

## Christmas Message from Roger Blundell, Chair of Trustees

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a year! It has been a busy, sometimes challenging but always very exciting. We are pleased to announce we have successfully undertaken Ofsted inspections at 4 of our schools, made significant building improvements at a number of our schools, including the new building at Barnes Farm Infant School and Barnes Farm Junior School, and added a full time member of staff to the school improvement team.

We have had excellent results from exams undertaken in the summer term with all schools (primary and secondary) within the trust either meeting or exceeding all Essex and national average benchmarks for 2022. These are just a few of the amazing achievements this year which are only made possible by the hard work and dedication of our staff, our wonderful and supportive parents/carers and of course our truly inspirational and fantastic children.

As trustees we depend on each and every member of our communities to give the best of themselves and to work together to create the very special places for which we are responsible. We thank each one of you for your contribution to the CLP family.

On behalf of Trustees I want to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and I look forward to continuing to work together in 2023.

Roger Blundell  
Chair of Trustees, CLP

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of what has been a very eventful but successful term for the Chelmsford Learning Partnership. I would like to start by saying well done and thank you to all of the staff in our schools for their continuing hard work to support our pupils both academically and in terms of their personal development.

We would also like to send a special congratulations to the staff at Barnes Farm Infant School, Barnes Farm Junior School, Perryfields Infants and Roding Valley High School for their fantastic results from their Ofsted inspections this term. All schools have retained their "Good" rating under what is definitely a more difficult framework. We also had the 6th form at Roding Valley being inspected for the first time and receiving an "Outstanding" grade. We celebrate the success of the schools with their dedicated headteachers and staff.

In spite of how busy the term has been and the challenges caused by a range of illnesses that have

affected staff and pupils across the country this autumn/winter period, our pupils have continued to have rich and exciting learning experiences, some of which will be shared with you in this newsletter. We would encourage you on a daily basis to talk to your children about what they are learning at school, as talking about it will help them to remember what they learn for longer. Our visits to schools this term showed that CLP pupils in all of our schools continue to be hardworking, positive about learning, well behaved and kind, and this was picked up by each of the Ofsted lead inspectors and is a credit to your children as well as the staff.

We want to wish you and your families a safe, enjoyable time with your loved ones. Remember that spending time with those we love is the most priceless gift of all. Have a Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Karla Martin  
Acting CEO



## All In Event at Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre

BFIS took a group of children to the 'All In' event at Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre. The children took part in a range of exciting activities, including trampolining and archery and had an amazing time. All of the children joined in and did their best – it was a very proud BFIS moment as they represented the school brilliantly.



## Forest School

Forest School is an important part of the BFIS curriculum for all year groups. The children in Reception enjoyed their first full Forest School session with 'Hannah Hawthorne'.

They all had a super time climbing trees, digging in the mud kitchen, making dens, pulleys and cranes with the ropes and tarps, swinging on the rope swing, hunting for worms or relaxing in the hammock. Phew – they were busy!

They showed brilliant listening and remembered to run back to the log circle when Hannah did her bird call.



## Harvest Festival

We had a wonderful Harvest Festival Assembly this term and would like to thank Rev. Andy from the Church of Our Saviour for joining our school celebration. The children performed various songs and poems to each other, and we reflected on what harvest means.

In addition to our Harvest celebration, we also took this as an opportunity to collect donations for the Chelmsford Foodbank. We would like to thank all the families that donated to our collection. The school has received a thank you card from the Chelmsford Foodbank to thank us for all the food and additional items we collected and donated. We managed to donate 120kg in total.



## Rosie the Reading Dog

We are definitely a reading school and it is embedded into the school day in every way. This can be seen through our daily 'we love to read' sessions. In addition to all that we do in class, Rosie the Reading Dog, comes into school to listen to our children read. This term, she has really made a difference to the child by being a positive impact on reading time in the library. These are some of the comments from our children:



## London Marathon

We are supported by lots of different people throughout the year in lots of different ways. We would like to say 'Well done Mrs Hammond', on completing the London Marathon this year in 3h53:41. Mrs Hammond is one of the BF parents and this year, ran the marathon to raise funds for both Barnes Farm Infant School and Barnes Farm Junior School to support our 2022 – 2023 fundraising efforts. She is keen to support active lifestyles and will be supporting the school to select a variety of sporting equipment for the children to use at playtimes and lunchtimes with the funds raised.





## Year 6 Kingswood Residential Visit

75 Y6 pupils travelled to the Kingswood Outdoor Activity centre with 6 staff for a 4-night residential stay in October. The children threw themselves into all the activities such as den building, climbing and caving. They really bonded as a unit at this new venue for the school and developed their independence and resilience at the same time.



## Sport

It's been a busy term of accessing competitive sport at BFJS. We've participated in Boccia, Kurling and Bowls to name just a few.



## Sing-It Music Festival

The children had a brilliant time at the Essex Music Services 'Sing-it' Concert in October. This was a culmination of hard work from children in Year's 4 and 5 who have been attending choir practice after school with Mrs Fung. The children were enthusiastic singers, having learnt 9 new songs in a really short space of time and were joined by 5 other schools and a live band to rehearse and then perform the songs (some of them with harmonies) at Christ Church in New London Road. This was partly to promote a new community choir starting at Beaulieu School after half term for local children which will be run by the music service. It was a pleasure to take the children and an emotional experience for Mrs Pedrick and I, watching the children sing their hearts out. These events have been sorely missed and it was lovely to be part of it again. Already looking forward to the Junior Music Festival in the Summer Term, watch this space!

Mrs Fung

## Ofsted – We continue to be judged as a 'Good' school



October saw the publication of our Ofsted report which captured so many strengths of our provision and also identified where we needed to improve further. Thank you to all the parents and carers who responded to the ParentView survey as well as the staff, pupils and Governors who were seen by the Inspector. Here are some snippets that we are especially proud of:

*Pupils are kind, courteous and polite towards each other and adults*

*There is a culture of safeguarding in the school*

*Leaders have designed and developed an ambitious curriculum for all pupils*

## The Barnes Farm Junior School Values

BEING POSITIVE

BEING RESPECTFUL

BEING RESPONSIBLE

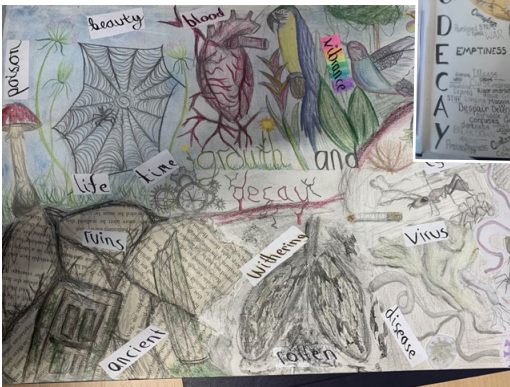
## European Day of Languages

Here at Beaulieu, languages are extremely important to us. Not just the learning of the vocabulary and pronunciation, but also the cultural aspects too, that enable our students to celebrate the differences of others and value how the world we live in is so rich and full of different experiences and opportunities. This year, the languages department hosted many activities across the week, from assemblies, quizzes, bake off competitions, different foods in the canteen at lunch times, videos of staff and students speaking their home languages, amongst other fun activities.



## Inaugural GCSE Art Students

Our GCSE art students have made a fantastic start to their creative journey. Here are some amazing, independent title pages to introduce the first project in their new sketchbook. Students are busy creating collages to build into design work for the briefs they have received linked to growth and decay. Our students are working to create displays for the school buildings and looking forward to their art gallery trip later this year.



## Beaulieu Does Fame the Musical

This half term, the Drama, Music and Dance departments held workshops and auditions for this year's school production 'Fame'.

Students came in groups to learn choreography, dialogue and songs in preparation for their auditions for principal or ensemble roles. The cast list has been announced and rehearsals are underway.

Our very first whole school production last year was 'Matilda' and tickets sold at exceptional rates. We hope to see as many friends and family supporting our students with this academic year's main production!

## Chelmsford Rotary Club Partnership

At Beaulieu, we have continued to build on our relationship with the Chelmsford Rotary Club this term. First, we supported them with their 'Wrap Up' campaign, where we collected lots of coats that are given to a range of charities. During the first week of November, 9 members of the Rotary Club came into school and helped a number of students plant 500 crocus corms around the school



grounds. We would like to thank them for their kind donation and can't wait to see them grow in the coming months!

## Garden of Remembrance



The primary phase commemorated Remembrance Day this year by creating our very own 'Remembrance Garden' on Beaulieu Square. This beautiful arrangement was not only enjoyed by our children and their families, but members of the public and our local Nurseries also passed by to show their respects.

## School Council

Last term, the children in the primary phase wanted to set up a place where children could go if they felt lonely or to complete a quiet activity, such as reading, drawing or construction activities. This is when our 'Community Corner' idea was created. It is very well-used by the children and provides an alternative for children preferring a slower pace of life on the playground.



## Results Day

This year saw the first sitting of summer formal examinations since 2019. At GCSE, 83% of all students achieved a grade 4 or above in English and 82% in Maths. Nearly a third of all students achieved a grade 7 or above in English and over a quarter in Maths. All of these measures are significantly above national and Essex averages. Our students also performed outstandingly well in other GCSE subjects as well.

Our A-level students performed exceptionally well. 94% of all grades were at A\*-C, 70% at A\*-B and 37% at A\* or A across the wide range of A Level subjects that the school offers. We were also successful at level 3 CTEC Sport, where all the grades were either at Distinction or Distinction\*.

These results continue our record as being one of the highest performing non-selective secondary schools in Essex.



## Faraday Challenge

On Thursday 17th November, 38 students participated in the Faraday Challenge Day. The challenge was devised by the Institute for Engineering and Technology (IET) and required the students to design, construct and operate a device that could be used to move a 'heart' and a 'kidney' into the right positions on a 'torso' from a distance of 1.1 metres away.

The event was judged by three professionals in the fields of engineering and construction, who kindly volunteered their time as STEM Ambassadors to guide, prompt and inspire our students closer to a solution to the challenge.

Alongside the expert advice of the STEM Ambassadors, the students had access to a range of materials provided by the Technology and Science departments, available to purchase using their budget of Faradays from the shop, and the guidance of Mr Smith in the technology workshops towards realising their designs.

Many of the groups' prototypes performed extremely well on the challenge, and the judges were impressed, and one judge made it clear in his correspondence after the event that 'How we address our engineering challenges and react to unexpected ones is the most important aspect in this field' and that 'All teams and team members were extremely engaging throughout the day and really immersed themselves in the challenge.' We were very impressed and proud. Congratulations to everyone who took part.



## SHREK The Musical

The Boswells School annual whole school production has just taken place and this year was bigger than ever as the Performing & Creative Arts Faculty presented 'Shrek The Musical'. Rehearsals began in September and over 200 students joined the production on stage, in the orchestra, backstage and in the art workshops on set making, set painting, prop and mask making. Over the course of 6 performances, over 1000 people enjoyed the production, including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Chelmsford.



## The Eco-Team

The School have been lucky to be gifted some small hedges from the Woodland Trust. The Eco Team suggested that these saplings should be planted on the edge of the school field, aiming to encourage wildlife and to help stop flooding. Members of the Eco-Team and House Representatives had fun working together to plant these saplings.



## Run, run as fast as you can!

We are fortunate at Lakelands, to have a dedicated and well-resourced technology room, where pupils are able to take part in specialist lessons, such as food preparation. Our Reception pupils, who have been reading and retelling the story of *The Gingerbread Man*, have been using that this space this term to bake their own gingerbread people. The smells across the school were delightful!



## Outdoor Learning

We have a beautiful lake setting near our school (hence the name!), which we utilise as often as possible for outdoor learning opportunities. In the summer, our Reception pupils went on minibeast hunts, and more recently, our Year 1 pupils have been looking for 'signs of autumn' as part of the Science unit of learning.



## Children in Need

We recently took part in raising money for Children in Need by wearing pyjamas. We had a very comfy day, with lots of bedtime stories in our library.

## School Council

With our recent addition of Year 2, we now have an established School Council. They have already met and the first item on their agenda was discussing our Culture of Learning (Behaviour) Policy. They spoke about their understanding of our school values, how we



praise pupils at our school, how they know if they are doing well, and what their thoughts are on bullying and how it is dealt with. All their ideas and contributions will feed into ongoing work in assemblies and circle times, but will also form part of the consultation process for our behaviour policy.

## Amazing Artists

One of our concepts in teaching Art and Design at Lakelands is 'take inspiration from the greats'. Across the school, pupils learn about a variety of artists from different races and backgrounds and are inspired by them to create their own piece of art. This term, Year 1 have been learning about Van Gogh, in particular 'Starry Night'. They were inspired to create their own pieces of art in a similar style.



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!'

### Core Values – Enthusiasm and Honesty

Every three years we ask the parents what Core Values they would like the school to help instil in their young children. The first half term the Core Value was **ENTHUSIASM**. The whole school focused on being enthusiastic about our learning, being enthusiastic about our similarities and differences and celebrating them. Together we learned about Black History month.

Our new Core Value for this half term is **HONESTY**. We have looked at the opposite of honesty as dishonesty and what does this mean. Using the well-known fable, 'The Boy who Cried Wolf' we highlighted how telling lies can hurt people's feelings. As a team, we always encourage children to tell the truth.

### Poetry Week

Thursday 6th October was National Poetry Day. Each class selected and learnt a poem off by heart to perform and recite in front of the whole school adding actions to help them recall their lines. Mrs Champion, our own school poet, led the assembly and the children were thrilled to hear some of Mrs Champion's own poems, as well as one she had enjoyed as a child.

### Macmillan Coffee/Cake Day

All of the children, parents and staff had a wonderful time in September learning about the good work of charities and how we have helped to raise money to help people who are poorly whilst eating cake.

A big thank you to everyone who donated cakes for the children to enjoy. I know they had a wonderful time. We raised a fantastic £902. Thank you.

### Boccia & Curling Competition

On 7th November, seven of our Year 2 children went to the Chelmsford Sport and Athletics Centre to take part in an inter-school Boccia and Curling competition. This was against 11 other schools which were KS1 and KS2 mixed. Our children were absolutely superb showing team spirit and determination against much older children. We came 5th in Curling and 5th in Boccia out of 12 schools. A fantastic achievement, well done everyone.



### Author Visit

At Perryfields Infant School, we aim to instil a love of reading in our children. This term we welcomed a local author, Tersha Cutmore into school to read her fantastic story on allergies. With the increasing number of children with allergies this was a great way to explain what allergies are to our young children and how we can help each other. 'Luca... The Lion who couldn't eat meat', is about a lion who is 5 and has allergies. When he starts school he begins to really struggle with his feelings and emotions as he watches his friends eat and drink things that he can't. His friends help him see he is not the only one and encourage him to focus on the positives and look on the bright side of life. We were lucky enough to have the author sign some books for us.



### Remembrance 2022

To mark the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice Agreement and remember those who have served, or who are currently serving, in the armed forces. Everyone took part in a minute silence at 11:00am on 11th November. All of the children had an opportunity to discuss this further during our Remembrance assembly and in class. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Royal British Legion and wore their poppy with pride.





## South Africa Trip

On Thursday 23rd June, our During the October half term break, some of our students were given the opportunity to visit the incredible country of South Africa on a Netball & Football tour. They got to experience true South African culture and visited **The Apartheid Museum, Pretoria, Lesedi cultural village, Gold Reef City Theme Park, Valley of the Waves waterpark** and many other unforgettable experiences. One of the highlights from the trip were the sunset and sunrise Safaris, where the students were able to see many of the amazing animals in the wild, including Elephants, Giraffes, Cheetahs, Hippopotamus, Rhinos, Zebras! The students were also lucky enough to participate in netball matches with schools across South Africa.



## Year11 Forensic Workshop

Earlier on this term, many of our Year 11 triple students got to take part in a 'Forensics workshop'. They were given DNA samples from a crime science and the DNA from 5 suspects and had to process this to work out who the murderer was. It gave them an insight to what it is like working in a lab and gave them the opportunity to use equipment that would normally only be used once they got to university. They also got to talk to a researcher about her work on the effects of climate change on penguins. It was fantastic to see our students engaging with STEM activities outside of the classroom.



## Sports Awards

Earlier on this term, many of our Year 11 triple students got Thursday 13th October saw the return of the prestigious sports awards evening hosted by the PE Department. It was the first awards evening since 2019 and it didn't disappoint. With over 350 students and parents/carers in attendance, it was a great review of the sporting year! Students who represented the school received a colour badge to proudly wear on their blazer as part of a new tradition the PE Department wants to start. Depending on how many teams they represented.

There were four nominations for team of the year with the winner being decided on the night, they were: The Year 11 Boys football team for reaching the Essex Cup Semi Final, The Year 7 Sports Hall Athletics Team for winning the West Essex Competition, The U14's Girls Football team for reaching the Essex Cup semi-final and the Year 8 boys Cricket team for reaching the Essex Cup semi-final.

We were also joined by special guest and former Student Casey Pettit. Casey currently plays for Luton Town Football Club Development Squad and has featured for the First team this season in the Championship. Casey underwent a question and answer session with Mr Price, which was extremely informative and inspirational for all who attended.



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## Antarctica Flag comp

This term, the Geography team launched an exciting house competition to design a 'Flag for Antarctica'. This competition supported current topics that are being taught at KS3 surrounding climate change and the challenge



that this presents to scientists. The winner of this competition was **Sienna Chudasam** from our 'Churchill House' Her design was called 'The Hopeful Penguin', by our Headteacher, Mrs Jenner. As you can see from the images, the winning design even made it to Antarctica! The Humanities department is hoping to use this design on their faculty Christmas card.







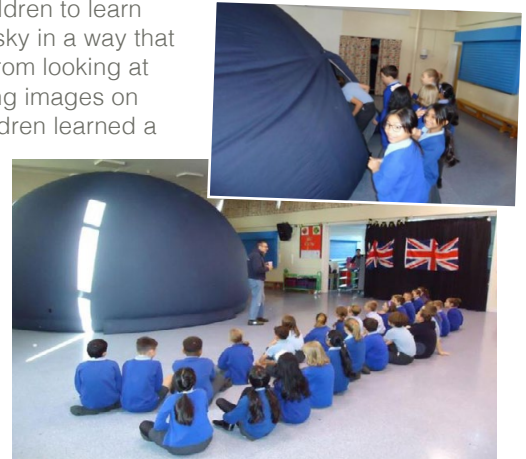
### Wartime Tea

As part of their topic on WWII this term, Year 6 children have been studying the impact that the war had on the people of Chelmsford. On 3rd November, Year 6 hosted a Wartime Tea for their Grandparents, Great Grandparents and local residents as part of our Remembrance commemorations. The children performed some WWII songs for their visitors as well as the Lindy Hop dance. Our visitors enjoyed tea and cake whilst showing the children the WWII memorabilia that they had brought with them. This event really brought the children's learning alive and helped them to understand the real-life impact that such a significant historic event had on the people of Chelmsford.



### A Planetarium at Tyrrells

Our Year 5 children really had their learning as part of their topic on Space brought alive after a visit from our very own planetarium. This was a fantastic, immersive experience, enabling the children to learn about the night sky in a way that is not possible from looking at books or studying images on screen. The children learned a great deal about the Earth, Sun & Moon, our Milky Way galaxy and the mapping of the night sky through the star constellations.



### Harvest Collection for Chelmsford Foodbank

This year, our children and families astounded us again with their generosity for our Harvest Collection. At a time that is financially challenging for everyone, our families have once again demonstrated the ability to provide for others who are less fortunate than themselves. The photo shows a small



proportion of the products that were donated this year with a fantastic 162kg collected in total. The Chelmsford

Foodbank were extremely grateful for the donation and can now use it to support the many people in need in our area. **Thank you!**

### Forest Schools

The children have absolutely loved taking part in their Forest Schools sessions this year, in a new designated Forest School area created over the summer holiday. Children from Reception to Year 6 take part in our Forest School curriculum and love learning about and exploring the outdoors. Our new area was created after an amazing £5000 was donated by Friends of Tyrrells last year. Thank you very much FOT, we all very much appreciate it!



### Year 6 Trip to Bawdsey Manor

From 7th – 11th November, our Year 6 children stayed at the Bawdsey Manor PGL centre for their residential journey. The children had a fantastic week developing their independence, initiative, team work and problem-solving skills and really pushed themselves to achieve some amazing personal challenges. A big thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to accompany the children; this really was an experience that will stay with them for a lifetime!

