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THE BELSTEADS SCHOOL



NEWS OF THE WEEK



The weather has been beautiful this week, which has made a difference to life here at school. We have been outdoors more at lunchtimes and breaktimes and it is lovely to see students using the gym equipment again or just relaxing on the swings too.

Our fabulous school cooks, Sam and Lily, created an underwater world in the dining room, for our new Blue Planet - Seas and Oceans - project. There was a themed lunch too, with spectacular cup cakes!

Year 11 are continuing with their work experience at Morrisons, which is all going very well.

We have some new students who have joined us over the last couple of weeks and we are thrilled to see that they are settling in and beginning to enjoy school life here.





THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY

Pete's assembly was about World Earth Day. Students enjoyed contributing ideas for protecting the earth and the living things on it.





















Photos this week, include: Parkour for PE, work experience with our Year 11 students and the Under the Sea theme for the dining room, linked to this half term's topic. Also included are some photos from Thrive Class, who completed a science experiment about filtering microplastics. Also, a lovely gesture by a group of students, who cleaned Sid the dog's memorial and tidied the area around it. Very thoughtful.

Diary dates:
Coming up - Save the date -
Sports Day 12th June
all day. Bring a picnic.

Prom & Giant Inflatables Day
10th July - bring a picnic.



My headteacher's awards this week go to:

Max, for settling so well into school and for becoming a Belsteads person very quickly!

Also, to Riley, who has shown great maturity and friendship to others.

Well done to both of you!

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NEWS, EVENTS AND INFORMATION FROM THE ESSEX LOCAL OFFER TEAM WELCOMING PARENTS TO THE ROADSHOW.

THE ROADSHOWS WILL BE VISITING:

WEST ESSEX - HARLOW PLAYHOUSE, HARLOW

MID ESSEX - CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, CHELMSFORD

SOUTH ESSEX - WAT TYLER, BASILDON

NORTH ESSEX - COLCHESTER STADIUM, COLCHESTER

TO FIND OUT MORE, VISIT THE LOCAL OFFER WEBSITE.

SUPPORTING PARENTS AND CARERS IN ESSEX (SPACE)
A NEW, FREE SUPPORT SERVICE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH SEND IN ESSEX IS NOW AVAILABLE.
SPACE OFFERS FREE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND (0 TO 25).
SUPPORT IS DELIVERED BY PEER EDUCATORS WHO ARE PARENTS AND CARERS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE.

SUPPORT CAN BE ACCESSED IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

PHONE: ONE-TO-ONE CONVERSATIONS WITH A PEER EDUCATOR

ONLINE: WEBINARS ON KEY TOPICS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE EXPERIENCES

IN PERSON: MEET THE TEAM AT SCHOOL COFFEE MORNINGS, LOCAL OFFER ROADSHOWS, OR COMMUNITY EVENTS