



Annual Presentation Evening

On Tuesday 7th January we celebrated the wonderful achievements of our Lower School, GCSE and A Level students



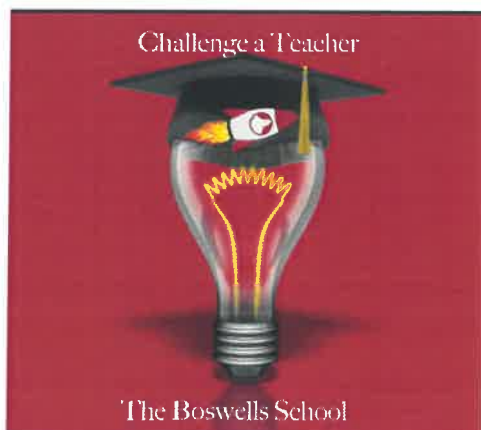
in one of our biggest events of the year, our annual Presentation Evening at Chelmsford Cathedral. Well done to all of the students who received awards, certificates and ties. It truly is a highlight of the year, and a chance to celebrate our students' successes with their families in a lovely setting.

Challenge a Teacher

We launched our first "challenge a teacher week." We have been encouraging our school community (staff and students) to take risks, challenge themselves and to push themselves out of their comfort zones.

Students launched the new Boswells rocket symbol which identifies a challenge within a lesson, students can receive achievement points, postcards and even stickers for completing something that challenges them.

We felt it was only fair that students have the opportunity to challenge the teacher! Students were asked to nominate a staff member during tutor time and ask them a question that they thought would challenge them. Teachers responded by email or on the postcard itself – without being dependent on the use of internet! If they did not know the answer, they had to say so.



Boswells First Eco Week

During the week of 20th-24th January, Boswells ran our very first Eco-Week.

Throughout the course of the week there were activities around the school to raise both awareness and money. In order to raise money, we ran several cake sales during break and lunch times and had a non-uniform day on the Friday. All of the money raised was split, with 50% being donated to the recovery and prevention efforts in Australia as a result of the bushfires, and 50% being donated to the school's garden project - planning to transform the old ABL site into a garden. In addition to raising money, we ran litter picks throughout break and lunch times, and received help from so many volunteer students.



Chelmsford Jobs and Apprenticeship Fair

On Friday 7th February some of our Year 10 students attended the Chelmsford Jobs and Apprenticeship Fair, as part of National Apprenticeship Week. As you can see the students met with Vicky Ford MP, who helped host Chelmsford's first ever Apprenticeship Fair at Anglia Ruskin University. A huge range of



different employers gave attendees a chance to see what opportunities are available within a variety of sectors for future employment, with part time, full time, apprenticeships plus training and volunteering prospects.

Mock Bar Trial National Finals

On Saturday 21st March a team from the Boswells School Sixth Form will compete in the Mock Bar Trial National Finals at the Old Bailey, involving schools from across the UK, having won the regional heat of the competition in Ipswich back in November. The competition, which is run by the Citizenship Foundation, sees the students take on the roles of barristers, witnesses, court clerk, usher and jury.

The students have been working extremely hard in preparation for the day and have been supported Mrs Flanigan, Mr Rogers and a criminal law barrister, Allan Compton. The students should be congratulated for their hard work and enthusiasm. There are some very convincing budding lawyers in the group and we were very proud of the team.



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

Smash Festival Success



This term, 26 schools in Essex sent four of their Year 1 children to a Smash Festival. All of the children had to be sporty and be able to take part in a variety of practical games which involved catching, throwing and running. This year Edson, Raiya, Leon and Charlotte were selected to go with Mrs Bowen to the Melbourne Stadium. All the children had a fantastic time competing against other children their same age. I am extremely proud to say that out of 26 teams we came 3rd! CONGRATULATIONS! You should all be proud of this amazing achievement. Well done.

The Big Question

Our Core Value for this half term is:

RESPECT

After asking our parents what Core Values they thought were important to instil in our young children we have introduced 'Respect'. This is a particularly difficult concept for very young children to understand. We have started to look at how we should respect other people's personal space and also keep each other safe.

The Big Question this week is — **WHY IS RESPECT IMPORTANT IN LIFE AND HOW CAN WE SHOW RESPECT? RESPECT FOR PEOPLE, ANIMALS AND THINGS?**

Thinking of Others

Last week the School Council met with their classes to decide how they would like to spend the £80.80 they raised on their children's stalls at the Christmas Bazaar. I am proud of all the children as they are extremely thoughtful and understand the importance of charities and helping others. All the children had a vote and the majority wanted the money to go towards the Australia Bushfire Emergency Appeal.



This will help to provide emergency funds to care for injured wildlife and help restore homes for koalas and other wildlife, planting the first 10,000 trees urgently needed in koala habitats. The School Council members then went into the office with Mrs Clark to make the online donation.

Chinese New Year

This term we celebrated Chinese New Year and it was wonderful to see so many parents in the hall supporting their children with the wonderful creative activities linked to this.

As part of their homework Mrs Newland set a Chinese Bookmark competition. Several bookmarks came into school and the teachers had a very difficult time judging them. Congratulations go to the following children who won a prize of a cuddly mouse/rat key ring. Topaz - Alice, Ruby - Rajath, Emerald - Yousef, Sapphire - Jaxon, Diamond - Rosie and Pearl - Abigail. We thoroughly enjoyed the Chinese Dragon dancing.



A Big Thank You

The FIPS team (PTA) have been extremely generous and given each class £200 to spend on wet play equipment. The School Council and children with their teachers have just ordered some lovely toys. The FIPS team have also ordered 20 new ipads to support the children's learning. Big thanks goes to the FIPS team for their generosity.



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Year 7 and 8 Revision Workshops

Year 7 and 8 revision workshop took place at the end of January. Our students had a two hour session on RVHS' tried and tested techniques and how they can use them in their own independent study and revision

We have also asked our students to put what they have learnt in to practice by entering their own Buzan Mind Maps in to a House Competition. The winners will gain valuable House Points for their individual House.



UKMAT Intermediate Maths Challenge2020

On Thursday 6th February, our smartest and brightest mathematicians from Year 9, 10 and 11 students sat the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge.

40 students from Year 9, 10 and 11 were awarded various certificates including two Gold, 10 Silver and 28 Bronze certificates. Joseph James was also awarded the Best in School and Year 9 certificate, Daniel Adigamov was Best in Year 10 and Trent Campbell was Best in Year 11. Skye Salek-Haddadi, in Year 9, along with Joseph are going through to the next round, the Grey Kangaroo!

Joseph and Skye were outstanding, both in Year 9 and both ranking 1 and 2 overall in the whole school!

We are looking forward to see how they perform in the Grey Kangaroo round and in future competition in the years to come!

Written by Mr Rahman



Harry Potter Night

Roding Valley was once again transfigured into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry on Thursday. Many Year 7's shook off their muggle disguises and embraced their magical sides, with the help of our Year 9 Prefects and wise Professors.

Releasing fire demons in Defence against the Dark Arts and brewing wicked concoctions in Potions, the night was full of cackling laughs and some sneaky snacks.

Tony, Taliah and Sienna won the fancy-dress competition, whilst Beth and Enru won the Sorting Hat crafts.

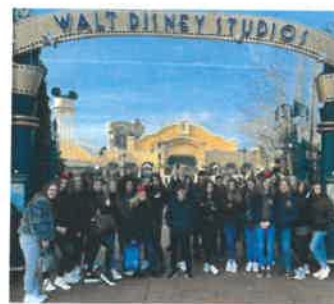
After apparating into various Hogwarts locations with our green screen magic, I think that everyone had fantastic night!

Miss Bleakley, English Teacher.



KS4 Paris Trip

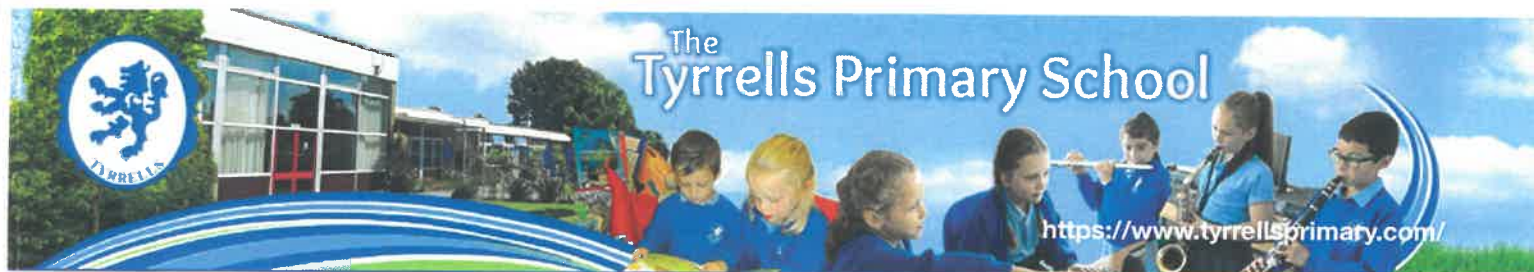
During half term 32 students in Year 10 and 11 visited Disneyland Paris and spent a day in Paris as well. The visit included a river cruise along the Seine and under 22 bridges, up to the lookout of Tour Montparnasse, a trip to Louvre to see the Mona Lisa and a stop by the Eiffel Tower for some photos. We also spent a day and a half in and around the Disney Village and Parks.



A special thank you to Mrs Lasfer and Miss Sellaers for giving up their half term to accompany the students with me.

Mr Mammen, Deputy Headteacher

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Forest Schools

Forest school is a Scandinavian concept that came to Britain in the 1980's. It was found that taking children out to the same place in a woodland on a regular basis resulted in many benefits including raised self-esteem, resilience, better physical confidence and communication within the group. Forest School allows children to learn in the best way for each individual. There are practical tasks, using tools, crafts, imaginative play and



using the natural materials around in the woods. A high adult to child ratio enables children to explore safely within an area and enables support and observations. As Forest School sessions are child led, children are free to repeat an activity from a previous session, interchange between activities or remain at an activity, which interests them.



At Tyrrells, all pupils experience a block of Forest School sessions during every academic year. Pupils particularly enjoy building dens, lighting and cooking on fires and having the freedom to choose. Here are some quotes from the children:

'Forest School develops your liking for the outside'

'I up levelled my learning powers mind by doing Forest Schools'

'Forest Schools is good for the body and the brain.'

'Forest School feels calmer than in a classroom and better fun, you get life skills too.'

'It is a life changing experience'

'It has made me (and a lot of other people) calm and happy.'

'In the classroom, you are stuck and surrounded by people. Outside we have freedom to choose.'

2020 Young Voices Concert

On Monday 3rd February, our Year 4, 5 & 6 choir performed at the O2 Arena alongside nearly 8000 children in a fantastic evening concert. The children were an absolute credit to the school throughout a very long day of rehearsals before the evening concert began. The children were very excited to try to spot their friends and relatives in the audience at the concert in the evening.

This is an experience that will be remembered forever!

