



RGS Newsletter

Friday 6th May 2022 – Issue 28

This week once again we held our Headteacher's Friday Breakfast. The Headteacher's award winners were invited along to share their experiences and the reasons for their nomination for this prestigious award. They were chosen by the staff at RGS over all other students in their year group for achievements in many subjects, musical performances at our celebration assemblies, project work, sporting achievements, academic achievements, rapid improvements, maturity, trustworthiness, helping others and positivity. You are all role models and we are so lucky to have you all as a part of our RGS community. A huge well done to you all.



- Year 7 – Jacob Giles
- Year 8 – Maeve Morrey and Ciaran Kerr
- Year 9 – Jayden Thompson
- Year 10 – Amy Gelling
- Year 11 – Finlay McNally
- Year 12 – Imogene Kewley
- Year 13 – Rachael Bryden



Achievement Points this week

1097 Achievement Points were awarded across the school this week!

Quote of the week:

“Compassion and Tolerance are not a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength.”

Dalai Lama

School Farm Day Overview

Saturday 30th April saw RGS host the first School farm open day, as part of the School Farms Network National School farm day. The family-friendly event was well attended by people all over the island, with competitions and treasure hunts with prizes donated by local businesses. Our Sheep, pigs and chickens were all out to say hello and were on best behaviour until 3:30 when the piglets remembered it was dinner time and started shouting!



RGS were showcasing our farm, as well as what we learn about in Key stage 3, 4 & 5.

There was lots of social media activity using #schoolfarmsday celebrating the important role of school farms, outdoor education and how practical real-life learning is so important for everyone.

Isle of Man Meats, Isle of Man Creamery, Manx Wildlife Trust, UNESCO, Manx National Farmers Union Ramsey and District Beekeepers all attended with stalls to talk about the links between Manx Agriculture, the environment, the importance of buying local and sustainability. We also had Bouncy Castles from "Bounce above the rest" and food by Fire and Ice.

Miss Arthur would like to thank all the staff and students who gave up a Saturday to make the day such a success – Thank you all so much!

Date for the Diary : 29th April 2023 - Schools Farm day 2023

We would also like to thank : Ramsey Craft Centre, Feltons, Kermellys, Bridge Bookshop, The Hutch, Ramsey Garden Centre, Pepsi Max Bowling, Copycat and W.E.Teares for the generous donations of various prizes - Thankyou !

Department Update – MFL

GCSE speaking exams

Our GCSE French and Spanish students all did themselves very proud during their recent speaking exams. It was their first official exam and they all worked very well to overcome their nerves. The preparation with their teachers really paid off, well done year 11!



Language Leaders at RGS

Our Language Leaders have been selected and they are now busy preparing for their first official teaching lesson which will take place in Sulby school on the 18th of May. This will be closely followed by a visit to Bunscoil Rhumsaa on the 27th with many more visits to other schools in the pipeline. Our Leaders are meeting at lunchtimes to write their lesson plans and produce their teaching resources. They are a credit to themselves and their infectious enthusiasm is bound to inspire a love of languages amongst the younger students in our primary schools.



Department Update – RMPS

In RMPS we are always keeping our fingers on the pulse to make sure students have the opportunity to examine and discuss current and relevant topics in lessons. Over the past few weeks students in Y9-12 have asked questions about and taken part in discussions about recent news stories regarding the proposed introduction of assisted dying on our very island and the abortion debate in reference to the current situation in America with the US Supreme Court ruling. Some of our Y9 students have been debating whether whole life sentences or the death penalty is a more severe punishment for criminals. And of course we have discussed the ongoing war in Ukraine, with reference to refugees, the just war theory and pacifism. These topics and the religious and secular views people have on them have links to our GCSE and A Level course but we primarily cover things like this because we feel it is essential for young people to have an objective environment in which to explore things going on right now that might affect their lives and shape the world they will inherit as they enter into adulthood.



Department Update – Global Perspectives

Year 10 Global Perspectives

Mrs Davies & Miss Brown's Global Perspective classes are busy working hard on their Team Projects. The students have devised their own aim & outcome. Examples include 'Raising awareness of Ukrainian Refugees' and 'Racism & Discrimination'. They are being creative with their display boards, Instagram pages, documentaries and play motion clips. They have also been researching different cultural perspectives on their topic areas and have devised questionnaires and sent them to Manx residents and a Malaysian school. We are holding a 'Global Perspectives Showcase' on Wednesday 18th June where they students will present their findings on their aim.

Key Dates

- 10th May– Year 8 You Matter Day
- 12th May – Year 11 Leavers Day
- 13th May – Year 13 Leavers Day