



NEWSLETTER

December 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

Christmas is now upon us and as we look forward to welcoming the New Year we also look back at the last term in 2022. As usual at Reddish Vale High School there has been a huge amount of activity with many highlights detailed within this newsletter.

This term, pupils have enjoyed museum and university trips, participated in The Youth Climate Group, enterprise challenges, careers and charity events and been awarded numerous rewards such as; Cake with the Head, Proud Thursday, celebration assemblies and an end of term excursion to the cinema. The performing arts team have been busy working alongside pupils in the Matilda JR production, which has been a great success.

We have been greatly impressed with the Year7 pupils who have settled in so well during their first term. They are very polite, full of character and are a credit to their parents. Year 11 pupils have engaged conscientiously in their recent mock examinations and have shown great work ethic and determination to progress. Pupils in all year groups are a credit to the school demonstrating excellent improvements in attendance, attainment and progress.

Quality first teaching remains a priority and significant work has been devoted to improving literacy and reading skills to support pupils in accessing the curriculum and deepening their knowledge and understanding. We continue to invest in interventions and initiatives to support personal development, academic growth and good mental wellbeing through; high quality teaching, personalised tutoring, Tutor Trust, Academic Mentors, and pastoral support.

Beyond the curriculum, our pupils have enjoyed opportunities to be involved in a variety of experiences and extracurricular activities. Participation rates are high and the number of pupils opting to enrol on The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme has increased significantly. We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 boy's football team who have progressed to the next stage of the National Cup. Sporting activities continue to be popular and spectator support at after school fixtures has been conducted in line with the



guidance laid out in our school code of conduct, therefore we acknowledge and appreciate this. Can I take the opportunity to remind parent's that pupils excluded or absent from school are not permitted to attend out of school hours activities on that day. In addition to this can we stress that pupils participating in practical activities must be suitably and safely dressed. The school does not allow pupils to participate in football during social times without wearing trainers, however appropriate school shoes must be worn in lessons and around the building.

Thank you to all parents that continue to support us with maintaining high standards and expectations. The vast majority of our pupils are immaculately dressed, arrive on time and behave appropriately. Can we remind parents and carers that pupils must be in full uniform coming to, during and returning from school. This includes appropriately wearing a blazer, shirt, tie, regular trousers/skirt and black shoes. Pupils are not permitted to wear trainers to school and the following items are banned; excessive makeup, mascara, false nails, false lashes, nail varnish, fake tan, jewellery, piercings, retainers, chewing gum and illegal items. In order to promote healthy eating energy drinks are banned and unhealthy snacks are restricted to one standard sized portion. Mobile phones are not permitted to be used anywhere on site and must be switched off before entering the school gates. These items, along with other banned items, will be confiscated if seen in school. Uniform checks, with an emphasis on keeping uniform standards high, will take place every morning on the gate. Bag searches occur on the gate each morning alongside random spot checks to ensure pupil safety, we trust you will support us with this preventative measure.

During the winter months we encourage pupils to wear a coat to school however they should not be worn inside the building. Should there be a need to shut the school due to poor weather conditions, parents will be notified and work will continue to be set remotely through Google Classroom.

We are aware that many of our families are struggling with the impact the current political, economic and financial situations are having on the cost of living. Community support has been welcomed from generous contributions provided from; The Hits Radio Mission Christmas appeal, Sedulo's Christmas Grotto and one of our governors, Kevin Shaw – A massive Thank You for supporting our school.



Our Parents Forum continues to be a supportive and collaborative network on which to consult on and influence decisions around; uniform, bullying, curriculum and interventions. Please be aware of the Governments Winter Support Scheme, details of which can be found on the website, should you require any advice, guidance or support.

Good attendance is vital to your child's success, punctuality is equally important, we are delighted to see improvements in attendance, however this is still below expectation. If pupils are not attending school, they are limiting their ability to achieve and this can also lead to educational penalty notices being issued for £120 from the Local Authority where attendance goes below 90%. It is vital that your child is on time to school, prepared for learning and that they start the day off well. Our minimum expected attendance target for each pupil is 96%.

Considerable improvements have been made to the school building over recent years, developments to the building, equipment and resources has enhanced the learning environment. Sadly a minority of pupils behave in a disrespectful manner; litter, misuse of toilets, damage to property and graffiti. These few incidents are swiftly dealt with and community tasks imposed. Please can you support us in speaking to your children about respecting the environment and encouraging their peers to do likewise to ensure a better learning environment for all.

We are very proud of our school and of our students and believe that high standards of uniform, behaviour, work ethic, being properly equipped and attending regularly give each and every one of our students the very best chance of learning well and achieving their very best. Thank you all very much in advance of your anticipated support and understanding.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 9th January 2023

Have a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

Linda Hanson
Headteacher



Careers Fair

Our year 11 pupils participated in the annual Further Education fair where they developed their knowledge and understanding of the vast array of opportunities open to them, including local colleges, Apprenticeship providers, the Army and Royal Air Force.

Pupil Success

Well done to Henry and George C who both achieved purple belts in Karate in September.

We always welcome parents and carers to share achievements that pupils gain outside of school, whether it be for sporting competitions or additional skills they have developed outside of school.



Black History Month

We are delighted to have seen such wonderful pupil and staff engagement in our Black History Month activities. A number of pupils and staff were involved in creating eye-catching and informative displays about the Windrush and Civil Rights Movement and afro hair, a film showing, treasure hunt, poetry competition and Black History Month pledges.

Duke of Edinburgh

Year 11 students who successfully passed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award visited a local primary school to speak to their students about their experiences and the skills they gained from the award. The feedback from the school was fantastic with our students being a real credit to the school.





Green Climate Summit

Pupils from Years 8, 9 and 10 were invited to attend the Green Climate Summit at the Lowry Theatre on 17th October, where they had the opportunity to hear from influential speakers and participate in a number of engaging workshops.

The pupils were also lucky enough to discuss their thoughts on climate change with the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham.



CHOOSE A CAREER CHOOSE GERMANY

Information days for career and study opportunities
with German in the UK and Germany

You can expect:
Workshops about career and study opportunities
Fair stands from German companies
A raffle with fun prizes
And much more!



5TH OCTOBER
CARDIFF
UNIVERSITY

7TH OCTOBER
GOETHE-INSTITUT
GLASGOW

3RD NOVEMBER
UNIVERSITY OF
MANCHESTER

German Career Roadshow

On Wednesday 2nd November, 35 Year 9 pupils attended the German Career Roadshow at The University of Manchester.

There were presentations, a careers fair and opportunities for pupils to meet representatives from German industry.

Pupils came away having gained a good understanding of the relevance of German in a career and how it can improve job opportunities.

Imperial War Museum

We took 70 pupils from Years 8 and 9 to the Imperial War Museum at Salford Quays on Friday 11th November.

Pupils asked questions and listened to Jack, a 101 year old veteran; saw the poppy display; examined resources and artefacts and walked around the exterior of the museum.





Anti-Bullying Week

14th-18th November was Anti-Bullying, Diversity & Interfaith week and we celebrated this in school by hosting a variety of activities for pupils and staff to get involved in.

We hosted odd socks day, encouraged pupils to make an anti-bullying pledge and held assemblies with a focus on anti-bullying to raise awareness.

Children in Need

On Friday 18th November our senior prefects raised money for Children in Need by hosting a cake sale at lunch time. The pupils raised over £200 and the bake sale was a huge success.

Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods or made a purchase and well done to our wonderful prefects for hosting an amazing charitable event.



Awards Evening

On 24th November, we welcomed our Class of 2022 back into school for Awards Evening, where they were presented with their GCSE Certificates and a variety of Special Awards, such as subject awards, RADi awards, progress and achievement.

It was a lovely event and a great opportunity to see the pupils again.





Basketball Success

Congratulations to our Under 16 Basketball team who won the Stockport Schools Basketball Tournament this term.

The pupils were a true credit to themselves and their attitude was brilliant in every game. Well done and keep up the amazing work.



Dragons Den Business Challenge

Six of our Year 10 pupils participated in the Manchester Airport Dragon's Den Business Challenge, where they had to build their own business plan, launch a product and sell it to raise funds for charity. They chose to raise funds for Francis House.

We are incredibly proud of the pupils involved, who gave up their free time to sell the product and were raised an outstanding £1610. Well done!

Matilda Jr

This term, many of our talented pupils participated in our annual show, Matilda Jr.

It was a wonderful production and we received some lovely feedback from primary school pupils and staff, who we invited into school to watch the production.

"It was absolutely amazing, well done to all involved!"

ROALD DAHL
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.





Year 10 prefect Training

This term, our Year 10 prefect team were selected and received training from our Year 11 senior prefects on being a good role model, the do's and don'ts of being a prefect and looked at prefect initiatives such as homework club and the stationary shop.

It was lovely to see so many of our dedicated pupils apply for the role and we look forward to seeing what new initiatives they implement in school.



Proud Thursday

This term, we have rolled out a new and exciting initiative, Proud Thursday. This is where we celebrate pupils' work, particularly those that are consistently praised for their presentation and quality of work due to their continued effort.

Mrs Knowles has been very impressed with all of the nominations so far and is looking forward to seeing all the pupils' continued success into the new year. Well done!

Christmas Fair

On Monday 19th December we hosted our Christmas fair, organised by our Year 11 student leadership team.

There was a variety of stalls, including a hot chocolate stall, cupcake sale and tombola.



Rewards Cinema Trip

On Tuesday 20th December, 187 of our pupils with zero behaviour points and 100% attendance went to the cinema as a reward for being excellent ambassadors of the school.





Christmas Hampers and Gift Donations

We would like to say a huge thank you to the local businesses and professionals who kindly donated food items, vouchers and gifts for a large number of our pupils.

We would like to say a special thank you to:

- Kevin Shaw, Homeclean
- Paul Cheetham Karcz, Sedulo
- Hits Radio Mission Christmas
- Manchester City Football Club
- Stockport County Football Club
- Hits Radio Mission Christmas



Reward Assemblies

As always at the end of every term, the rewards assemblies for all year groups have taken place. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the pupils' hard work and success with a range of awards. These include subject awards, tutor and Head of Year awards, attendance awards and pupils that have gained their Bronze, Silver or Gold badge membership will receive their respective badges.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the pupils who achieved an award and thank them for being such excellent ambassadors of our school.



Online payment system - Parentpay

Reddish Vale is a cashless school and we use the secure website Parentpay, to make online payments for all pupil items including school meals, trips and revision books.

If you are experiencing difficulties accessing Parentpay please contact the Finance Office by emailing finance@reddish.stockport.sch.uk and we will be happy to assist.

www.parentpay.com





School Calendar Dates

- Christmas Holidays School Closure 1.00pm on Wednesday 21st December 2022. Break will be extended with additional food offered for Lunch. School buses will be available to take students home
- School Reopens on Monday 9th January 2023
- Year 11 Parents' Evening 26th January 2023 4:00-7:00pm
- Year 7 Parents' Evening 16th February 2023 4:00-7:00pm
- Pupils finish for half term Friday 17th February 2023- 2:50pm
- School opens Monday 27th February 2023

