



Newsletter no 6 / Winter Term / 7th October 2016



October	TIME	EVENT
Wed 12th	9.00-12.45 19.00	R10-R12 Careers' Advice Meeting R14 King Lear, QFT Belfast
Fri 14th	11.30	R5-R6 visit from Fire & Rescue Service PTA 'Pub' Quiz
Sun 16 th		RS Trip Returns

Headmaster's Headlines

Many Thanks: for all your kind donations supporting our recent NI Hospice Day and MacMillan Coffee Morning. Your efforts helped to raise £1,000 and £277.00 respectively for these two worthy causes.

News of Former Pupils: I am using my bit in the newsletter this week to appeal for help find photographs for a booklet we are currently working to remember those Rockportians who fell in both World Wars. Local military historian Barry Niblock is providing valuable leadership in this project and we would ideally like to have it published in time for our remembrance service on 11/11. So far we have pictures of 16 out of the 21 boys who will feature in the publication but don't have photographs of the 5 mentioned below. If you know of any source for photos of the under mentioned ORs please do get in touch with me.

Campbell, Ian Alexander Calthrop (Ian)

Flying Officer (Pilot)

No. 127887, 111 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Died attempting to escape, Thursday 9 December 1943 (aged 21)

Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy (Grave XI C 7)

Carr, John

Lieutenant (A)

HMS Goshawk, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve

Died as a result of enemy action on Friday 17 January 1941 (aged 33)

Lee-on-Solent Memorial, Hampshire, England (Bay 2 Panel 6)

Henderson, Hubert

Captain

No. 137933, 2nd Battalion, the London Irish Rifles, Royal Ulster Rifles

Killed in action on Thursday 21 January 1943 (aged 34)

Medjez-el-Bab Memorial, Tunisia (Face 30)

Rothwell, Brian Thomas Stewart

Lieutenant

No. 190207, 2nd Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

Killed in action on Monday 19 July 1943 (aged 21)

Cantania War Cemetery, Sicily (Grave II G 17)

Steele-Nicholson, John Edwin Charles Averell (John)

Sergeant (Air Gunner)

No. 1591275, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Killed in an aircraft accident on Monday 14 September 1942 (aged 20)

Kirkiner Cemetery, Wigtownshire, Scotland (Grave 604)

A Rockport Round Square Welcome: It was really encouraging to see just how quickly and easily young people from three continents can interact at a dinner in Belfast last night (Thursday), as I got the chance to formally welcome our Round Square visitors from Ivanhoe Grammar School in Melbourne, Methodist Ladies' College in Sydney and Vivek High School in Chandigarh, Punjab. They will be our guests at Rockport throughout the weekend as they are here on a pre-conference visit before we all head off to Germany for RSIC16 next week. As I write, Mrs Toland and Miss McConaghy are guiding them somewhere along the Causeway Coast before heading back to the Cathedral Quarter for more hospitality this evening. Tomorrow they will tour Belfast and the Titanic Experience and then sample some of Mr Green's finest cuisine at a special dinner at Rockport tomorrow night. On Sunday we will do Dublin, staying overnight for a very early flight to Hamburg; then north by coach to Louisenlund where the real work begins. Easy!

George Vance

Headmaster

GENERAL

Sixth Form 'Theatre' Trip

The RSC is broadcasting a live performance of *King Lear* from Stratford-Upon-Avon on Wednesday 12th October. Mr Lutton and Mrs Hobson will be taking some Sixth Form students to watch the performance at the Queen's Film Theatre, Belfast.

"Have more than thou showest,
Speak less than thou knowest"

The Fool, *King Lear*



RDS

Rehearsal schedule:

Saturday 11.00am-1.00pm – principal cast rehearsal

Monday 4.15pm-5.30pm – whole cast music rehearsal in Tucker Hall with Miss Carr

Wednesday 4.15pm-7.00pm – principal cast rehearsal

Paul Lutton
Head of Arts Faculty

Cookery Club

There will be no Cookery Club on Monday 10th October as I am at a course that evening.

Helen McConaghy
R8M Form Teacher

Playing with Poetry

Listening, reading, sharing, rhyming, laughing, interpreting, writing, illustrating, memorising – some of the many ways that R6 celebrated National Poetry Day on Thursday.

Suzanne McCartney
R6 Form Teacher

R8 Share Centre Trip



R8 pupils (and form teachers!) returned from the Fermanagh lakes tired but happy last Friday after spending 3 days well and truly living up to the 'Adventure' ideal! Our group got the chance to take part in all manner of activities, including gorge-walking, mountain biking, canoeing, and of course, banana-boating. The children threw themselves into each task with their usual gusto and many challenges (and fears!) were faced and overcome.

Our trainers commented on the final day on the toughness and strength of character shown by each pupil – they have obviously been well prepared at Rockport! Well done to all.



R13 Print Workshop

R13 Art & Design pupils this week travelled to Seacourt Print Workshop in Bangor to take part in a session exploring screen-printing. This print-making technique was employed extensively by 'Pop'artist Andy Warhol in the 1960's to create some of his most iconic imagery, including his famous series depicting Marilyn Monroe.



The pupils certainly enjoyed exploring the process and produced some superb self-portraits – see more of the work in this week's Gallery!



David Hamilton
Teacher of Art & Design

EARLY YEARS

Go Media Academy (R2-R7) - Seesaw

If your child attends Go Media on a Thursday afternoon there is an opportunity for parents to download 'Seesaw' – an app which will enable you to see what their child is learning/creating in club each week. Details will be sent home today. There is an individual QR code to scan for each pupil.

Lynn Athanasiou
Head of Early Years

SPORTS

Golf Academy Update

The Golf Academy is now well underway and letters to those who have been selected for the Development Squads will be issued next week.

Our Elite team will be preparing for the Ulster Schools Championships later in the month by playing a practice round at Kirkistown on Thurs 13th October with friendly fixtures starting after half term.



Careers workshop



R10-12 careers workshop will take place on Wednesday 12th October in the Centenary Building from 9.30 – 12.30.

This will hopefully give our pupils solid advice on prospective careers and required qualifications as well as some food for thought!

Gail Holland
Head of PE & Personal Development Faculty

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Daily Quiz by Clara Bertman & Suko

11. San Quentin and others are the best which prison is known for?

12. The Whodunnit novel was written by which author?

13. Which poet wrote the poem 'The Waste Land'?

14. Which US air attack on which city?

15. Which large dog breed is the mascot for the NFL team the Dallas Cowboys?

16. In 1965, who released the album 'New Morning'?

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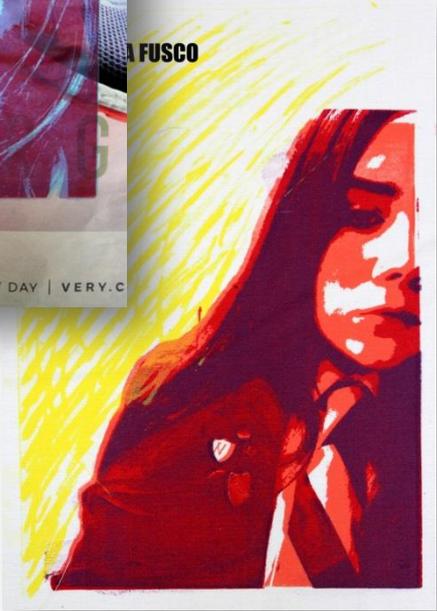
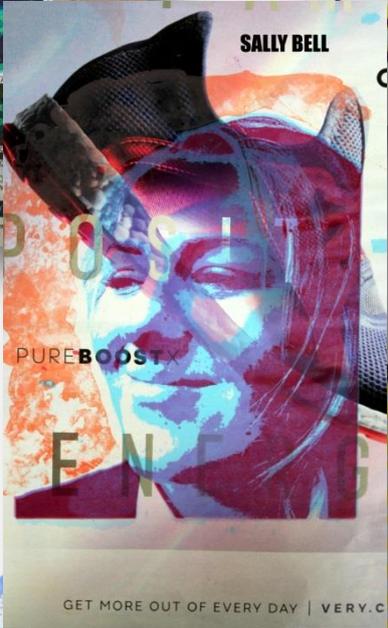
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Zombie Run

For Halloween, Cait Greene, our Secretary, suggested we do something a bit different for the R5s and upwards. A zombie run! The idea being that Cait could get a few of her friends to come along, get into character and roam through the GT scaring anyone brave enough to run through it. Splendid idea. A bit different and a bit of fun. Cait, being the creative type, has run with the idea and developed it further. MUCH further! This week saw Cait turn into Stephen Spielberg as she directed pupils and staff along with her cameraman son Oli Whiting to create a fun promotional video for the run. Thank you to everyone who was game enough to get into character. It was a lot of fun. I wish I could say I was part of this creative masterpiece but my only role was to coerce all unsuspecting passers-by into taking a part in the style of Mrs Doyle from Father Ted. (G'wan ye will take part, och G'WAN). Cait sent the footage off to her friend Anthony Webster-King, a free-lance producer who works with Channel 4 and Italian Vogue, to create a fun film that we hope will make you laugh☺

Pub Quiz – Friday 14th October – Dining Hall -7pm – Teams of 6-8

Okay we have enough names on the list for University Challenge or Blockbuster....so we need your support!! Please put your name down for an easy fun evening with Mrs Neill at the helm. We would love to see as many parents as possible join in this great evening of brain teasers. Thank You!

Cost £10 per person for supper and a drink

!!Halloween Date Changes!!

Pumpkins (just carved please) to be brought into school on Monday 24th October

Early Years – Fancy dress, games and movie – Tuesday 25th October

Zombie Run – R5s and upwards – Tuesday 25th October

Fireworks Display – Cricket Pavilion, 5.30pm, Tuesday 25th October

Hot dogs & refreshments on sale

Thanksgiving Dinner – 24th November – 5.30pm

Rockport Ladies Lunch – Friday 2nd December

This year the Rockport Ladies Lunch is generously sponsored by Radox Health. We will be raising funds not only for our school but for two very worthy local charities. This year we are supporting:



The Boom Foundation – a charity supporting patients with sarcoma.
www.theboomfoundation.co.uk

Santa Claus visit – Thursday 22nd December

Easter Bunny visit – Thursday 6th April

Dad's Day Out – Friday 28th April

Belfast Marathon – Monday 1st May

School Fete – Sunday 7th May

Speech Day – Friday 16th June

Thank you all for your continued support for all our events. Together we raise much needed and appreciated funds for our school that benefit each and every child.

Carol Thompson
PTA Chairperson

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