

End-of-Year Reflection and Appreciation

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and your families have enjoyed a wonderful academic year within the Chelmsford Learning Partnership. As the Chairman of the Board, it is with great pleasure that I write to you today to reflect on the accomplishments of our trust and express our sincere appreciation for your continued support.



The past year has been one filled with both challenges and triumphs. Despite the obstacles, our collective commitment to providing a nurturing and high-quality education to every student within our trust has remained unwavering. Together, we have fostered an environment that encourages learning, personal growth, and overall well-being.

As a multi-academy trust, we are incredibly proud of the achievements of each school within our partnership. The dedication of our headteachers, teachers, support staff, and volunteers has been truly remarkable. Their hard work and unwavering passion have created an inspiring learning environment where students can thrive, develop their talents, and reach their full potential.

Throughout the year, our schools have implemented innovative teaching methods, embraced technology, and created engaging curricula that challenge and stimulate young minds. Our commitment to inclusive education has ensured that every student feels valued, supported, and

empowered to succeed. We have celebrated outstanding academic achievements, artistic endeavours, athletic accomplishments, and the personal growth of our students in various areas.

None of this would be possible without your invaluable partnership. Your unwavering support, involvement, and encouragement have played a crucial role in shaping the educational experience of your child and all the students within our trust. Whether you have volunteered, attended parent-teacher meetings, or actively participated in your child's education, your commitment has made a significant difference.

As we look forward to the upcoming academic year, we remain committed to continuous improvement and providing the best possible education for our students. We will continue to invest in professional development opportunities for our staff, enhance our infrastructure, and seek innovative approaches that enable our students to excel academically and personally.

Please remember that your feedback is invaluable to us. We highly value your insights and suggestions for improvement. We encourage you to actively engage with your child's school, attend parent forums, and participate in the various opportunities we provide for you to share your thoughts and ideas.

On behalf of the entire board, I extend our sincere appreciation for your partnership and support. Together, we will continue to nurture a community that fosters academic excellence, personal growth, and a love for learning.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer break filled with joy, relaxation, and cherished moments with your loved ones. We eagerly look forward to the exciting journey ahead as we continue to shape the future of our students together.

Warm regards,

Roger Blundell

Chairman of the Board
The Chelmsford Learning
Partnership



People and Animals that Help Us

We have been very lucky to have been joined by several different visitors to the school...

Police Dogs

Year 2 were joined by police officers from the Metropolitan police and their dogs, Doc, Loki and Trevor. We were shown how the dog handlers train the dogs to search and to keep us safe. The children had a wonderful time learning all about their routines and how they help us. Doc even helped the teachers find some missing money, whilst Loki was able to find someone who was hiding in one of our forest school trees!



Essex and Herts Air Ambulance

Volunteers from the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance joined us to tell us about the amazing work the team does to help. We wore red and yellow items of clothing to raise awareness of the amazing work the charity does. The volunteers told us that it cost £9m a year to run the air ambulances and they rely on charity donations to help them.



Barnes Farm Schools' Open Evening

On 5th July, both Barnes Farm Schools opened their doors to all current parents/carers and to those joining us in September. The evening was a lovely celebration for our schools, and we welcomed so many visitors - current, new and old - thank you so much to all that joined us.

The schools opened their classrooms and walkways, which allowed visitors to look at what the schools have been up to this academic year. There was a wonderful range of learning on display from both schools including some exceptional art and design work.

We would also like to thank our wonderful catering staff who stayed behind and cooked up a feast for all to sample and enjoy.

Year 2 Trip - The Wilderness Foundation

The Year 2 children really enjoyed their trip to The Wilderness Foundation. They completed many different activities including pond dipping, bug hunting and den building. The children had a fantastic day out and found many insects!



Playground Markings and Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk Money

We have added new playground markings to our outside zones. We were really excited about using them and think they make a huge difference to our active play and PE lessons. In addition to the lines, a lot of the equipment ordered through the School Council Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk has been delivered and we are having lots of fun playing with some new toys!





Year 5 Gotta Dance!

On the evening of 27th June, 23 girls from Year 5 took part in Chelmsford's *Gotta Dance*. This was a celebration in which a number of local schools and dance groups took part. The girls had been learning a coronation themed dance to 'Get This Party Started' by Shirley Bassey since May and worked incredibly hard to make it as polished as it was on the night. Despite some nerves, the girls were so confident walking onto the stage and looked like professional dancers! Their performance was amazing - the girls were incredible and did the school, their watching families and themselves so proud. We then watched the second half of the show, during which they were an equally enthusiastic audience! We are so proud of the hard work, dedication, bravery and resilience every single one of our performers demonstrated on the night and look forward to next year's performance.

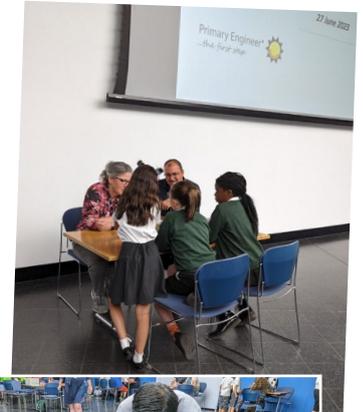
Mrs Hollick – Year 5 Teacher



Junior Engineers Compete at Ford!

This month, eight Year 6 pupils have taken part in the Primary Engineering project which supports young, aspiring engineers. The skills they have developed from designing and constructing their models with woodwork, mechanisms and electrics have really shone through. The pupils have worked exceptionally well in teams and we have been lucky to be partnered with a Ford Engineer to support the children during the whole process. On the 27th of June they were able to take their vehicles to a Celebration Day at the Ford Dunton Technical Campus and take part in several vehicle tests against other schools. Their commitment to the project has been excellent and they have thoroughly enjoyed the culminating event! They even had to discuss their plans with real-life engineers as part of an interview process. Well done to you all!

Mrs Walker - Deputy Headteacher



District Sports Champions!

We are delighted to report that our athletics team recently won the District Sports Track and Field Competition, held at Chelmsford Sports and Athletic Centre. Children from Year 6 competed in the field events on Monday 19th June where all six participants were placed in the top three for their events: throwing, high jump and long jump.

On Monday 26th June, children from years 3 to 6 competed in the track events. The opening races provided us some inspiring individual performances from the year 6 pupils who ran the 600m. This was followed by the sprint races. Year 3 and 4 pupils ran 60m sprints, year 5 and 6 ran 80m sprints. Despite the pressure, each sprinter performed with confidence, achieving first or second place in almost all races. The competition closed with the Year 6 relays. Both boys and girls came in at second place. After an extremely tense wait, Barnes Farm Junior School were announced as the winners - the team were overjoyed. This was an extremely proud moment for the pupils, parents and teachers. The event was an excellent opportunity for the children to experience competition at a major sporting venue used by elite athletes and in front of a large crowd. Along with the excitement of taking part and winning, the children have made some incredible memories.

Mrs Vickers – Assistant Head



The Barnes Farm Junior School Values

BEING POSITIVE

BEING RESPECTFUL

BEING RESPONSIBLE

Food glorious food!

As part of our DT curriculum, every year group gets the opportunity to complete some food preparation and cooking tasks linked to the topics that they are learning about. This term, Year 1 have been learning about where our food comes from, so they designed and prepared their own fruit kebabs. In Year 4, the children had the opportunity to work in the food technology rooms in the secondary phase of the school and made tasty Egyptian flatbreads. Many of the children's creations didn't make it out of the school gates as they were so delicious!



Medical Mavericks: Inspiring Students in the World of Medicine

Our school recently had the incredible opportunity to host an engaging and educational event by Medical Mavericks, a renowned organisation dedicated to inspiring and enlightening young minds about the vast possibilities within the field of medicine. The event proved to be a tremendous success, leaving our students both thrilled and enlightened about the fascinating world of healthcare.

During the Medical Mavericks event, our students were exposed to a wide range of interactive and hands-on activities that simulated real-life medical scenarios. From exploring the intricacies of anatomy to gaining insights into cutting-edge medical technologies, the event provided a unique opportunity for our students to delve into the world of medicine in a fun and engaging manner. The passionate and knowledgeable Medical Mavericks team ensured that each activity was not only informative but also incredibly enjoyable, sparking a sense of curiosity and excitement among our students.



Chelmsford Schools Gotta Dance 2023

On Monday 26th June, some of our pupils in Years 2, 3 and 4 were lucky enough to take part in a performance alongside several other local schools at the Chelmsford Theatre. The children have spent several weeks rehearsing in their co-curricular club after school this term and worked so hard to develop an energetic, fun and upbeat dance. All their hard work paid off and we are so proud of what they have achieved.



Whole School Production: Fame Jr.

Excitement filled the air as our school recently brought the dynamic and exhilarating world of theatre to life with its spectacular production of "Fame Jr.". Based on the iconic musical, "Fame", the production showcased the incredible talent and dedication of our students, leaving the audience in awe. With a captivating storyline, vibrant choreography, and powerful musical numbers, the show proved to be an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

Under the guidance of our talented drama, dance and music teachers, our students embraced their roles and poured their hearts into their performances. From the auditions to the final bow, their commitment and passion were evident, and they truly shone on stage. The months of rehearsals and hard work paid off as the students delivered outstanding performances, mesmerising the audience with their energy and talent.





Volleyball Finals



This year has been an outstanding year for Volleyball at The Boswells School qualifying for four National Finals. They have had a record-breaking year where all three girls' teams U15, U16 and U18s made it through to the finals as well as the U18 boys' team after many qualifying rounds. During the Easter Holidays, the U18 Boys and Girls team got to get some international experience in preparations for the finals in Pordenone, Italy at the Cornacchia World Cup where both teams had great successes.

The finals were held on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April at the National Volleyball centre in Kettering. Four of our teams represented the school in the Volleyball National Finals. All of them did incredibly well. The Under 16 and Under 18 girls just narrowly missed out in their respective finals, but the Under 15 girls and Under 18 boys became national champions. This is an incredible achievement by the students, who were cheered on by staff, family and friends.

Well done to all the students and staff involved!

Community Dance Show

On Thursday 27th and Friday 28th April, we held our annual Community Dance Show. This unique show celebrates the excellent work of our students across all year groups as well as showcasing the performances of primary age students in our Community Glee group and our community partners, Dance 21 and Grapevine. Both nights were a sell out and the show did not disappoint. Well done to everybody that took part and a big thanks to everyone that attended and showed their support. This event as always, raises a good amount of money for charity and this year was no exception.



Montreuil-sur-mer

Saturday 10th June, 41 of our Year 7 students went on a very successful, although somewhat epically long, day trip to Montreuil-sur-mer in France.

We departed from school at 3am to catch our ferry at Dover. After a smooth crossing and a short drive, we arrived at the picturesque town of Montreuil to explore the shops and market. From Montreuil, we drove to Etaples Military Cemetery for a brief WW1 History lesson and to pay our respects, and then we went onwards to Boulogne to go to Nausicaa sea-life centre. The recently upgraded attraction with its breathtakingly huge central aquarium did not fail to wow and amaze us with its sharks, rays and giant turtles, not forgetting the sealions, penguins and all the other array of beautiful, curious and precious ocean life. We certainly packed a lot in to one day!

We made our way completely exhausted back to Calais before catching the last ferry home.



Thank you to the staff who supported with this trip and well done to the students who took part, which was the first after a three year break.



Hasty's Farm

Our Reception pupils visited Hasty's Farm, for their first ever school trip, to support their learning about farms. In this unit, they learn about where our food comes from and read books, such as 'The Gigantic Turnip'. The unit is also our first foray into our classical texts in our [Literature Spine](#), where the pupils read 'The Tale of Peter Rabbit'.



"The children are all kind, friendly and polite and that makes me want to come to work every day with a smile on my face."

Colchester Zoo

Our Year 1 pupils visited Colchester Zoo earlier on in the term, to support their learning about [groups of vertebrates](#) in science. They took part in a 'Fastest, Biggest, Strongest' workshop and then completed various trails around the zoo – what a great day!



We have a very ambitious Trips and Visits curriculum (current and proposed as the school grows) – in July, our Year 2 pupils will be visiting the Tower of London for their [Great Fire of London](#) unit of learning in history, and our Year 1 pupils will be visiting Brightlingsea Beach for their learning about [Coasts and Tourism](#).



"The inclusivity for all pupils is clear on all levels"

Sports Day

We scheduled our Sports Day earlier in the term this year to avoid the heat – and it was still a very hot, but brilliant, day! We had such a good turn out from parents and our



pupils were all fantastic in their various events, including shooting in goal with goalie parents, basketball, egg and spoon races and parachute games.



Colour Run

We are fortunate to have a very active PTA, who this year have supported the school's approach to enrichment activities – they have funded the coaches for most of our school trips, so that we



can keep costs low for parents. One of their fundraising activities this term was a very bright Colour Run! The children all had a marvellous time.



"With supportive colleagues and an ambitious, well planned curriculum, it is a fun and enjoyable school"



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

Year 2 Mini Olympic Games – Going For Gold!

Summer term is when all the Year 2 children take part in the Mini-Olympics at Melbourne Park Stadium. This is an annual event and one that Perryfields Infant has had the privilege of attending since it began. Four schools took part in sports activities ranging from throwing small javelins, running relays, speed stacking race, balance bikes and a cheerleading dance. As usual, the event was incredibly well organised by the Chelmsford Sport Partnership.



I am happy to be able to tell you that Perryfields Infants were placed second overall. I am thrilled to say we had a Gold medal for best top scorer for all the girls out of all 4 schools (240 children) and a Silver medal. Plus a gold for all the boys on the day and a Silver medal. The children really enjoyed the selection of activities and the behaviour was excellent. The double decker bus was also a big hit! Congratulations everyone - we are proud of you all!

Police Scott Visit

This term, PC Scott Smith and PC Rosie Smith came to spend time in our school during lunchtime. The children enjoyed talking to them in the playground and playing ball games. In the afternoons they spent some time in the classes talking about how they help and support in the local community. The children were fantastic. They had several great questions, were kind and polite and made both of our visitors feel welcome.



National Schools Sports Week

Once again, we have had a full week of sporting activities which Mrs Bowen has organised. The children have been learning to play Boccia, Curling and Archery. The Reception children took part in Bikeability and the KS1 children went swimming at The Boswells School.

We also had our fantastic Sports Day. Unfortunately, due to the British weather the original sports day was postponed. Although short notice, Sports Day did manage to go ahead and the children had a wonderful time. There were six activities which required the children to use various skills from running, balancing, jumping, throwing, dribbling etc. It was great to see so much support there. Well done to the white team winning!

Cricket Success!

This term, seventeen Year Two children went to compete in an interschool 3 Tees cricket competition. There were eight teams in total. All of the children worked so hard and had a fabulous afternoon. Well done to Team A Mason, Theo, Jaxon, Elliot, Aiden, Savannah, Aravi, Beanie and Team B Ryan, Oscar, Luke, Aarav, Win, Isabelle, Sophie, Nitya and Sri. We came 1st and 3rd with Team A through to the finals on in May.



The 3 Tees cricket finals involved eight other Schools who had already made it to the grand final! All the children worked superbly as a team and their behaviour was exemplary. Congratulations to Team A who were all fantastic and came second - Fantastic! Again, lots of fun was had by all.

Bounce, Bounce, Boing!

It was wonderful to see so many children with their families at our inflatables event. It was lovely that so many pre-school children were able to come who will be joining us in September.



The weather was glorious and the children were able to bounce to their hearts content and then rest with a drink or ice-cream. Thank you for the positive feedback. Again, a big thank you to the FIPS parents who organised this event and made it possible. A lot of hard work goes on beforehand and without the FIPS team events like this can't happen. All monies raised go towards resources for the children. We are currently saving money for new library furniture and new computers. Thank you for your continued support.

Close Community Work

This term, our Year 2 Play Leaders have been working hard with Mr Bowen and the Year 6 Play Leaders to learn various games and activities to play alongside the other children. It has been lovely to see them interacting and supporting everyone outside, ensuring lunchtimes continue to be a pleasant experience for all.

Sponsored Pyjama Parade

All the children had a fantastic time walking around the large field for their sponsored walk event. Thank you to the FIPS team for organising.



Coronation Disco

As part of the Kings Coronation celebrations, we held some Coronation Discos. The EYFS and KS1 Coronation Discos were a huge success. The children had a fantastic time dancing away with DJ Jon and waving their glow sticks around. A big thank you to the FIPS team for organising and running the event and to all the parent helpers - these things are not possible to run without you - THANK YOU. The disco raised £412 for the school, which will go towards the computer room or library area for the children.



District Athletics

The PE Department took a 56 plus strong squad of students from Years 7, 8, and 9 to the first West Essex and Harlow District Sports at Melbourne Park, Chelmsford, since 2019.

The day was a hugely successful day from an individual student and collective team Roding Valley perspective. The Year 7 and 9 girls teams finished 2nd with the overall Year 7 team finishing 2nd out of 12 schools on the day.



Team Results:
Year 7 – 2nd
Year 8 – 4th
Year 9 – 5th

KS3 Trips

Natural History Museum

On Tuesday 27th Students were amazed to learn about fossils, human evolution and dinosaurs and were able to experience the effects of earthquakes. A student commented, *"My favourite thing about the trip was the beautiful rocks and fossils we saw. It was incredible to think about how old they were but still were in such amazing condition"*.

BFI French / History visit

30 Year 8 students went to the BFI Southbank to learn about French cinema and how the French suffered under the German occupation during World War 2. In particular, the students enjoyed seeing a French film detailing the journey of a group of Jewish children risking their lives to flee occupied France to reach neutral Switzerland. Although at times it made for some uncomfortable viewing, the children really benefited from the dual aspect of understanding French culture and learning about a critical time of recent history.



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Launch of Musical 2023

#Team drama and the sixth form production team here at Roding Valley, were excited to announce that the 2024 whole school production will be, *Mary Poppins Jr!* This classic Disney musical, which has recently been a smash hit in the West End and on Broadway, comes to our main stage in February 2024.



Super-curricular lectures

This term, we have run a series of 'super-curricular' lectures for students across Year 7-9. These lectures were delivered by members of staff from across the school in our 6th form study area; to give that academic experience to our younger students. The topics ranged from running a marathon to working in investment banking. It was a great opportunity for our students to learn about topics that do not always feature in their daily lessons.

Year 11 leavers 2023

It was so wonderful to celebrate the end of an era with our Leavers assembly, where we came together as a year group to look back at all of the fun times and wonderful memories made. Students enjoyed the opportunity to have their shirts signed by all of their friends and favourite teachers and make the most of the chance to say goodbye to so many wonderful people in our RVHS community.



This was then followed by the long awaited Prom. What a night this was! Each and every student looked so grown up in their finery, and all celebrated the night away with some great food and even better music. It was great to see the smile on all their faces, enjoying this moment with all of their nearest friends and just taking it all in.



Student leadership team 2023

Over the last two weeks, we have seen our Sixth Form students putting themselves forward for a wide range of student leadership positions, including Head Boy and Girl. This process has been very gregarious but our students showed true talent and skill. We are very excited to welcome the new student leadership to the team and look forward to the contributions they make.





Tyrrells 60th Birthday

A huge thank you to all those who contacted us with photos of their time at Tyrrells.

Everyone had a fantastic time at our 60th Birthday party and inflatable afternoon on Friday 23rd June - a big thank you to Friends of Tyrrells for organising the whole event and raising so much money! It was amazing to see so many past students, teachers and Headteachers at the event who all shared tales of their experiences at Tyrrells and enjoyed seeing how the school has changed in that time.

The photos are now being used in the classrooms as historic sources of evidence for the children to understand how the school has changed over the last 60 years.



Year 3 Lighthouse Design

As part of their topic on coasts, our Year 3 children have



spent time researching, designing and constructing lighthouses with working bulbs, combining art, DT and computing lessons. The children worked well in small groups using their perseverance skills and showing great team work.



Year 3 Danbury Park Trip

Year 3 have visited Danbury Park for a 'Stone Age Day' where they took part in a variety of exciting activities. The children built some amazing dens, lit fires, practiced aiming spears, as well as creating their own cave art. The children behaved extremely well all day, listened carefully, worked collaboratively and the Park Rangers commented on what a lovely year group they were - we were very proud of them!



Well Done Year 6!



A huge well done to all our Year 6 children for their positive, calm and mature approach to their SATs tests. The children have worked incredibly hard all year and really tried their best which is all anyone can ask of them. Despite the difficulty of the papers and the intensity of completing them all in four days, our children took everything in their stride and continued smiling throughout!

A big thank you to our catering staff for providing the children with a free cooked breakfast at 8:00am each day during SATs week. The children loved this and said it reminded them of being at PGL again! This enabled the children to be in school early and spend time with their friends prior to the start of each test. Thanks must also go to the Year 6 staff who have worked hard all year to ensure that the children were as ready for the experience as possible and to all Year 6 parents for your ongoing support as ever. The children enjoyed a well-deserved SATs Party after their week was over and much fun was had! Well done Year 6, we are very proud of you!



Early Years Scooter Training 2023

Our Reception children have been taking part in a series of sessions training them how to use a scooter safely. The children thoroughly enjoyed their sessions, took them extremely seriously and are very proud of their Scooter Training Certificates. Now that the children have all completed their training, they have become a regular feature of the outdoor area!

