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A big welcome to our Summer 1 (April / May) edition of the newsletter.

We hope you are all benefiting from the improving weather. Spring is in full force and summer is just around the corner!.

This coincides nicely with the onset of GCSE exams that started in May and run throughout, and finishing at, the end of June.

All our pupils have been working tirelessly towards finalising qualifications before the end of the academic year; some working on GCSEs, some working on Functional Skills and some working on both simultaneously.

Let's wish them good luck and do what we can to help them through this challenging time.

In the meantime, read on to find out about our half-termly triumphs, from recent to future events and coverage of the day-to-day goings on around school.



Just a reminder of our Celebration of Achievement evening taking place at 7pm, on Friday 21st June 2024, at Reddish Working Men's Club.

This is a wonderful opportunity to combine our leavers assembly with the achievements of all our pupils all at once.

We will celebrate with presentations, music, food, drink and an atmosphere of recognition and acknowledgement of the hard work and achievements of our pupils this year. We look forward to seeing you all there!.

The Parents and Carers Social Day at the Midway

This year's event was another great success, with our parents and carers benefiting from the relaxed atmosphere in an equally relaxed setting.

Turnout was fantastic, as was the additional support offered from the Great Minds Together (family support services) that were on hand. Parents and carers were given the opportunity to speak directly, many registering there and then, allowing them to access a wealth of resources.

Parents and carers were also reminded that Broadstones is now fully signed up to the Local Sexual Health facilities - on offer in Stockport and in school.

Following the Frazer guidelines, we are now registered to offer safeguarding practices, safe sex promotion, signposting to sexual health services, and supply contraception. All patient information is confidential.

Happy 10th Anniversary Re:dish!

Re:dish in Reddish, the well-known and frequented high street charity shop, celebrates its 10th anniversary of helping the Reddish community this year.

To celebrate this ten year milestone, Re:dish held a week of celebratory activities such as: super-sales, competitions with great prizes as well as a special party-feel event held at St. Mary's Church hall in Reddish.

Claudia, manager of The Salon Academy, attended the event, representing Broadstones School.

Back to the charity shop. We currently have one pupil at the moment - Destini who is thoroughly enjoying her work experience placement. Destini is having a great time, settling in, understanding how the charity operates and helping some of the locals bag a bargain!

You can continue to support the charity by donating your pre-loved clothing, toys, household, and small electrical items.

Alternatively, you can donate to the foodbank by dropping donations off at the Bairstow Centre or alternatively, leave donations in their collection bin situated in Morrisons (Reddish).



Claudia and other party animals at St Mary's Church

Inset Training

During our recent INSET day, staff were trained in seizure management.

An expert clinician in the field trained staff how to recognise and deal with different types of seizures.

However, pre-seizure training involved staff subjected to a tough and vigorous exercise regime designed to strengthen mind and body.

Broadstones promotes physical and mental wellbeing for all staff and pupils - with INSET often comprising an element of this.



A group of staff preparing for their seizure training

Year 11 PSHE visit to Reddish Vale Farm

Some Year 11s visited the farm - our first school farm visit of the year.

With the reopening of the farm for the summer season, it was great to be able to take pupils to see the animals and generally enjoy the facilities.

The farm seems to make improvements every year; this year's improvements seems to be the enormous trampoline that could easily fit 30 people on at once!

It was lovely to see pupils (and staff) cuddling the animals, learning about their care and generally enjoying some of the facilities on offer.

Technically, more of a smallholding, there's plenty on offer. If you're planning on visiting, be sure to allow two to three hours as there's so much to do.

From a variety of seasonal and special events, such as birthday celebrations: there's the outdoor and indoor play areas; quad bikes, sand diggers; the riding school. Plus the wonderful animals: pigs, goats, cows, horses, donkeys, rabbits, guinea pigs, ducks, chickens, meerkats, goats and even alpacas!

Construction

Year 11 PSHE visit to Manchester's Museum of Science and Industry

Travelling by bus and tram to and from the venue, practising using public transport was part of the fun.

At the museum, pupils got to see some of the old industrial favourites such as manufacturing machinery from the past. They also got to sample the relatively new and more kinesthetically designed experiences that help to garner an appreciation and understanding of the basics of natural history, palaeontology and geology.

In addition to the scheduled presentations from experts, the museum also hosts regular additional and seasonal events.

Check-out the website and visit the museum - there's plenty to entertain you for at least two hours and it's open every day of the week!



Nicola and Henry at the museum using devices designed to show how carefully manipulated light and reflection can cause false images

In their construction lesson, some pupils, especially Rocky and Richard have been very busy constructing a new brick barbeque from scratch.

It's been hard work and Rocky has commented on more than one occasion how toiling the task is proving, eventually conceding that perfection takes sustained time and effort.

Well done to Alex, Construction Manager for his two-pronged plan in preparing our pupils for the world of work whilst simultaneously constructing the means of our end of year school barbeque.



Calvin helping with the construction work

English with Davina

New in English this half term is the launching of the lunchtime debates topics.

Each week, a new topic is proposed and staff and pupils debate the pros and cons and rights and wrongs during their lunchtimes.

Topics range from current affairs to quite complex moral dilemmas.

This initiative is linked to the termly £10 Amazon voucher competition, with staff nominating particularly effective and or enthusiastic orators for the chance to win.

This key speaking, listening and communicating skill is also embedded into each pupil's ILP (independent learning plan) and appears as their half termly designated literacy target.

Debating and confident speaking are skills for life so we want to encourage pupils to engage as much as possible in discussions, debates, dilemmas and to respect but politely question alternative points of view, thus growing in confidence in the art of oration.

Science with Claire

"This half term some pupils have been observing the effect of alcohol on the liver. They have found that it changes colour from red to brown, becomes more rubbery in texture and feels much harder. These are just the observable effects and we realised that this will have consequences on how the liver can work."



Destini looked at the effects on liver that was subject to 3 days worth of alcohol

Meanwhile.....



Henry is feeding a venus flytrap



Elisa is a dabhand wiring a plug

The Salon Academy

The Salon Academy would like to say a final farewell to Marie Vickers on her retirement.

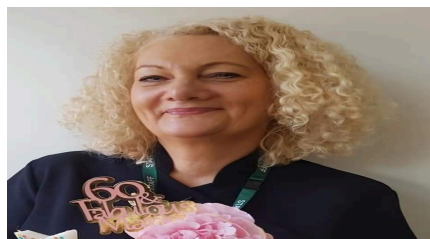
Claudia, the Salon Manager, said: "We wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for all the hard work and dedication she's shown over the years.

Her contributions have been invaluable, and her presence will be greatly missed by us all.

Wishing Marie all the best in this new chapter of her life.

May it be filled with joy, relaxation and wonderful adventures."

Claudia speaks for the whole staff and pupils of Broadstones.



Lovely Marie who will be missed

Goodbye Arthur

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From his tales of Japan to his endless passion and creativity, he's proven to be a valued member of staff.

Arthur intends to continue on his worldly travels, and so we wish him every success and hope that he stays in touch.



And finally...

What's on the Horizon?

We continue to improve our PSHE provision having trial-run the new format this year. Pupils have enjoyed many new activities and the school has enjoyed record-breaking numbers of school trips.

May Day Quiz

1. *What's the birthstone of May - it represents love and success?*
2. *Which tennis Open Championship normally begins in the last week of May?*
3. *What are the two zodiac signs for the month of May?*
4. *May in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to which month in the Southern Hemisphere?*
5. *Which sweetly scented, highly poisonous woodland flowering plant is the birth flower of May?*
6. *Historically, what sort of dancing has been linked to May Day celebrations?*
7. *Who did Queen guitarist Brian May marry in November 2000?*
8. *'The Third of May 1808', is a painting completed in 1814 by which Spanish painter?*
9. *What is the more common name for the Mayflower shrub?*
10. *How many days are in 3 years worth of months of May?*

Answers:

- 1) Emerald, 2) French open, 3) Taurus and Gemini, 4) November, 5) Lily of the Valley, 6) Morris Dancing, 7) Rita Dobson, 8) Francisco Goya, 9) Hawthorn, 10) 9

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