# CLP Parent and Carer Newsletter



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#### **Message from the CEO**

It was another year where school leaders needed to adapt quickly to meet the needs of the pupils of the academy. This has included considering Covid restrictions and this week extreme weather conditions. Throughout the year, our schools have worked hard to ensure they adapt practice whilst providing a fantastic education for the pupils which attend our schools. For this, I would like to say thank you to each and every member of staff that works in our trust to make this happen.

The CLP Trust is growing from strength to strength each year and the introduction of Karla Martin, Director of Standards and School Improvement, has ensured that even more of the good practice across the schools is shared to benefit all pupils in the trust.

There have been some amazing achievements this year from the pupils. Many are being provided with new experiences to enhance their education. This has included pupils from Reception to Year 13 representing their school at sporting events, taking part in educational visits or residential stays and representing the school in a wider capacity, for example as a School Council member with local politicians.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you as parents/carers for the support that you give

your individual schools and in turn the trust. For those pupils moving on from us – to the next step in their educational career or for some their first full employment - we wish you all the best for the future. To all those with pupils continuing with one of our schools for the academic year 2022 to 2033, we look forward to welcoming you back and working with you once again.

Paul Banks
Chief Executive Officer

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the term we are as proud of our staff as we are of our pupils for the outcomes they have enjoyed at the end of this year. Staff have ensured that in spite of any disruptions caused by the pandemic, pupils were supported to be well within themselves and catch up on any work or learning opportunities they had missed. I have seen our teachers and leaders work even more closely together across schools in the Trust to make sure that all pupils get and do their best. Every school has had headteachers from another school visit them to identify what is going really well and what can be even better. This is very important because they can be that extra eye and can share ideas from their own school. As our name says, we are all learning together as a partnership.

Looking forward to the coming year we will be making more of these learning connections across

the schools as we help even more of our teachers, including those who are recently qualified become outstanding practitioners. Some staff have also been tasked to research how we can get even better at specific areas in which we want to excel. Some of these include helping pupils with SEND and English as Additional Language make rapid progress, making our lessons as creative as possible and giving pupils the right amount of challenge in every lesson. We will also be creating a map that shows the journey the pupils in our Trust make in their science learning from ages 4 to 18.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer break with your families and looking forward to a successful 2022-2023 academic year for all.

Karla Martin
Director of Standards and School Improvement



#### **Enhanced Healthy School Award**

The school has received a Healthy Schools Enhanced Award which recognises of all the fantastic work that goes on at BFIS to make sure we are super healthy in all that we do. We are really proud to receive this award and we thank all the staff and children that made this possible.



#### **High Chelmer Artwork**

This half term we were asked, along with other local schools, to create a piece of artwork to celebrate High Chelmer's 50th birthday. We have worked hard across the school to create a piece of work as part of the celebration, and this will be displayed in the shopping centre throughout August. Below is a picture of our completed art piece and we hope you will be able to see our artwork on display over the summer.



#### Year 1 Trip - The Gruffalo Trail

Year 1 had an absolutely brilliant day at Thorndon Country Park! The Park Rangers led lots of activities based on the characters in the Gruffalo. We made Owl Angels in the leaves, made leaf kebabs to hide from the Gruffalo and went to Squirrel School to learn how to climb trees like a squirrel.



#### Year 2 - Call of the Wild

Year 2 had an amazing time at 'The Call of the Wild'. They enjoyed learning all about different animals and their habitats. They especially enjoyed looking closely at a stick insect and tortoise. Some of the children even had the chance to touch them!



#### **Rosie the Reading Dog**

Rosie the Reading Dog and her owner Mrs Sparrowhawk have joined the school as volunteers. Rosie's aim is to listen to the children read whilst enjoying the library space. They delivered assemblies to the school and all children had the opportunity to meet Rosie. Rosie was completely content with all the children in the hall - she even laid down and made herself at home!



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#### **Ford Engineering Project**

Mrs Walker took a select group of Year 3 and Year 6 pupils to Ford Motor Company HQ at Dunton to take part in an engineering challenge they had been working towards. The aim was to construct a working prototype. Two of teams walked away with the top prize too! We were so proud.





#### **Year 5 Gotta Dance**

A large group of Year 5 performed a complex dance at the Chelmsford Civic Theatre on Tuesday 24th May in front of an enthusiastic audience. After rehearsing in school, the children, accompanied by Miss Stanley, Mrs Summers and Mrs Kuma dismissed the nerves



and put on a great show. Here's one account:

"At first I found the dance tricky but the more I practised, the more confident I got. On the night, I couldn't have been more ready and when the presenter called "Barnes Farm!" I felt as if my heart was going to pop out. When the music started it went like a dream and it was the night of my life!"

Penny Year 5

#### **Display Evening**

We were delighted to have such a fantastic turn out for our Display Evening on 6th July and it was great to be able to welcome



parents back into school after such a long time.



Pabulum offered samples of our school dinners for everyone to try, and Rocksteady and their pupils wowed the audience with their music. Staff across the school had displayed a rich range of learning from the last year that both they and the children were proud to present to everyone. Thank you to all the children and staff for making the event such a success. We hope you enjoyed the

opportunity of coming back into school.

Mr McTaggart - Headteacher

#### **Year 6 Politics Project**

Our three Year 6 classes interviewed three politicians in July as part of a project they had been working on. 6S met local councillor Dan Clark, 6V interviewed Vicky Ford MP and



6C interrogated Baroness Wilcox from the House of Lords. The aim of the project was to ensure that all children had the opportunity for a meaningful conversation with a politician. Hot topics were the environment, e-scooters, the homeless,



pathways into politics and finally how to make a difference. Thank you to all those who contributed to making it happen.

Mr McTaggart - Headteacher

#### Sports at BFJS

Friday 24th June saw a fantastic Sports Day with track races in the morning, watched by huge numbers of parents and carers and competitive activities in the afternoon based in House groups. The results were as follows:



House Champions: Dragon Winning Teams: Phoenix 1, Dragon 3 and Phoenix 3

The Inter-house football cup also took place between Dragon and Griffin with Griffin running out the eventual winners at 2-1.



Finally, our pupils attended the Chelmsford Schools District Sports at Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre. The children took part in track events including 60 and 80 metre sprints, 600 metre distance races and 4 x 80 metre relays. At the end of

the competition (which included the points scored at the field events competition last Monday) we were placed third. The team were overjoyed at the result and there were impressive performances from each member of the team. The afternoon was

very enjoyable and a great opportunity for the children to run at the stadium and in front of a large number of spectators. Congratulations to both the track and field teams.

Thank you to Mr White and Mr Brothers for helping to manage the team at the event.











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#### That's a wrap!

With Covid restrictions well-behind us, The Beaulieu Park School was proud to perform our first ever full school show, Matilda! The cast, from across our whole school, wowed audiences during our four-night run. With Matilda being Beaulieu's debut, the cast definitely felt the pressure and really wanted to mark the moment, setting a standard of excellence for future students to uphold - but making history takes a considerable amount of graft!

> Students have learnt lots about stage craft and theatre-making and had a hand in making deliberate creative decisions, which was evident in the performance work they have created in class. They have been inspiring their classmates with their well-informed anecdotes and attention to detail. More than this, projects like these

gift students an opportunity to build relationships outside of their phase, year or friendship groups. One of the proudest moments for staff was watching the secondary students support the primary cast with raucous applause, high fives and genuine words of encouragement.

School life has felt a little different in the wake of the show, exemplified poetically by a gaggle of our Year 7s looking a little lost at lunchtime and when approached asking, "What do we do now?". Great question! Now, we celebrate our hard work and enjoy what we created, whilst remaining humble and hungry for the next challenge. Roll on auditions for 2022!



In another first for us, students from across the school attended our prize giving event at the Cathedral. Here prizes were awarded for individual subject achievement, for attitudes to learning, for contributions to our House system and our very select Golden Stag prizes. We



were also excited to present our Founders Prizes. These are a unique set of awards, named after and presented by the staff that began things at Beaulieu. They will provide a legacy award and an anchor to the school's foundation. These prizes included: The Wilding Prize for English, The Tickner Prize for Mathematics, The Robinson Prize for Science, The Fox Prize for Humanities, The Fulford Visual Arts Prize, The Timms-Bruno Music Prize, The Pointu Prize for Physical Education, The Watkins Prize for Drama, The Garcia Languages Prize, The Appleton-White Resilience Prize, The Tredinnick ARRK Secondary School Prize, The Koller ARRK Primary School Prize and The Donaldson Prize for Overall Contribution to the School. It was a wonderful occasion!



#### **Cross-Phase working**

One of the fantastic things about being an all-through school is being able to share expertise and resources across all phases of the school. This term, the students in Year 3 have continued to work in the secondary phase with



food technology, art and music. The children have worked incredibly hard and have produced some fantastic creations from still life drawing, weaving and clay work, to creating their own recipes and making savoury scones, wraps and cous-cous. They learnt how to do the washing up too! Here are the children in action.



#### Jubilee Parade

To mark the Queen's Jubilee earlier this term, the primary phase of the school took part in a parade. Each year group produced a piece of art to display during the parade. This included crowns for Reception, Year 1 designed their own flags. Year 2 created their own stamps and the students in Year 3 made their own coat of arms on a shield. The event was a huge success, with over 300 parents in attendance. It was a lovely way for our community to come together after being apart for so long.





#### Vicky Ford, MP for Chelmsford

On Friday 13th May, we had the pleasure to welcome Vicky Ford, MP for Chelmsford, to Boswells. The main part of her visit was to speak with a number of our Year 7 and 8 students to find out what they enjoy about school and what they would improve. The students spoke excellently picking out Chemistry practical's, sporting opportunities, English lessons, Performing Arts and Art and Maths challenges as some of the things they enjoy. They made suggestions for improvement such as, having sports captains as well as house captains along with being given more examples of how Maths can be used in the real world.

Vicky kindly returned to the school to meet with our Year 12 A-Level Politics students for a question-and-answer session. Our Year 12 students came up with some fantastic hard-hitting questions which kept Vicky on her toes.



## Performing & Creative Arts





#### **Annual Community Dance show**

On Thursday 28th and Friday 29th 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.

#### Sports day

Monday 6th June was our Sports Day. Mr Mansell had the privilege of giving out the medals to the athletes that came in the top 3 for each event. Here is what he had to say...

'In my mind, all the students that took part were winners! The students took great pride in their performances and put a huge amount of effort in. What was particularly clear was that the students love a medal! Some of the students will go on to



represent the school in the Schools' District Sports competition that takes place later this month.'

#### **Year 7 Danbury Camp**

Many of our Year 7 students had a great time at Danbury Outdoors where they stayed from 15th to 17th July. The weather was very kind, so lots of water and sunscreen was needed! The activities were wide ranging, such as high ropes, climbing, mountain biking and canoeing with many of them designed to build up the students' communication and teamwork skills. With approximately 160



students attending the trip, there were a significant amount of our staff with them to supervise. Although many of them I'm sure enjoyed the time away from the school, their commitment should not go unnoticed and I would like to say a big thank you, as without them, the students wouldn't have been able to have such a valuable experience.



#### **Enrichment Opportunities at Lakelands**

Following a very quiet year last year, we made extra efforts to ensure that our Reception and Year 1 pupils had rich, cultural experiences via our wider curriculum and trips and visits. So far this year, we have had a farm and zoo visit to support our learning about animals in Science, a trip to the coast to support our learning about tourism in Geography and will still have one visit left to go – next week, we will be visiting Colchester Castle to support our learning in History about the history of our local area.

Our Year 1 pupils have also participated in sporting events alongside other schools, organised by the Colchester and Blackwater School Sports Partnership, including a Fun Run and an Athletics Festival. We intend to have an ambitious personal development programme (including a trip to London



#### **Lakelands PTA**

We are extremely fortunate to have an active PTA – despite its infancy (they were only established three months ago in April 22), they have already raised nearly £2,500! We had a very successful first Summer Fair, with lots of positive feedback from both the parent and local community. We were fortunate to have music and dances throughout the events funded by the Roman River Community Outreach Project, including the Efua Sey Cultural Academy.

The school are already reaping the benefits, with the PTA taking an active role in subsidising our enrichment opportunities and even enhancing them further. Their contributions have so far enabled our pupils to go to the beach at a subsidised cost and enabled them to take part in activities such as crabbing. From next year, the PTA will be donating funds for the school to buy milk for all



pupils to have on offer at lunchtimes and continue to subsidise our trips and visits. Thank you to the PTA and our parent community for their continued support.

#### **Sports Day**

We held our first (with spectators!) Sports Day this year and are so proud of all of our pupils and their achievements on the day. We had a variety of activities, including a competitive

track race, parachute games and a penalty shoot-out! We wanted to involve our families as much as possible, and so we held a preschooler race and some

parents stepped in for our pupils to shoot against. There was an amazing family atmosphere with lots of parents/carers and grandparents who came to cheer everyone on.







Our Reception pupils have been reading the fable, *The Leopard's Drum* and creating some beautiful art inspired by the book. As part of this piece of work, they were also visited by Hassan Lofti of the Roman River Community Outreach Project for a fantastic African drumming workshop.

Follow us on our journey at our website http://www.lakelandsprimary.com and on Twitter @lakelandsprima1

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

#### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The whole school and nation has been celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There was a street party, playing on the field, singing, royal art, assemblies and a sponsored Jubilee walk in true Perryfields style! We loved

taking our Queen Elizabeth 'A Platinum Jubilee Celebration'







#### **Year 2 Mini Olympics Winners!**

A big congratulations to all our Year 2 children. we came 1st! Recently our Year 2 children went to Chelmsford Athletics stadium to compete in the Mini Olympics where they represented Australia. This is where schools take part in 7 various sporting activities, are timed and given a score. At the end of each activity the scores get counted. The activities were ladder running, throwing, toy pony riding, balance bikes, large cup stacking, dance and relay runs. All the children worked hard individually and their behaviour was exemplary. There were over 250 children who took part and two of our



achieving a place on the final podium. Well done Sienna for getting 1st place overall and receiving a gold medal and well done to Robyn for getting 3rd place overall and receiving a bronze medal - what stars!

#### **Open Afternoons**

It was wonderful to see so many parents or grandparents in school looking at their children's fantastic work together. 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 the year, especially the independent work.

#### National Sports Week – fabulous fun!

Monday 20th 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, Ball skills, making Jockey T-shirts, Bocca skills, Kurling, parachute games on the playground and KS1 swimming. What a fantastic way to celebrate sport and keeping fit and to finish it off with Sports Day. As always, a big thank you to Mrs Bowen for organising, the Year 7 and Year 12 Boswells students for supporting the children and to all the parents/carers and grandparents who came to watch and cheer everyone on. It was fantastic to see that everyone took part, persevered when things got tough and worked collaboratively in their teams. Congratulations to the Blue Team for winning overall. Everyone was FAB!

#### Happy's Circus -Happy belated 50th birthday

Two years ago the school was due to celebrate its 50th birthday with a visit from the Happy Circus. Due to Covid, two years later it happened! What a wonderful day and evening. The feedback from the school fete and Circus has been extremely positive. The circus acts were amazing with lots of awe and wonder and at the end lots of water with the clown. I would like to say thank you to all the parents, children and staff who helped to run a stall and also helped set up and put things away. These things are not possible without everyone



doing their bit. The whole event went without any major hitches and this was due to the hard work and forward thinking of the main FIPS Team. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Bannister, Mrs Toovey, Mrs Hudson and Mrs Bird who have organised the whole event. Money raised from these FIPS events go towards things for the school to help all the children, for example the computers, outside play equipment, reading books, extra-curriculum learning experiences, Christmas pantomime etc. THANK YOU!



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#### **Year 6 Transition Evening**

On Thursday 23rd June, our new Year 7 cohort and their parents were invited to our annual Transition Evening event. The evening was a tremendous success, starting with a meet and greet; where parents had the opportunity to meet some of the teachers that their children will have in September, followed by the Headteacher's presentation. The presentation included some of our current Year 7 students describing their first year at RVHS, a talk from our newly appointed Head Boy and Head Girl and a





performance by some of our Drama Students.



The Year 6 students were also able to participate, if an activity of their choice – with offerings from Science, Drama, PE and Art.

To view our Transition Evening Slideshow, please click on this *Link*.

#### **Year 12 Gold DofE Expedition**

Fourteen Year 12 students, accompanied by two members of staff, embarked on their DofE Gold Practice Expedition from 20th to 24th June 2022. It was a wonderful learning experience for all the students as they put into practice the various skills they had been learning which included camp craft, cooking, orienteering and man skills.

A very enjoyable and tiring expedition for all which required resilience and physical and mental strength.





## GCSE and A Level Art & Photography Exhibition 2022

We are pleased to announce that the 2022 digital exhibition has gone 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.









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!

#### **Year 11 Leavers 2022 and Prom**

Wednesday 29th of June was a really lovely day with our Year 11 students. We started early with the leavers assembly - students looked smart and excited, grabbed their leavers books and started signing shirts.



Our final assembly was filled with celebrations and successes, we were all delighted to be entertained by Caleb Beer's outstanding performance - for which he got a well-deserved standing ovation! Congratulations to the bronze Duke of Edinburgh winners, students had voted in some year group nominations for awards and so we had a number of winners with highlights such as class joker, most likely to win the lottery and lose the ticket, funniest laugh, most likely to take over the world and so many more! Students cheered and supported one another and many of the staff who attended commented on how lovely the year group is.



At 7pm we arrived at the Prom, our students looked absolutely amazing and really threw themselves into the celebrations. Everyone behaved impeccably and we were all incredibly proud of the way that they conducted themselves.

This year's Prom King and Queen were Caleb Beer and Bronya Overington as chosen by the year group.

We are so very proud of our Year 11s and wish them much happiness, success and fulfilments in their future journeys and look forward to seeing those attending Sixth Form on the 2nd of September.

To view our Year 11 Leavers Day and Prom 2022 slideshow, please click on this *Link*.

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

#### **Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

Our children thoroughly enjoyed preparing for our fantastic Jubilee Party by making crowns and flags to wave throughout the parade. Children from each year group learned a song from a decade of the Queen's reign and

performed it during the Jubilee party: Year 6 (50s), Year 5 (60s), Year 4 (70s), Year 3 (80s), Year 2 (90s), Year 1 (00s), Reception (10s). Before performing, the children paraded around the playground to model

their fantastic crowns whilst the

other children waved their flags and applauded. The children enjoyed a Jubilee cake or biscuit that was made by our fantastic Catering Team and then ended the afternoon by standing and joining in with the National Anthem. This was a fantastic experience for the children to mark the significance of this once in a lifetime event!



After an earlier postponement, we were absolutely delighted that 43 children from our Junior Choir took part in the 25th Anniversary Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena, alongside 8500 other children from





a lifetime in the evening. After such a long time of not being able to take part in such events, it really was an emotional experience for everyone involved and one that the children will remember forever!

#### **Platinum School Games Award**

We are delighted to announce that we have just been awarded our first Platinum School Games Award. After achieving the Gold Award for the last four years, we are very proud that we have now managed to take this a step further and achieve the Platinum Award.



The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active.

We are extremely proud of our children for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our events possible. We are committed to using the School Games to try and engage those young people who haven't previously been active or represented our school and to try and ensure that all our children have a positive experience and want to try out new activities beyond school too in our community. We believe in the power of physical activity and school sport as a school and give opportunities to those young people that need it most either as a participant, leader, official or volunteer. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria inthe areas linked to the five School Games outcomes and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

#### **Chess Club Success**

After a year of playing in virtual tournaments, our chess club attended their first face to face tournament at Moulsham Junior School involving 7 local schools this term. The children played very well and came 2nd overall which is an excellent achievement!

We look forward to seeing what the children can achieve next year!



#### **Multi-Use Games Area**

After saving a proportion of our Government PE & Sports Grant for the last few years, we are delighted that we finally have our new MUGA! This additional all-weather space will provide us with extra capacity both during the day for PE lessons and for extra-curricular clubs and will be used by all children. The position of the MUGA enables access in all weathers from a paved area and also still leaves enough space on the main field for a running track and football pitch. We are just waiting for the company to come back to add the sports markings that we have requested. We are very excited for the children to start using this new space!

