

Where every person matters

Welcome.....

During the recent half term break some minor works programmes commenced. Alterations to the roofing in the main entrance area outside reception has been completed to let more natural daylight into the area. Additional lighting will be installed in the near future and a wrought iron `Redwood School` sign will be in place after Easter. Work has started on the construction of an Enterprise Zone which in the fullness of time will be used by members of the local schools and community groups. The base will be used as a centre of excellence for all pupils at Redwood involved in mini enterprise activities.



Discussions are at an advance stage with Operon and the Local Authority to provide a hoist in the main pool at Oulder Hill Leisure Centre for our wheelchair users. Paul (Yr7), Danielle (Yr 10) and Daniel (Yr 12), wrote a letter on behalf of wheelchair users to Operon who have responded positively !

Congratulations

To Jamie Stafford, Darren Whitworth, Amy Morris and Louis Pounder (Yr 11 pupils) who have successfully completed the Wheelchair Facilitors programme to assist pupils throughout school. This is an excellent example of serving the school community.



Well done



To Jobie and Kerys from key stage 3 who represented the school during half term working with RAD-PAC to research the playground areas within Rochdale. We will use their information to help our plan to update our playgrounds.

Achiever of the year.....

Jamie Kelly, a former pupil who attended Alderman Kay School was recently presented with the Disabled Sports Achiever of the Year Award at the Rochdale Borough Community Sports Awards. Jamie has successfully passed trials in the North West Special Olympics Squad in swimming. He also recently achieved 3 gold medals representing Great Britain in the Sardinian Special Olympics. Our After School Club was one of the nominations for Club of the Year Award. Although we did not win the award it is an example of the developments that have taken place since we opened !



Website.....

The new website is now up and running—more additions will be made over the next few weeks, if there is anything you would like to see please contact us.



Red Nose Day.....

We shall be organizing a variety of activities with the pupils to raise funds for this appeal. Final details will be sent out after half term when details are confirmed.



Parentmail.....

We are currently investigating a ParentMail system which is a complete school to home communications service. This service will provide, where appropriate, a web - based email and text messaging system to give school and home a totally managed communication service. We will send out more details in the next few weeks.



Mr Jargon Buster.....

Every Child Matters - There are 5 outcomes through which we plan all the school developments. These relate to how pupils :

- Enjoy and Achieve in school
- How pupils Feel Safe in school
- How pupils make a Positive Contribution to the school community
- How we promote Healthy Lifestyle with pupils
- How pupils are prepared for their Future Well Being

During the next editions of the newsletter, more details will be provided on each of these outcomes and how we address them in school



After School Clubs

Just a brief reminder to parents that After School clubs run every week except after long holidays. All clubs are cancelled in the first week back after a holiday except those run exclusively for 6th Form students and the Rochdale FC Ability Counts Squad.

6th form Residential.....

A great time was had by all on the activity residential to Castleton in Derbyshire and on the overnight stay at YMCA in Manchester taking in a visit to the Science and Industry Museum, the Hilton Hotel and shopping in Manchester. Further trips in 6th form are planned for the summer.



Pancake Race.....

Key Stage 3 have been raising funds for the department—raising over £120.00 by holding pancake races.

Well done to Teaching assistants Kathy and Julie for all their hard work. Many thanks to all those who supported the event. Check the website for photos of the event!

