

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024!

Well time certainly does fly when you're having fun! It's been a busy half term and although January can be a bit of drag we still had lots of adventures.

There have been lots of reward trips over the last few weeks including Oxygen trampoline park and Hackers escape room for Mathematics Silver and Gold award students to celebrate their hard work and achievement. We've been into the community with a fab afternoon in Norsey Woods, plus all the fun lessons! Phew! It's been a busy one. I hope you enjoy reading about it!

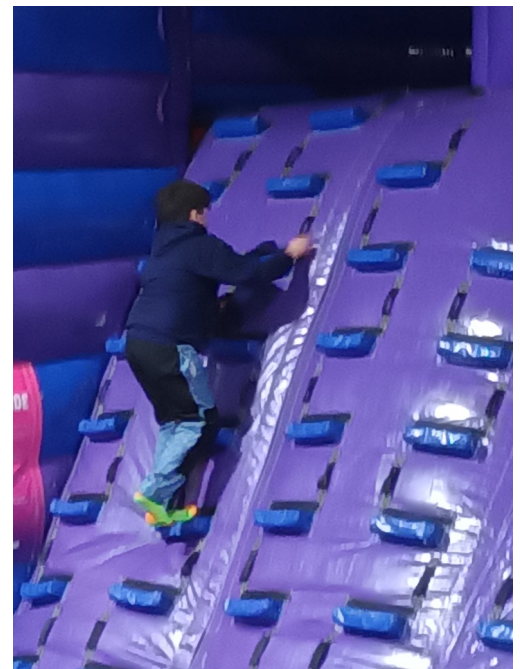


Gymnastics

This half term students have enjoyed their weekly gymnastics sessions at Basildon Sporting Village and as an extra special bonus got to meet 3 time Olympic gold champion, Max Whitlock. He even showed the boys a trick or two! The students have been stretching and developing their strength!



We had a great time at Oxygen trampoline park and Hackers panic room, receiving comments of how lovely our students were. A great time was had by all!



**A massive well done to Alfie G in year 8 who
is our first Ready to Learn student to achieve
PLATINUM!**



Forest School

Our Forest School students were very keen to get involved with the RSPB's Big Schools' Birdwatch, and were excited to be a part of this important research.



We used binoculars to spot the birds and counted the bird species we saw around our school. We collected the results and then sent the results to the



Design Technology

Students have been busy honing their skills in design technology this half term. Stanley and Charlie did a great job of practicing making a joint on two pieces of wood. Harrison has been working on building furniture and the accuracy needed in order for it to work. Students have also had a go on the lathe, some making legs for a bar stool in order to repair it, and Mason made an absolutely stunning bowl!



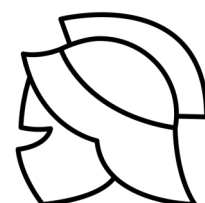
Redwood

Yellow group in Redwood have started having lessons in the Science room. They have been getting to grips with essential science skills such as measuring volume using the science equipment.

Soon they are going to use the Bunsen Burners.



In History, yellow group had a Roman Banquet. They ate foods that the Romans would have eaten 2000 years ago. They had grapes, pears, bread, cheese, chicken and of course olives! Unfortunately, the supermarket was completely out of roasted dormice dipped in honey! Phew.



English Success!

Well done to students in years 8, 9 and 10 have been completing their English Entry Level exam work. They have been writing some amazing letters and stories as part of the qualification!



Reading at Ramsden

We all know how important reading is and the students from the Ready to Learn area have been getting involved at the residential home and with Pesh, our lovely reading



Ready to Learn—Out and About

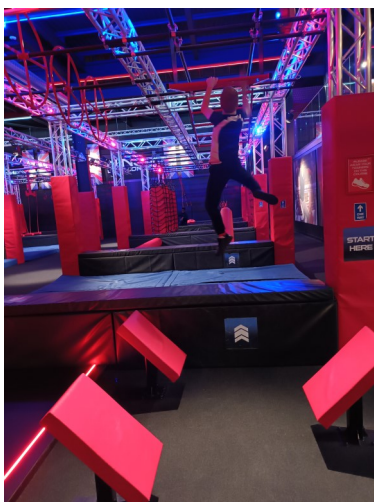
Each week students in Purple and Green groups have 2 lessons dedicated to their personal and social development. We understand that building friendships and social skills is a key part of their learning here at Ramsden Hall.

Last week we went for a Ready to Learn adventure to Norsey Woods! It was great fun having adventures in the woods and exploring the area. The students got super muddy but had a great time!



4 R's Reward trips

This week we have been celebrating student achievements in relation to the 4 R's. These are resilience, respect, repair and reflect. When students have demonstrated a particular strength in an area, they are awarded a point. These get counted up for a trip. This was our first time doing them and the students had a great time taking part in bowling, paintball and Ninja Warrior, as well as a trips to restaurants! Our aim is to communicate to the students how important it is to show resilience and take ownership of our actions.



Work Experience

Sixteen of our year 10 and 11s attended a week of work experience on 15th January, and all of them were a success. They were placed with a variety of different employers including, Sports Centres, schools, electrical contractors, charity shops, bakeries and pharmacies. Each student had good feedback from their employers and staff visits, and there were even a couple of offers of part-time jobs and apprenticeships in a couple of years' time.

Congratulations to all the students that took part!

Residential

As most of you will be aware, our residential building suffered some damage in the storms at the start of January. After a couple of weeks of no boarding, the team got back to it with a bang, and our boarders were heading off to ice skating, youth club, Mark's fitness sessions, cooking, DT, swimming and all the other fun, social activities they provide for our young people.



REWARDS

Points

Top KS3 Points

1st - Junior

2nd - Jayden C

3rd - Zack

Top KS4 Points

1st - Aaron

2nd - Jay E

3rd - Jake H

WELL DONE!!!

Attendance

The school have been really pleased with student attendance this year. We are seeing more and more students achieve 100% which is has a huge impact on their learning.

A group of students who achieved 100% last half term got to go to Hackers for a day of code breaking followed by a Mac-Donalds. Well done to those students.



100 % Attendance



Well done to the following students who have achieved 100% attendance this half term.

Will B, Trievi, Korey, Aiden-Lee, Patrick, Isaac and Carson.

Can you help?

Ramsden Hall is a vary big site and needs lots of looking after. If you know or are able to support the school with developing and supporting the school site with any trades, e.g. builders, plumbers, carpenters, plasterers, decorators, or ground words... anything really! Please email or call the school office, if we don't get in touch straight, please do not feel we are not interested, it is because we are developing the school in stages.

We are trying to make the school a nice place for your children to learn and develop so any help would be appreciated. As an Academy we try to use local services where possible, so if you know anyone that you trust, please do let us know.



A word from the Head

The year has started well, even though we had a major issue with the residential roof. The pupils have been amazing and this term we had four trips out to celebrate the pupils that have really worked hard with the Ramsden 4R's. Respect, Resilience, Reflect and Repair. As you have seen from this news letter the pupils and staff at Ramsden have worked hard to make sure it has been a fun and successful had term so WELL DONE and thank you to everyone.

Our attendance has improved this year. It's still a long way to go so keep working on getting into school.

Please remember that Ramsden Hall has different holidays to other Essex schools so we will be off from Monday 12th February until Friday 16th February. Our first day back will be on the 19th of February.

I hope you have a restful half term and we'll see you after the break.

