

From the Chief Executive Officer

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the CLP Spring Parent and Carer Newsletter. We aim to celebrate the achievements across our schools termly so that our whole parent and carer community is kept up to date with news from across our schools. It has been a strange term with another national lockdown and our schools only open to children of critical workers or vulnerable pupils, however our schools have continued to provide education and support to all our pupils and families during this time. By attending one of our schools, your child is not only accessing their own schools unique provision but is also benefitting from the provision that as a multi academy trust we are able to offer. Our vision for our schools is a simple one. We believe that, as a collective of schools, we are stronger together and that by working together we provide an outstanding education for every child in our family of schools.

The last 12 months have demonstrated the strength in the CLP community of schools and has seen us working even more closely together. This has included remote collaborative work with staff in all our schools, including our February non-pupil day and the CLP Trust's first ever staff virtual 'teach meet'. The collaborative work between staff in our schools on developing remote learning provision over the last 12 months has been outstanding and allowed us to ensure that all our pupils were able to continue learning during the latest lockdown.

We are delighted that all our pupils are back to school and it has been great to see everyone back engaging in their learning. Our schools

have continued to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum this term and this is evident in the articles in this edition. From World Book Day costumes to funky socks to some of our older pupils travelling 'Around the World', we are seeing wonderful engagement from our community in the activities that we believe compliment and support the curriculum content we offer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole CLP community for the support shown to our schools throughout the pandemic to date. We have proved that we are stronger together and we look forward to the summer term and plans our schools have to support our pupils through the remainder of this academic year.

Paul Banks
Chief Executive Officer



Funky Socks to Raise Awareness for Young Carers

At BFIS, we wore our funkiest socks to school to raise awareness for Young Carers in partnership with Essex Youth Services. BFIS are proud to have been awarded the Bronze award for the work that we do to identify and support Young Carers in our school. The children listened to a special assembly explaining what a young carer is and thought carefully about ways that we care for each other. They also designed their own 'Young Carer Superhero' who wears funky socks!



Even Hootie, our school owl, got involved!

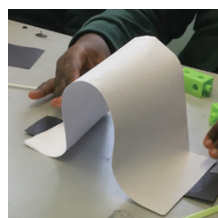
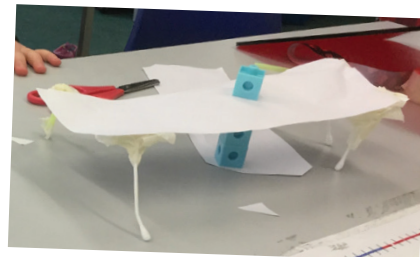
Forest School

It has been an awesome start back to Forest School for Year 1. All the children were so excited to get back into nature, climb trees, go on bug hunts, build dens and play in the mud. It was fantastic to hear the children's imagination run wild and the squeals of delight from finding mini beasts but also to observe their inquisitive minds in action.



Science Week at Barnes Farm Infant School (05.03.2021 - 14.03.2021)

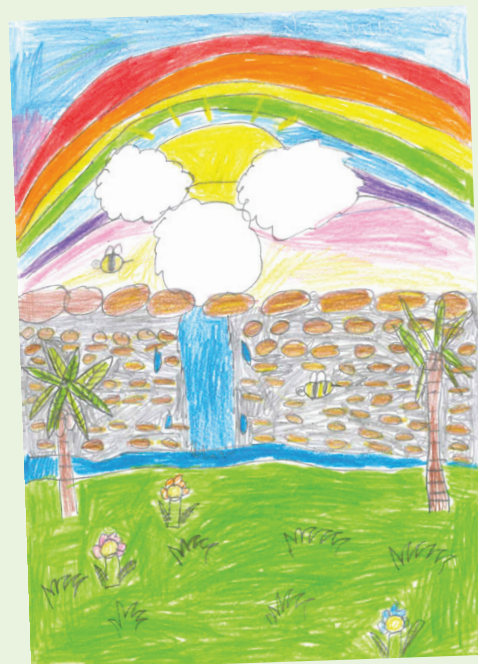
The whole school celebrated British Science week by taking part in a challenge to build the strongest bridge. Each class used different materials to construct their bridge. The children then decided the best way to test the strength of each bridge.



Eco Council News - Springfield Parish Council Schools Competition WINNER

We have some exciting news... The Springfield Parish Council have been in touch with us to say we have a winner!

Isla has been selected to be on the front cover of the *Spring 21 and Summer 21 Springfield Pump*. Below is the winning entry for you all to see – look out for the magazine. A big 'well done' to Isla and thank you to all our BFIS artists who took part.





World Book Day at Barnes Farm Junior School!

To celebrate World Book Day in style at BFJS, we held our day the following week when we could have all of our children back in school. There were fantastic costumes from both children and staff and an abundance of creativity throughout!

Our day started with an assembly to share the amazing variety of books that are available to children at the moment. We are committed to filling our library with books that widen the representation of other cultures and abilities within our school. They transport us to different parts of the world and allow us to see events through different perspectives. We are proud to offer this to all of our children.

The children had lots of opportunities to use their imagination and created brilliant toilet roll book characters for a House competition. We were blown away by how intricate their designs were!



There were also whole class competitions to design the best book themed classroom door. We saw *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Kensuke's Kingdom*, *Holes* and more across our school!



Our children really have a great love of books and sharing this day with them was a pleasure.

Mindful Mondays at BFJS



From mid-January 2021 onwards (when it became clear that lockdown was more than 2 weeks), we decided to spend every other Monday encouraging our children to have a digital detox day and engage in mindful activities. Each day began with a virtual assembly and then screens were encouraged to be turned off. The staff were amazed at the outcomes and feedback. Here are some of the photos that captured some of the activities undertaken.



The Barnes Farm Junior School Values

BEING POSITIVE

BEING RESPECTFUL

BEING RESPONSIBLE

World Book Day

At Beaulieu we found some innovative ways of celebrating World Book Day this year. Despite the restrictions, we have had lots of fun and demonstrated our love of reading - a love which is woven into the culture of our school.

Reading is what we do. Competitions were run in English lessons with £5 and £10 book tokens as prizes. Staff were recorded reading stories to students, published on our YouTube channel. They could tune in and watch Mr Donaldson reading from *George's Marvellous Medicine*; Mr Rooney reading from *The Phantom Tollbooth*; and Miss Tickner reading (and singing!) *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, amongst others.

However, it wasn't just staff - some of our students read stories for our primary children, whilst Ms Koller edited together short video clips of both our primary and secondary children introducing their favourite books. So, we may not have been side-by-side, but we still managed to come together in a celebration of reading.



In the primary phase of the school, teachers and LSA's held a virtual bedtime stories event for World Book Day. Everyone got into their pyjamas, snuggled up with their cuddly toys and listened to their favourite stories being read to them. It was such a special experience for everyone and over 100 students and their siblings took part! We would like to thank all of our staff members for taking time from their evenings to read.



'Beaulieu's Got Talent'

Our weekly 'Beaulieu's Got Talent' virtual shows have been a huge success with the children and staff. Each week, we have had over 100 families watch and over 40 children perform. We have such talented children at Beaulieu, ranging from singing in 3 different languages, performing traditional Indian dances, magic show, joke-telling and so much more!



'Make Happen'

This half term, our students have continued to engage with a multitude of avenues outside of their timetable. Our Careers Education, Information and Guidance programme has continued to allow students to explore a variety of careers within weekly webinars, hosted by Make Happen, our regional Uni connect. Some of the careers of focus have included working in international recruitment and sports media content creation, with past webinars affording students the opportunity to learn what it is like to be a university lecturer in psychology, a solicitor and a clinical practitioner. CEIAG has also celebrated the National Apprenticeship and Career weeks by posting daily activities and research projects on our social media and learning platforms.

House Captains and Vice Captains have continued to motivate and engage their peers with their learning and participation in House competitions by managing their own Microsoft Teams channel and posting weekly videos.

Social hangouts have been going on throughout this lockdown period. Heads of House have enjoyed listening to pupils' hobbies they have taken up during this time, from creating small motion pictures to creating their own online games.



Jack Petchey Award Ceremony 2021 – Tuesday 26th January

Jack Petchey himself sent a celebratory message to the students of The Boswells School who were successful in being award winners for many amazing reasons, they are a credit to the school.



Award Winners:

Students

Jonathan C
Abigail K
Nathan R
Michael E

Jessica S
Alycia P
Jasmine E
Matthew S

Staff

Deborah Layton-Smith – Leader Award

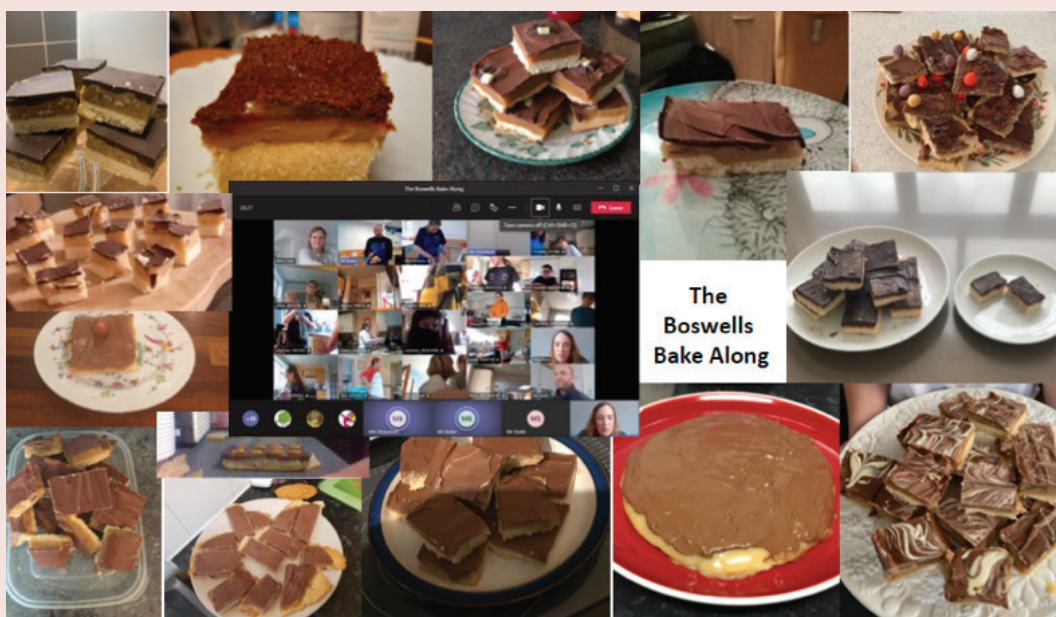
Jack said “If you think you can, you can!” and our students definitely have demonstrated this mind-set over the last year. The award ceremony, which was virtual this year, was introduced by Philip Allinson, Head of Events at the Jack Petchey Foundation and Cllr Jude Deakin, the Mayor of Chelmsford.

A special mention was made to Mrs D Layton-Smith who was awarded the Leader Award for the incredible role she does in Pastoral.

Wellbeing Afternoon Friday 5th March - Boswells Bake Along

On Friday 5th March from 12.20pm until 2.45pm (Periods 4 & 5) lessons were suspended. Students were encouraged to participate in a range of activities which were on offer.

As part of the Wellbeing Afternoon, a Boswells Bake Along took place with over 30 students and members of staff taking part - everyone baked Mary Berry's Millionaire Shortbread. Mrs Cater, Mrs Dodson, Mr Deavers and Mr Butler also took part in a friendly taste test competition to decide whose shortbread was the best tasting bake.



Boswells Radio Podcast

The reopening of school saw the launch of the first ever Boswells Radio Podcast in association with Chelmsford Community Radio, created by students for students. The students have already lined up a range of guest speakers for future podcasts, including Cllr Jude Deakin, Mayor of Chelmsford, who will speak about her role as Mayor and her work with Sanctus, Helping Hands Essex and Mind. In this first podcast the students spoke to Nicola Walker of the RSPCA, about their work and the effects of lockdown on their mission.

What an interesting start to the year we've had! Our Lakelands pupils are truly demonstrating what it means to be resilient; they had not spent more than 7 weeks altogether in our new building, having just moved from our temporary location, before having to start remote learning. The majority of our pupils accessed their learning through daily pre-recorded phonics, maths, literacy and story time sessions, with some creative and practical learning thrown in too. Every week, we hosted a live session for pupils to have an opportunity to see each other - and these usually centred around a fun activity, like Bingo! We also ensured that pupils were able to participate in all events we would normally participate in at school, such as Children's Mental Health Week and World Book Day.

Children's Mental Health Week

Our pupils were tasked to "Express Themselves", which was this year's theme. We loved seeing them find ways to share their feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. Our story time sessions that week had a focus on personal, social and emotional development, and it also kicked off our now weekly 'Thinking Thursdays'.



Wider Re-opening

It has been so lovely to hear the children's laughter and chatter through the school once again. We are ensuring that the pupils have lots of opportunities for reconnecting and socialisation through our carefully chosen continuous provision activities. Our classrooms have now both been set up, and children have access to various new areas; including our woodwork and outdoor construction areas. We love how creative they have been!



World Book Day

We took a slightly different direction for World Book Day and asked our children to dress up embodying a word. This was a good opportunity for our pupils to expand their vocabulary and use adventurous words in context. Some ideas included athletic, royal, comfortable, brave, inspiring, powerful, terrible, ambitious. They could have also chosen one of our school values; Compassionate, Honesty, Aspiration, Nature, Generous, Equality. During our live session that week, they had to guess each other's words and shared their favourite stories.



Follow us on our journey at our website
<http://www.lakelandsprimary.com> and on Twitter
[@lakelandsprima1](https://twitter.com/lakelandsprima1)

Perryfields Infant School - ‘Be safe, be kind. Listen and think a lot. Be your best!’

Sir Captain Tom

On 2nd February we heard the sad news of Sir Captain Tom passing away. In school we created a collage to commemorate his life and achievements. Please have a look when you are passing the school. We also emailed everyone a PowerPoint and colouring posters if parents wanted to discuss this further at home with their children.



‘Show the love campaign’

Our Year 2 children in school have been looking at climate change through the ‘Show the love campaign’. Thinking about what they love about the planet and what they would like to save and why. They have hung their green hearts up in our Whispering Wood to share.

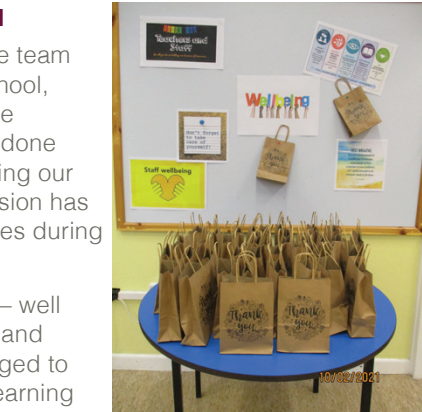


A Big Thank You

I wanted to thank all the team at Perryfields Infant School, by giving them all a little goodie bag, who have done a fantastic job in ensuring our Remote Learning provision has supported all our families during these difficult times.

CONGRATULATIONS – well done to all the parents and carers who have managed to persevere with home-learning during this second lockdown. You have all done a fantastic job and definitely need to treat yourselves when all the children return to school next week.

Home-schooling your own children is and was not easy and I think that during these unprecedented times you did a fantastic job and your children were lucky to have you supporting them. We really look forward to seeing them all back into school soon.



World Book Day Fun!

On Thursday 4th March, it was wonderful to see so many Key Worker children in school and the children working from home via Zoom taking part in this annual event. The children and staff looked fab! Children dressed up, took part in a bookmark competition, did a live drawing session and had fun with the mystery reader competition. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the love of books and reading and to encourage everyone to pick up a book all year round.



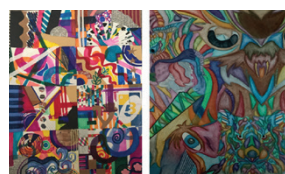


Wellbeing Wednesday Success

On Wednesday 3rd February, all students & staff took part in 'WELLBEING WEDNESDAY!' This day was designed around reducing screen time and focusing on improving their mental health and wellbeing during the lockdown. The day was jam-packed with baking challenges, a PE team workout session & catching up with revision & study. Students & staff inundated our Twitter with their fantastic photographs demonstrating how much of a great day they had!



Home Learning SuperStars



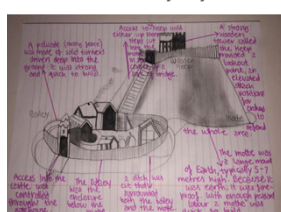
Colour Work by Esther



Pencil Work by Skye



During this period of lockdown, we thought it would be fantastic to celebrate the amazing work that our students are doing from home.



Congratulations to Gabriella

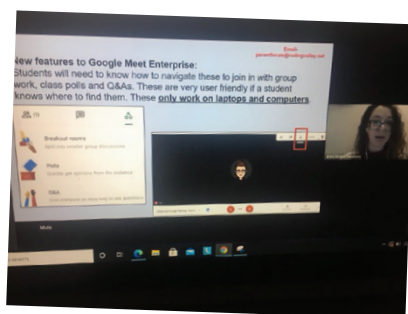


Sara

Congratulations to all of our students, who have displayed such resilience and have adapted to the change amazingly!

Parent Forum

On Tuesday 23rd February, we held a series of online, parent forums for our entire parent & student community. This was the first time that we have ever held a parent forum online; and the feedback was fantastic! Our sessions were on supporting children at home whilst accessing live lessons, getting ready for our online assessment week, and staying safe online!



Essex Teaching Awards 2021

Congratulations to all of the staff at RVHS, for being nominated for the following categories in the Essex Teaching Awards for 2021:



- **Entire School Award:** All of the staff at Roding Valley High School
 - "I have been amazed at how Roding Valley High School have supported both students and parents throughout these challenging times. The school has worked tirelessly to keep parents informed every step of the way and support students in their learning. They quickly adapted to online learning with an incredible amount of support for students and parents and continually checked in on students welfare and mental health by providing regular phone calls home. The teachers and staff have not only excelled at continuing with students' education but have also provided a huge amount of support and care to the students."
- **Whole Team Award:** Science Department
- **Individual Staff:** Miss Paige Larkin, Mr Mohamed Ibrahim, Mrs Shetal Patel and Miss Charlotte Bleakley

This is an amazing achievement and well done!

House Competitions Continue during the Lockdown

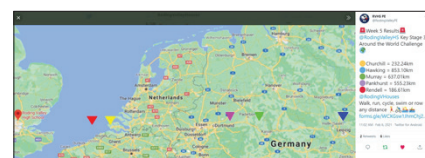
Throughout this period of lockdown, we continued to offer and support our students with enrichment activities through our house events. All the subject areas got involved: Competitions included cooking competitions to mark Veganuary and Pancake day; a house competition to mark World Religion Day, house events to commemorate Holocaust Day.



Other challenges include: designing a festive Christmas chocolate bar to test Year 8 students' creative marketing skills, improving students' times tables and recall speed through TimeTable Rockstars, and demonstrating their modern foreign language skills by presenting 10 newly learnt words.

OUR WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK			
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	
1. Roma	1. Sonny	1. Poppy	
2. Alex	2. Alex	2. Nika	
3. Arif	3. Alex	3. Poppy	
4. Arif	4. Alex	4. Alexander	
5. Taryn	5. Alex	5. Lily	

To keep students fit and active during the period of lockdown, the PE department at Roding Valley High School has also launched an 'Around the World Challenge' where they are asking students to choose an exercise – whether that is walking, running or cycling – and try and get as close as possible to the 40,075 kilometres that it would take to travel around the world. With the help of Google Classroom, students have until February half-term to log their distances and progress.



Congratulations to all of our students who took part in house competitions.

<https://rodingvalley.net/news/parent-bulletin/>



World Book Day

It was fantastic to see everyone taking part in a wide range of activities for World Book Day this year, both at home and in school. Many

of the teachers recorded themselves reading an extract from their favourite book as part of the 'Masked Reader' challenge which the children loved! The big reveal took place the day after World Book Day with some surprising results. A huge thank you to the author Sibel Beadle for providing two

virtual sessions for our children which were both very well attended. Our children were also challenged to recreate a book cover in a range of different creative ways and as you can see from the photos, there were some fantastic examples!



David Walliams



GANGSTA GRANNY

SAM COPELAND
Charlie Changes Into A Chicken



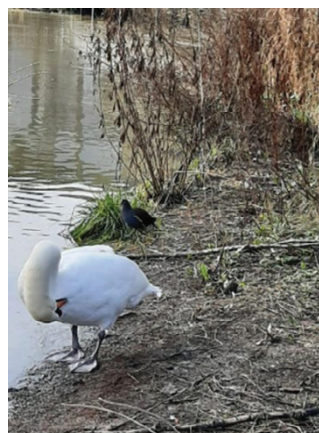
Children's Mental Health Week

Despite most of our children being away from school, we took part in the Place 2 Be Children's Mental Health Week this year as usual from 1st – 5th February. The theme this year was 'Express Yourself' and the teachers planned a wide range of activities for the children to take part in that enabled them to come away from their screens and try something new. Following this week our 'Mindful Midweek' day was launched where children spent one day each week during the lockdown, focusing purely on their physical and mental wellbeing. This approach has now been adopted on the children's return to school, with Mindful Midweek continuing throughout the summer term. We have really enjoyed seeing the photos of what everyone has been doing to improve their own wellbeing over the lockdown and can't wait to continue with this for the rest of the year.



RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

The lockdown provided the perfect opportunity for our families to take part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch survey this year. Every year, the RSPB encourages people to observe, count and document the birds that can be seen from their windows so that even people without a garden can take part. As part of this activity, we launched our own wildlife photo competition where children could submit a photo of wildlife that they had spotted whilst out on walks in their local area. We had some fantastic entries and choosing the top three was a difficult task!



Thank you!

As the children have returned to school, it has been really important to reflect on what has happened in their lives and to thank all of the people who have helped them. All our children made and took home cards for their parents/carers at the end of the first week back to thank them for all their support with home learning or for being a key worker if the children spent their time in school. They are now going to focus on writing to other key workers from the local area to thank them for all their hard work during the pandemic.

