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THE BELSTEADS SCHOOL



NEWS OF THE WEEK



Read more - The weeks are flying past and this week, Christmas has arrived at The Belsteads School! Classrooms are decorated and our big tree is up in our main building. We make this a 'kindness' tree and everyone is invited to write positive things about others at school, on parcel labels and to tie them to the branches of the tree. We read them out in assemblies to share good news. It's lovely.

It has been assessment week and our students have all worked incredibly hard. This morning, I sat in on three oral speaking and listening exam sessions. I was so impressed by how confident our Year 10 and 11 students were.

Next week, students will either be visiting the theatre to attend a pantomime or they will be going ice-skating. They were able to choose their preference and it certainly helps to create the Christmas spirit.

We will shortly start our collection for a local charity supporting homeless people in Chelmsford. We will send out an email next week, asking for donations, if families are able to help.



THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY

Joulene's assembly was about the horrors of slavery.



Photos include:
An inventive game of volleyball at lunchtime, some DJ sessions, our post assessment lunchtime treat and some nail bar treatments.
Also, students making bird feeders to keep our feathered friends fed during the winter.







Christmas Dinner day is our last day of term. Students can dress in Christmas jumpers if they would like to!

Thursday 18th December

We return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026



My headteacher's award this week, goes to Lyla. During the last term, Lyla has really become a Belsteads' person. She takes part in everything and Lyla is even helping to run the new nail bar at lunchtimes too!



I wanted to give Arthur an award as well.

Today, when he realised that our kitchen team were still having to cook for the staff, even though the students were having a special treat, he used his own Dojo points to buy the ladies some chocolate! What a very kind thing to do!



and finally...
We have a very useful link on our website, which demonstrates our approach to behaviour at our school. It's really useful.

<https://belsteads.essex.sch.uk/behaviour-approach/>

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

ESSEX LOCAL OFFER SEND ROADSHOWS

WE HAVE JUST FINISHED THE AUTUMN TERM ROADSHOWS. WE VISITED LOUGHTON, BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, BRENTWOOD AND HARWICH. WE HAVE NOW VISITED 45 DIFFERENT PLACES ACROSS ESSEX AND WELCOMED 2,137 FAMILIES.

THE ROADSHOWS WILL BE RETURNING IN THE SPRING TERM. WE 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