over} and he was hungry and on the peach with his caterpillar friend. The signpost turned but because they cut all the paths and now there is nothing left of the paths a path for the worms and now the signpost ^{a path} is so fat they can't go they have soft wheels on the peach getting a sun fan.



Motor Vehicle:

Students from Year 10/11 and vocational visited Cheshire police workshops to experience a fully operational workshop.

Vocational students started training to use our new welding equipment.

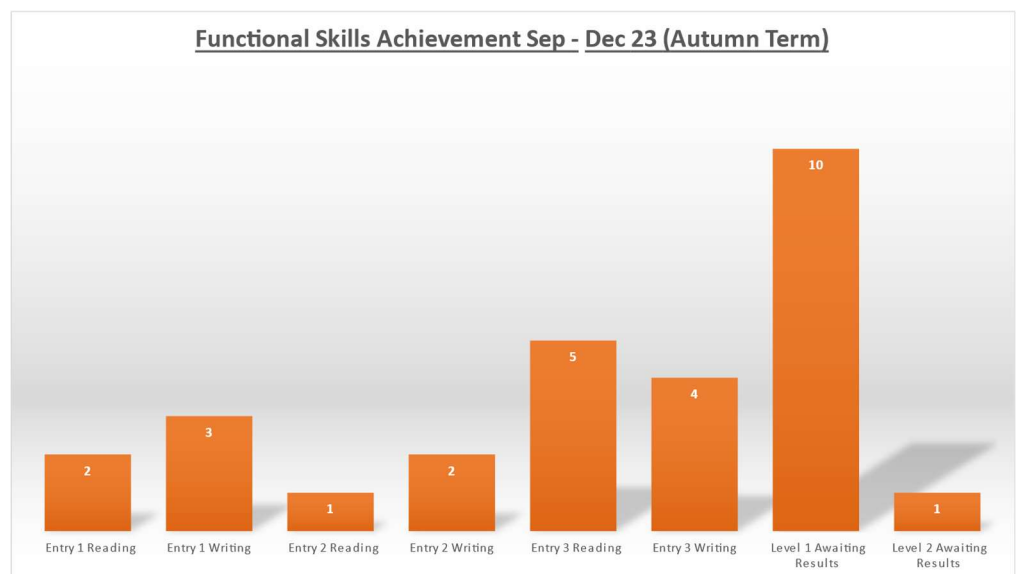
Year 9 and Keystone 2 students all started their engine strip down and rebuild tasks, each having their own engine to work on.



English:

Pupils have been excellent in pursuing their passion for reading. Since September, our students as a collective managed to read 109 books.

Our students have been amazing in achieving their Functional Skills Qualifications. See graph for their achievements.





Subjects

Construction

This term in Construction Year 11 have been learning how to wallpaper walls and ceilings.

The images below show Year 11 student JC learning how to wallpaper vertically, horizontally, and even on the ceiling.



Our Nurture groups have been learning how to tile.

Picture 1 shows Harvey B measuring up a tile to fit on his practice board.

Picture 2 is William S using the tile cutter to cut tiles to the required size that is needed.

Picture 3 Is Harvey double checking that his measurements are correct at the start of his tiling assessment.



Picture 4 & 5 Andre G levelling and setting out the battens at the start of his formal tiling assessment.

Picture 6 Applying paint to the surface to be tiled to reduce the porosity of the board.



Science

In Science last term our GCSE students have been busy studying Ecology, looking at ecosystems of different organisms, and the interdependence of each organism. Our KS3 students have been learning about chemical reactions, studying what occurs within a substance to create either a chemical or physical reaction.

Upcoming topics:

KS3 - Electricity and magnetism

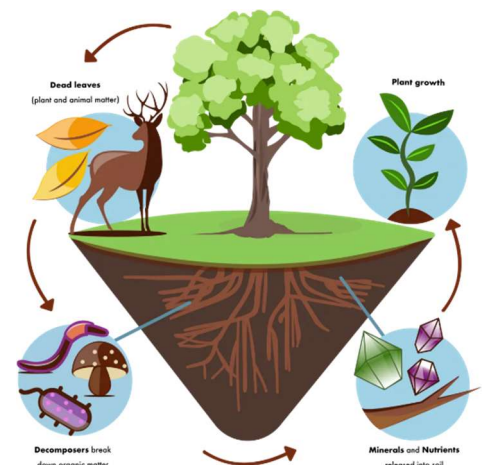
GCSE - Infection and response

Upcoming science club sessions:

Engineering - creating simple machines and pulley systems.

Geology - Splitting geode crystals and creating gemstones from rocks.

Botany - Growing Bonsai trees





Nurture

In Nurture 5 Wider World this term we designed and made a Christmas angel. We decided on a nature by nurture design. We sourced the willow from staff (thank you Kathryn, Sue and Nat for lopping it all down and filling your boot) and then foraged for ivy, fir and holly in Reddish Vale. We dried oranges and sprayed acorns gold. It was a challenge to construct the angel and keep the willow secure but with perseverance and skill we managed it. The class enjoyed the challenge of weaving and we had a trip to the garden centre for string and finishing touches such as tinsel and small lights. This was a fun and enjoyable project for the class who worked together and the end result was brilliant!



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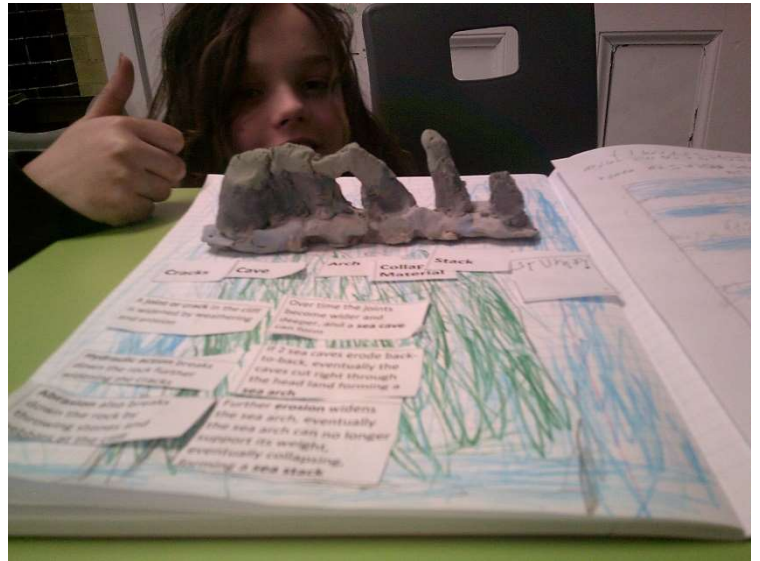
In Nurture 5 this term we made pizzas and discussed equivalent fractions. It was a good opportunity to use some life skills too. We walked to the supermarket and bought our pizzas then returned to school to use the whiteboards and cut and show how fractions can be the same (equivalent). The children then enjoyed eating them!





Humanities

In humanities with KS3 we have been looking at coastal erosion and the formation of sea stacks - thanks to Mel for art support as usual.



Prince's Trust:

Our Prince's Trust students have been making more impact in the community. This time, their focus has been on making Christmas decorations to raise money for Baubles4Beds. This charity supports four homeless charities around Manchester by selling baubles made by schools and local community groups. The baubles are currently on display and available to buy in Manchester Cathedral.

Food bank

Reddish Hall have been busy collecting donations during December for the local food banks. This is a photo of Armaan taken for his Prince's Trust evidence file. He sorted through the box of donations for the food bank collection. The box was overfilled, so what has been kindly donated so far was bagged up ready for delivery in the run-up to Christmas. This will have a significant impact for the food bank users and we are grateful for all the support this project has received.





Other news

PGCE Students

Over the past term, Reddish Hall has had the pleasure of accommodating two aspiring teachers during their PGCE placements. John and Evie have been incredible additions to the staff team and have seamlessly integrated themselves into our everyday operation. They have brought a positive energy to all their lessons and their mentors are sad to see them leave! It has been a pleasure to have John and Evie in our team and we wish them all the best in their future.



Evie - Local celebrity

Our very own trainee teacher Evie appeared on the chase on Friday 12th January. Evie performed amazingly, banking £5000 in the cash builder round. Evie was brave facing the chaser for the middle offer of £5000. Unfortunately, Evie lost in a one question shoot-out against Paul Sinha.





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