

From the Chief Executive Officer

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this edition of the CLP Parent and Carer Newsletter we have celebrated the achievements across our eight trust schools. As we come to the end of another successful year as the CLP Trust, it is time to reflect.

I would like to thank each and everyone of you for the support that you have given our school communities over the year as we continued to deal with COVID restrictions and guidance. Whether this was by ensuring that your child continued their education when schools changed over to remote learning, or through regularly supporting your child to complete lateral flow tests (secondary), or even by showing your support to staff through kind messages sent to the schools – by working together, we have continued to provide a great education for everyone in our CLP community.

Over the year, schools have adapted successfully to a new way of working which has been a credit to the staff in the trust. Collaboration behind the scenes has meant greater professional development for staff to ensure live remote provision was the best it could be at every age phase. We are also excited to consider next steps for the new academic year and our schools starting to move back to some kind of 'normal practice' following the lifting of restrictions by the government as part of the roadmap out of COVID related restrictions.

There have been lots of new steps this year in the trust, including successfully opening Lakelands Primary School and appointing a Director of Standards and School Improvement.

We have also spent over £3m this year in capital improvements to our buildings, including the new building at Barnes Farm Infant and Junior Schools which work started on this week and new roofs for buildings at Tyrrells, Perryfields Infants and Roding Valley High School. Each positive step makes the education we provide for your children stronger and better.

For some of our pupils and families, this is a time of transition. For those pupils in Year 13, Year 6 and those pupils in our infant schools, I hope that your next steps are successful and that you will look back on your time in your school with fond memories. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in September and hope you have a restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

Paul Banks
Chief Executive Officer



New Weekly Mile Track

Last year, we took part in the 'The Children's Health Project' to train 'Health Champions' to represent each Key Stage 1 class. This has been a fantastic opportunity for our children and we have now embedded it as part of our bespoke curriculum. The children are responsible for ensuring that lunchtimes are happy and healthy. The Health Champions have met regularly to discuss lunchtimes and how they can be improved, as well as taking responsibility for making sure the playground environment is clean and safe, and also by leading assemblies and healthy games with the support of the MDAs.



Our focus for this year has been to improve the school grounds by adding a weekly mile track by to the school field. Our Year 2 Health Champions have been involved in the design and organisation of the project and are very proud of what they achieved. They helped to research the different companies and floor surfaces and helped to measure out the track using a trundle wheel. They were able to use their super maths skills to work out the size of the track and how many times we would need to go around it 4 times a day to complete one mile in a week.



We have a fabulous display in our Atrium to celebrate their hard work in making this happen – well done BFIS Health Champions!

Early Years

We are very proud of our youngest children this year. They have worked very hard and achieved so much this Summer Term.

We have been practising our cycling skills on balance bikes, ridden on 'Little Tikes' and taken part in Forest School for the first time.



We are all very excited about how much reading we have done and how much progress all of our children have made in phonics

and reading. In our Mantle of the Expert we have helped Mummy Pig and built houses for her boys. We have helped Miss McDonald to run her farm and her farm shop plus helped Gran to rescue a dolphin who was stranded on a beach. We have been experts in looking after animals on the land and in the sea.



We have been creative making clay models, under the sea story boxes and rainbow fish.

Year 1

We have had a brilliant year with our Year 1 children! We have been extremely busy exploring nature and our outside area as inspiration for our learning. We have learnt about the artists Andy Goldsworthy and William Morris and used their work to inspire our own creations. During the spring term, we took part in Forest School and enjoyed exploring even more of the outdoors right on our doorstep! Our learning continued outside the classroom when we attended a dance workshop and we had the opportunity to learn lots of new routines and moves. Inside the classroom we have worked exceptionally hard and made lots of progress in phonics and reading. Towards the end of this year the children have been super eager to show off how much they enjoy writing and have written lots of different types of stories. All of the adults that have worked with and alongside the Year 1 children are incredibly proud of them - we cannot wait to hear where your learning takes you next year.



Year 2

The whole of Barnes Farm Infant School would like to wish our Year 2 children the very best as they leave us, at the end of this term, to continue their learning journey at a new school. We are very proud of them and all they have achieved this year. They have not only grown academically but also as individuals. We are impressed with the progress they have made and are sure they will impress their new teachers as much as they have us throughout their three years here. In this year alone, they have travelled back to 1666 to discover The Great Fire of London, delved into *George's Marvellous Medicine* and explored the Rainforest! We can't wait to hear about what you get up to next.



Year 3 – Are we too small to make a difference?

Year 3 had a virtual visit from Alley and Dane at Greener Farms in Canada. They showed the children how they turn food scraps into compost (with the help of their worms and chickens) and then use that compost to help grow nutrient-rich fruits and vegetables. The children went on a virtual tour of the farm to see the whole process:



from food, to soil, to food again! The children asked lots of thoughtful questions to deepen their understanding of how we can all make a difference to our planet! Alley and Dane said to our year threes, "Thank you for being so eager to learn and wonder!"



They have also been making Pop Art inspired by Andy Warhol. Drawing upon Warhol's endangered species series, children have researched endangered animals as the subjects of their artwork.

Y4 – Where could we travel?

Inspired by *The Green Ship* by Quentin Blake, Year 4 have been learning about explorers and significant places of interest around the world. They have studied visiting Moscow and St Basil's cathedral in particular and have used different artistic techniques to achieve these wonderful outcomes.

Continuing on the theme of exploration, Year 4's second book – *The Wild Robot* has captured their imaginations. They have created some brilliant non-chronological reports about wild animals of their choice.



Y4 have been investigating different explorers as well as where travel might take them.



Year 5 – How diverse is our universe?

Year 5 have been transported to Texas using the fabulous text *Holes*. They enjoyed a brilliant Texas day where the children enjoyed preparing and eating classic Texan dishes. The BBQ beans and taco dip was a particular hit. After a morning of line dancing and sculpture design, the meal was well deserved. A fantastic day had by all! Thank you to the staff for planning the events and for the parents for supporting with all the costumes.



In preparation for their Secondary school applications, Year 5 also enjoyed a visit from GBHS for a taster of secondary lessons. The children learnt about pop art and chromatography (completing a series of tests to see which teacher ate all the biscuits!)

Year 6 – Have you got what it takes to be an Entrepreneur?

Our Year 6 classes have taken part in the Politics Project – aimed at starting powerful conversations between politicians at all levels and young people. 6S interviewed Councillor Dan Clark and 6J took on Vicky Ford MP. 6C were able to virtually meet Baroness Morgan of Cotes. Great, challenging questions were asked by our Year 6 children and they gained a great insight into the world of Politics.



After weeks of planning, research and engineering – the Y6 businesses were set loose on the BFJS market! From gliders to slime, keyrings to bookmarks, each business had advertised and marketed their products carefully. Thank you to all the children across the school who bought something. A great experience for all and lots learned! Thank you to the business owners in our community who gave up time to talk to our Year 6s about owning and running a business.

Wider School News

We are extremely proud of the fundraising efforts of our children this term! Over £5000 was raised by our school community during the Fun Run to replace Daniel's Bench – a memorial bench for a past pupil. We are delighted to be able to renew this reflection area in Daniel's memory. We have also had numerous children donating their hair to the Princess Trust as well as fundraising for the Stand Up to Cancer campaigns. It is heartwarming to have so many selfless children in our school!



The Barnes Farm Junior School Values

BEING POSITIVE

BEING RESPECTFUL

BEING RESPONSIBLE

Maths Challenge



During the week beginning the 24th of April, 204 students from across the secondary school chose to take part in the UK Mathematics Trust annual Junior Maths Challenge (open to students across the UK in Year 7 to 9). I am immensely proud of everyone that took part and delighted to announce that as a school we were awarded, 38 Bronze, 18 Silver and 1 Gold certificate. A special congratulations to Hannah for making Beaulieu Park history by being our first ever Gold award winner as well as winning best in school and best in Year 8. Another special congratulations to Joseph Pierce for winning best in Year 7 and being three marks away from Gold too! I hope all the students enjoyed the challenge and cannot wait to see the results next year!

Miss Tickner

CPR

We are excited to have taken delivery of our British Heart Foundation CPR kit for students to learn the valuable skills of saving lives. A cardiac arrest happens when there is a problem with the heart's electrical rhythm, stopping it from pumping blood properly to the rest of the body. It can happen anywhere and at any time. It can happen at home, in the playground or in the street. The person will stop breathing and become unconscious. Chances of survival decrease the longer it takes for someone to act.

We are looking forward to giving our young people the confidence and skills to try to save a life.



Athletics

There have been three athletics events this term, the first was a visit to Brentwood Independent School. This was our student's first school experience of a real athletics meet and for many, their first try on a real athletics track!

More than 75% of students received new personal best and for some this was the first time competing against another school in a fixture this year. A few special mentions for Ella 1st in 200m, Daisy 1st in 1500m, Joel 1st in Discus and 200m, Misha 1st in Javelin, Will 1st in 800m, Josh 1st in Shot Put, Erin 1st in 100m.



Teddy 'Lympics'

As part of our work with the Chelmsford Sports Partnership, the children in the primary phase recently took part in an event called the 'Teddy 'Lympics'. The children spent the week taking part in a range of sporting events. At the end of the week, Mrs Panks arranged for a special guest to visit the school and award the children with their certificates. Teddy also joined in with our outdoor parade - what a wonderful way to end the half term!



Beaulieu PTA

As a new school, we are very lucky to have a strong and supportive PTA. One of the most recent events was a doughnut sale across both primary and secondary phases of the school. Thank you to the PTA members that supported this event.

We raised £200, which will go towards developing our new school allotment.



'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!

Year 1 Art Club



Each week, Mrs Etheridge runs an art club with a focus on a different artist each week. During the work on Banksy, the children designed their own chalk graffiti on the school walls. More recently, the children looked at the work of Roy Lichtenstein. They enjoyed creating pieces based around his style of pop art.





Diversity Week – Monday 21st to Friday 25th June

Our Diversity Week culminated with a non-uniform day fundraising for **MindOut** and **akt**, two charities working to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ young people. The school was transformed into a walking rainbow as students and staff have donned their House colours for the day.

Throughout the week staff and students accessed training and educational guides from Stonewall, educating and fostering a LGBTQ+ inclusive school community, and place where people are free to be.



The Prosperity Project

The Prosperity Project UK

The Boswells School's senior leaders have been working with The Prosperity Project UK (an organisation dedicated to combatting racism and unconscious bias in schools and companies). They have participated in training sessions on inclusive leadership, implicit bias and difficult conversations. These sessions have led to the school, and wider Trust, developing a long-term strategy to tackle racism in our school settings.



Student and Staff Wellbeing

Many of us have struggled and are struggling to maintain our mental wellbeing during the coronavirus pandemic. Happiness is at the heart of our philosophy at The Boswells School, and we have launched separate Student and Staff Wellbeing intranet sites, which can be accessed via the school website.

Each intranet site is packed with resources, support and ideas to support overall wellbeing.

Students and Staff are encouraged to contribute to the sites, by sharing resources that have helped them.

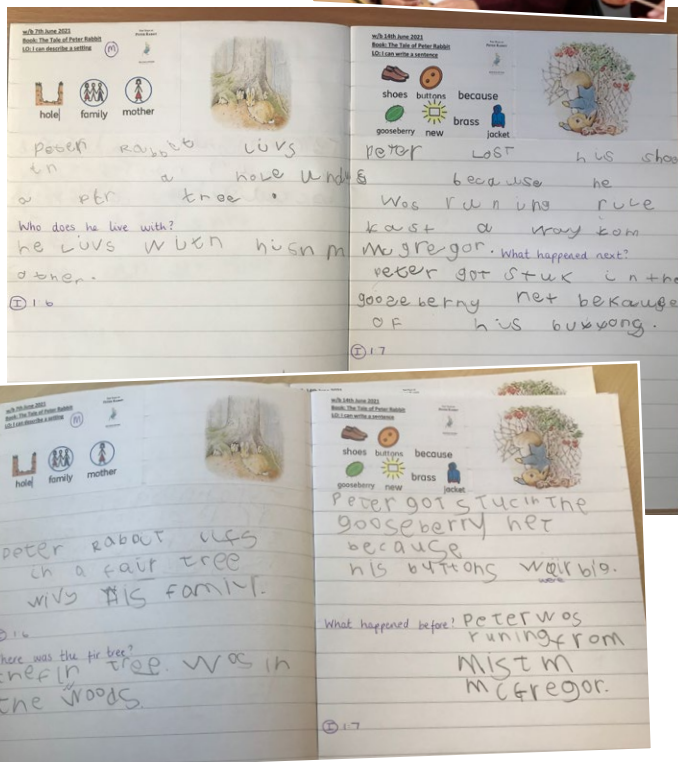
Official Opening

On Friday 25th July, we had our school's official opening. It was a small and quiet occasion and we hope that we can have a much bigger celebration with all of the parents and children next year. The children performed a brilliant rendition of a song for the Rt. Hon Priti Patel, the governors and other dignitaries, and we were so proud to be able to show off their amazing work that they have been doing over the last year. In what has been a tumultuous year for us all - our families, our community, for the entire world - our resilient and brilliant pupils have continued on unfazed. While we knew we wanted Lakelands to be a place where children flourish, we never imagined we'd see some of the excellent results already accomplished by them. We can't wait to open our doors to our second cohort in September.



Literature Spine

We are very proud of our new literature spine that we have developed. It includes age-appropriate classical texts so that by the time pupils leave Year 6, they will have read books including *Treasure Island* and *Oliver Twist*. In Reception, we have been reading *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* and have been working very hard on vocabulary development. The pupils' written outcomes have been amazing as a result. We are so proud of them.



Introducing Sam

From September, we will be having our very own school dog! Sam is currently working hard doing lots of training and socialising and we absolutely cannot wait to have him with us.



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!'

Open Afternoons

It was wonderful to see so many Year 1 and Year 2 parents or grandparents sitting (socially distanced) outside with their children looking at their fantastic work. The trays were extremely full and I know there were lots of proud parents. The children really enjoyed sharing their work and I'm sure they were all given a lot of praise for all the hard work they produced during this unusual year, especially the independent work.

Thankfully the weather held out for both open afternoons. On Monday 28th June the weather decided to turn but our fantastic Early Years parents, staff and of course the children braved the rain and had their Open Afternoon. The feedback was excellent and the parents could see how much progress they had made in their learning.

National Sports Week – Fabulous Fun!

Monday 21st to Friday 25th June was National Sports Week and Mrs Bowen our sports/PE teacher arranged a fantastic timetable of events for all children. Children and staff took part in Bootcamp Team building activities, horse racing races, making Jockey T-shirts, Ball skills, parachute games on the playground and KS1 swimming. What a fantastic way to celebrate sport and keeping fit. Even the staff joined in!



Year 1 Castle Designing & Building Day

The Year 1 children had a fantastic day on transforming a huge pile of recycling into some brilliant castles. They used their history, DT and teamwork skills.



Year 2 Mini Olympics

Last summer, our Year 2 children missed out on taking part in our annual **Mini Games Competition** so this year it had been arranged by the Schools Sports Partnership for as many Year 2 children in Chelmsford schools to participate in a **Mini Games Virtual Competition** on all the different school sites, this summer term.

On Thursday the 10th June, all our Year 2 children took part in this event and had to carryout 6 different set activities, these were:

1. Ladder station: Timed activity
2. Beanie station: Timed activity
3. Sprint station: Timed activity
4. Throw for distance station
5. Speed stacks station: Timed activity
6. Jumping station: Timed activity

All of the children had a fantastic time and the staff completed their individual score cards at each activity. These score cards have now been sent off to the Schools Sports Partnership, where they will be added together and compared against the other schools. Schools will then be informed of which school had the highest score and came first, which boy overall had the highest score and which girl overall had the highest score etc. We are currently waiting for all the scores to be collected in and compared and the final results to be sent. Once we have these results we will let you know!



Year 11 to 12 Induction Day

In June, it was wonderful to welcome our new Year 12 2021 students in for their Sixth Form Induction Day. Students were able to experience taster sessions of some of the classes they will be taking in September and prepare for their transition into Sixth form life.



Junior Maths Challenge 2021

In June, we had a fantastic set of results in the **Junior Maths Challenge** sat by our Year 7 and 8 students. Of the 91 students who sat the Challenge, 50 were awarded a merit certificate; 11 Gold, 12 Silver and 27 Bronze. Our Best in School award goes to **Cailan** in Year 7 with a fantastic 102 points, only beating the Best in Y8 **Enru** by just 2 points! For the first time since I've been running these Challenges, we have students who qualify for the Junior Mathematical Olympiad round. Both **Cailan** and **Enru** will be taking part. We also have a further 9 students who scored more than 73 points which means they qualify for the Junior Kangaroo round.



Well done to everyone who took part!



Pearson National Teaching Awards - The 2021 Award for Digital Innovator of the Year

We are delighted to announce that one of our English and Media teachers, **Charlotte Bleakley** has been awarded - 'Pearson National Teaching Awards -



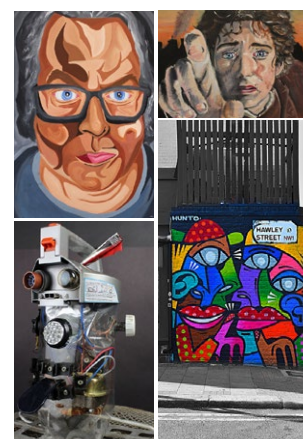
The 2021 Award for Digital Innovator of the Year'. This is an amazing achievement and one to celebrate as a school community. I am sure you will recognise the huge digital support that was offered to us all during the remote learning period and continues through our 'Digital Strategy 2021'. Charlotte has received a lovely certificate but also a hand-written letter of thanks from the children's author Michael Morpurgo.



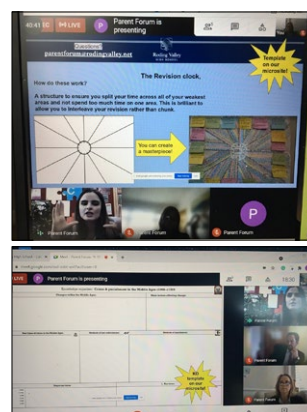
GCSE and A Level Art & Photography Exhibition 2021

We are pleased to announce that the 2021 digital exhibition is going live on the RVHS website. We have a huge number of images taken from the coursework of all of our creative arts students for you to explore. Please do take a look at the range and depth of work that our amazing students have created over the last 18 months. Some of which obviously has had to be produced independently at home during lockdown.

I'm sure you'll agree when you see the work, that we have some very talented, thoughtful, skilful Art students at Roding Valley. Well done to you all!



GCSE Revision & Study Launch



Earlier on this term, Ms Larkin & Mr Warry delivered an online Parent Forum on supporting students & parents with revision and study skills when approaching GCSE courses. The Parent Forum was a great opportunity for us to launch our Year 10 GCSE Microsite that contains a page per subject area; packed with revision materials specific for that department. Students can now access personalised learning checklists, revision guides, topic lists & RVHS revision templates to use at home to support their revision & study.

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



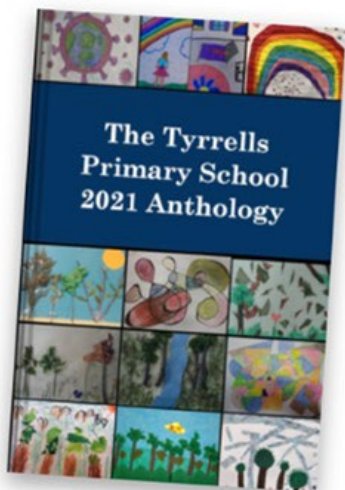
Returning from Lockdown

On returning to school following the Spring Term lockdown, all our children spent two weeks taking part in a range of activities and projects to help them to process their experiences of the pandemic. One of these activities was linked to 'The Calm Project' which is designed by the mental health charity A Place to Be. This gave our children the opportunity to spot, settle, soothe and share any worries that they may have had after living through the pandemic of 2020-2021. The Calm Project artwork gallery from our children can be viewed by using the link below.

<https://en-gb.padlet.com/MrsHoyte/o5zwo86q8dufuwi9>

A big thank you to Mrs Hoyte (our Art Subject Leader) for organising the padlets which have been a fantastic way for the children's work to be shared across the school.

Our English Subject Leader, Alice Saunders, has collated children's writing and artwork completed during this time and published a fantastic anthology which totals over 400 pages! This is a beautiful book split into two parts: the first half of the book reflects on the past year and the second half of the book focuses on the future, positivity and being mindful. These books are now on sale to parents at Tyrrells.



Reading Teachers = Reading Pupils

This is a fantastic project that one of our teachers, Miss Wood has taken part in for a couple of years. This year, there was an exciting opportunity for our children to be involved in a national competition. The children were asked to write a 300-word piece inspired by the picture book 'Town is by the Sea' written by Joanne Schwartz and illustrated by Sydney Smith. The children chose their own genre, created their own success criteria and independently wrote their pieces. The standard was very high and it was difficult to choose just three pieces to put forward.

Three children had their pieces selected and sent to Just Imagine for the local round of judging against the classes of other teachers participating in the Reading Teachers = Reading Pupils course. Just Imagine were very impressed and sent our pieces to the organisers at Cheltenham Literacy Festivals. The national team then requested a video recording of one of our children reading their piece which was then shared with RT=RP teachers and their classes across the country. We have since heard that we have now won the national competition and been awarded a voucher for £100 worth of books for the school. Well done to Florence, Summer and Jacob, what an outstanding achievement!

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Festivals

Virtual Chess Club Success

One of our teachers, Mr Viner, has spent much of this year building a thriving virtual chess club for our Year 5 children. Many of the children have progressed from beginner to the stage where they have now taken part in the Lichess Primary School & Prep Team School Online Blitz Tournament. In the first round, the team came 14th out of the 37 teams taking part and in the second round they came 8th of the 24 teams taking part. Well done to all who played, this is a fantastic achievement.

Daily Mile Track

We were very excited to return after half term to see the progress made on our new Daily Mile Track. The track, funded by our PE & Sports Grant, will provide a fantastic space for children in all year groups to complete their daily mile even if the field is unusable due to bad weather.

