

THE REDRUTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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BEST STATE SECONDARY SCHOOL IN CORNWALL 2017

Redruth School is celebrating being recognised as the best state secondary school in Cornwall according to the Real Schools Guide.

Their rating system uses 50 different measures put together from the latest public available data and broken into 4 categories: attainment, progress, attendance and outcomes. The Real School Guide states, "Our system aims to move beyond limited measurements and give parents a better idea of which schools will help their child prosper no matter what their background may be." The guide factors in other things as well like whether all students are making progress, what attendance is like, the ratio of teachers to students and whether students go into further education or jobs

Redruth is currently the highest performing state secondary school in Cornwall, being ranked 416th out of the country's 3088 secondary schools.

Headteacher Craig Martin said, "I am of course delighted that the school is recognised as a great place for young people. But this recognition is down to everyone in our community including staff, governors, parent/carers and students themselves. The school has developed into a vibrant and enjoyable place to learn with committed staff and high expectations for every single individual student. We have a lot of fun but we also work very hard. The relationships and climate in Redruth are exceptional. "



Articulatory Project

A group of Year 9 students recently completed an Articulatory programme. The aim was for students to improve their ability to present effectively to groups of other students. The programme was a huge success with the students all passing with merits and above.



Festival Activities

Over the weekend of 9th and 10th September, Redruth School students ran Fun Palace events in a joint venture between the science and art faculties. These are designed to be community events that promote creativity. On Saturday during the Pasty Festival the students took over the Mining Exchange building and encouraged all ages to make coloured soaps and lavender scented candles. While the soap and candles were setting there was an opportunity to decorate a bag to carry home their goodies. Sunday saw a hardy bunch repeat the process at the Victoria Park Fun Day.



Surf Life Saving

Piran Phillips has been selected for the GB Surf Life Saving Youth Team which will be competing in the International Rescue Challenge at Mount Maunganui in New Zealand.

Piran will be competing against u18's from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and France with some of the best lifesavers in the world for this age group. This is a fantastic opportunity and experience for Piran to race against the best in an international competition.



Super Fun Science Saturday

Last Saturday saw the biggest ever turnout to a Science Super Fun morning with over one hundred year 6 pupils attending. The morning was focused around the secret life of plants and encouraged pupils to gain a better understanding of the world around them, the morning was divided into three workshops. Firstly, observing stained cells through a microscope, pupils were able to see such details as the cell membrane and nucleus. The next workshop looked at the process of photosynthesis; leaves were boiled, decolourised and then iodine was added to show they contained starch, this helped pupils understand about how and where plants make their own food. In the final workshop pupils extracted DNA from kiwi fruit - this involved much squishing and squashing of Kiwi pieces, mixing with salt and washing-up liquid before carefully adding ice cold ethanol. This allowed the DNA to be extracted as fine cotton wool like strands. The morning was rounded off with a spectacular chemistry demonstration by Mr Clifford - with a range of bangs and explosions!



Young Writers

Redruth School students have been selected to have their work published in an anthology. One hundred and thirty nine students have had their work passed for publication. The Young Writers Editor, wrote, "I would like to congratulate Redruth School. I am sure your students will continue to keep up the great writing." Students were thrilled to have their work chosen and are looking forward to seeing their stories in print.





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Expel the Best



Super Fun Saturdays

Year 6

16th September - Science

23rd September- Sport

30th September - Maths/English

7th October - Creative Arts

9am—Midday

To book, please call 01209 203700