



Ramsden Hall
Academy



Hello! And welcome to our Spring 2 newsletter!

It has been another busy half term here at Ramsden Hall. Students have been getting ready for their Summer exams as well as some of our younger ones taking the steps to gain qualifications already. With new outdoor gym equipment for the students to use and explore and new staff and students. We've had Athletics reward trips, 4 R's reward trips, gymnastics on top of all the wonderful things going on in lessons! Phew. We're all looking forward to a well earned rest over the half term.

Design Technology

Our students are always busy in D & T and this half term we've seen students learning how to make a chair leg on the lathe, repairing and restoring doors and furniture from our heritage building and year 8's having a go at Construction ready for their GCSE options at the end of the year



Gymnastics



One again, our students have enjoyed developing their skills and knowledge of gymnastics at South East Essex Gym. Each week I am hugely impressed with the resilience, determination and tenacity that our students show. They work relentlessly to develop their skills, trying again and again to ensure that they have grasped that particular skill.

Well done boys!



Reading at Ramsden

Once again we have enjoyed the company of our reading dog, Pesh. This half term Pesh has been sporting a new 'do' as he was representing his breed, a Portuguese Water Dog, at Crufts. He has the original working dog clip which is kept long at the front to protect vital organs from the cold in the sea and shaved at the back help with swimming. Pesh also has webbed paws to help him move through the water and a tail that acts as a rudder. And there's us just thinking he was for reading to!



Sporting success!

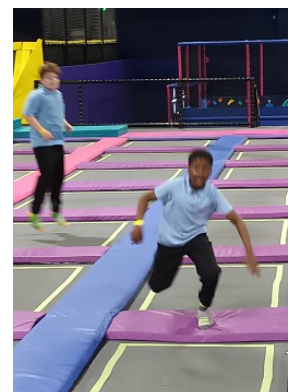
On Wednesday March 20th A team of 8 students (2 year 6, 2 year 8, 2 year 9 and 2 year 10) took part in SESSSA Boccia tournament at St Christopher's School.

The boys showed great sportsmanship and excellent behaviour with the outcome going down to the last game. Our young men were victorious and won this for the 2nd year running!! Well done!



Mathletics Reward Trip

This half term we were able to celebrate students who achieved Gold and Silver in Mathletics. We did a morning at Chelmsford Escape Room, followed by a MacDonald's and a trip to Oxygen Trampoline Park. As you can see, the students had a fantastic time.



Residential

With residential fully back up and running after January's storm damage, our staff have pulled out all the stops to ensure our students have a FANTASTIC time in boarding!

William became a Senior boarder this term which is massive achievement! Well done Will, we are really proud of the wonderful young man you are!

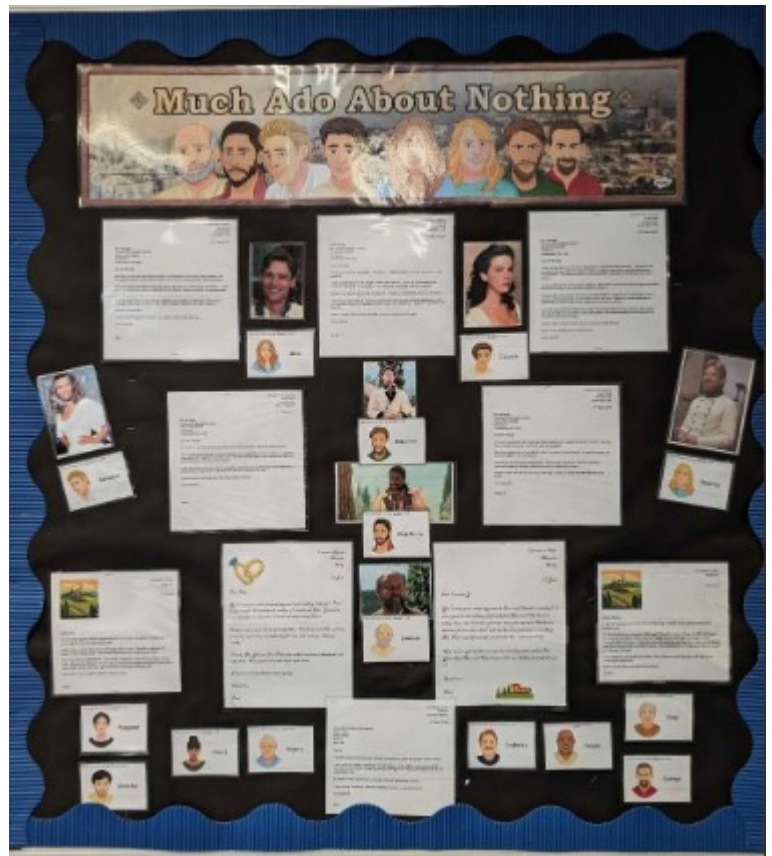
Students have been getting involved in a number of activities such as, developing their skills on ice with a weekly ice skating trip, taking part in a Cresta run at Thriftwood (which is where you travel down a big slope at speed in a little trolley), hide and seek Nerf wars in the Heritage Building, Youth Club, a trip to the park and cooking. They have also started watching documentaries on Tuesdays which has been aptly named 'Doc Tuesdays' which the boys are thoroughly enjoying.



English – 9/10 Blue

In English, 9/10 Blue have been studying William Shakespeare's play 'Much Ado About Nothing' and have watched Kenneth Branagh's film version. The play is set in Messina, Sicily, and tells the story of Beatrice and Benedick, who are always arguing. Their friends plot to make them fall in love with each other. There are a series of misunderstandings along the way, but everything is resolved and there is a happy ending.

In order to improve their writing skills, the class has undertaken a number of different writing tasks, including a complaint letter, a job application and a letter to Kenneth Branagh himself, expressing how much they enjoyed his film.



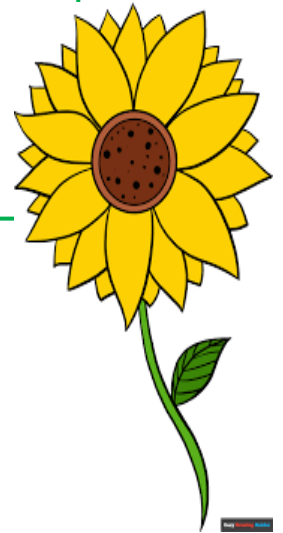
Finley W, a year 11 student took the opportunity of starting an enterprise project as part of his Prince's Trust coursework. The aim of the project is to help learners develop their enterprise skills by planning, costing, promoting and selling a product or providing a service. The 'Ramsden Jammery' jam has sold really well due to Finley's smart promotion of the product. Customers have given rave reviews and one said that *"This jam is by far the fruitiest and tastiest jam I have ever had"*. Well done Finley, we look forward to seeing you on Dragons' Den!



Growing seeds in Lifeskills

Some of our students have taken part in a sunflower growing competition. We also took the opportunity to plant some other seeds too, including tomatoes and sweet peas.

The seeds took very well and needed repotting. Here you can see Harlee and Carson hard at work with their plants.



Key Stage 4 Lifeskills

Robin Cancer Trust came in to Ramsden Hall to talk to our students about the important topic of testicular cancer and how to check yourself. The aptly named #talkingbollocks went down a storm. The boys had a valuable talk from the visitors and happily posed for some fun photos.



Well done Elm 2!

Elm 2 were awarded tutor of the week for 4 consecutive weeks, based on school positives, when a student goes above and beyond, and also on lesson points.

The tutor discussed what they would enjoy as a reward and it was agreed that they wanted to celebrate with a takeaway pizza lunch. So they did!

Luckily we didn't order the large pizza's as their eyes were definitely bigger than their bellies!



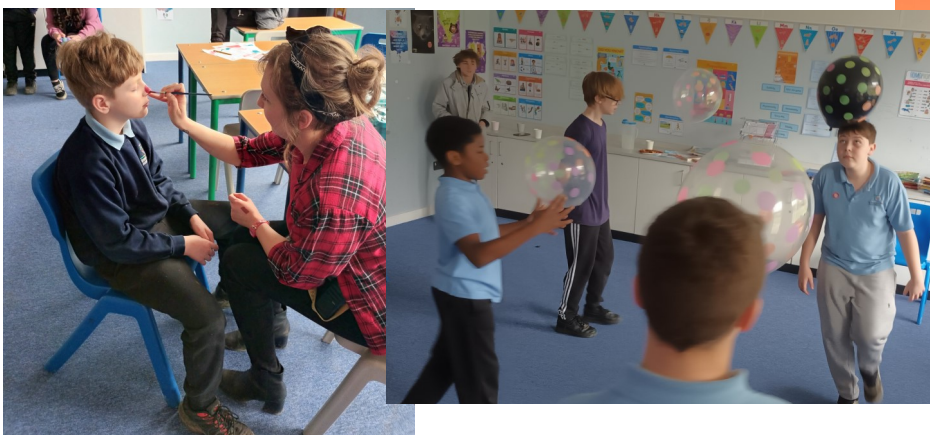
World Book Day

Staff enjoyed getting into the spirit of things to celebrate World Book Day. We had several Wally's, a Tiger that came to tea, Sherlock Holmes, Pippy Longstockings, Ms Haversham, Julius Ceaser, Napoleon from Animal Farm, Harry Potter, Stanley from Holes, and Violet Beauregard from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and a T-Rex from Jurassic Park. Students got involved in a number of activities, including creating a biscuit character and their backstory, a treasure hunt through books and book pass the parcel! It was a JAM PACKED morning which was lots of fun!



Red Nose Day

Ready to Learn got involved in Red Nose Day activities this year with jam tasting on hot cross buns, face painting, lucky dip and fun with balloons!



Flipping good fun in the Forest!

Pancake day fell during half term this year, not wanting the students to miss out Sandra and Liz hatched a plan to have pancakes as part of forest school. As you can see this went down a treat and the students cooked on a fire that they had built and ate them surrounded by the first glimpse of spring!



DRUGS BUS

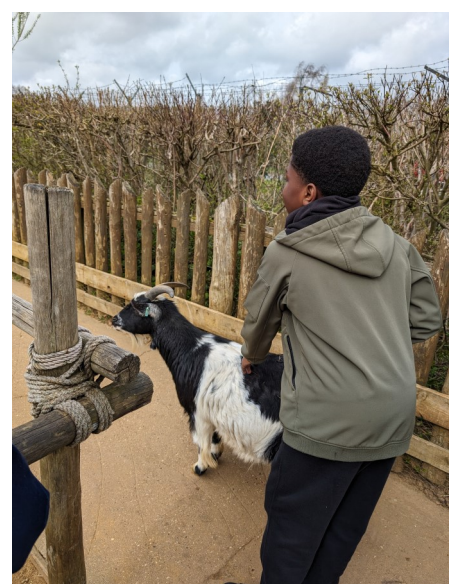
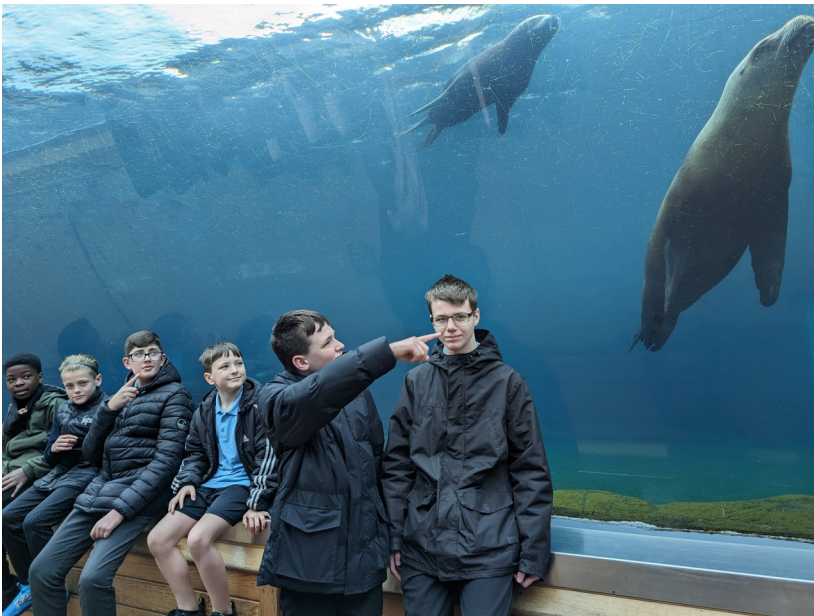
Ramsden Hall received a visit from a very important bus on Wednesday. The drugs bus is an exciting and unique platform that allows people to learn about various different topics in a fun and engaging way. The bus has 2 main settings, a crack den and a prison cell. These immersive rooms were there for students to explore and were the location for talks about the related topics. Students engaged in talks and discussions about substance misuse, knife crime, county lines, mental health and offending! The students showed real maturity throughout.



REWARDS!

We are very fortunate here at Ramsden that we get to celebrate students' hard work, dedication and success with reward trips. At the end of each half term we have the 4R's trips.

These are trips for students who have gone above and beyond in their lessons and around the school. The 4 trips this half term were Colchester Zoo, Indie Rock indoor climbing, Go Ape and Bowling.



COLCHESTER ZOO 



INDI'ROCK



100% Attendance

Well done to following students who have achieved 100% so far THIS YEAR!

It is an incredible achievement!

Korey

Patrick

Jonny

Carson

Aiden lee

Trievi



Top Points

Congratulations to the top 5 students who have achieved the highest points for this half term!

Patrick— 1248

Zack— 1246

Kai—1242

Trievi—1197

Korey— 1186



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Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health

See what illnesses are going around

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Ramsden Hall is now using Study Bugs as a way to report your child's absence.

A letter was sent out a couple of weeks ago regarding this.

If you did not receive the letter or require more information. Please get in touch with the school.



If you need to talk, we're here to listen

Families are facing many struggles and it may feel like it is coming in at every angle. Trying to manage this and parenting children can be really difficult. Our trained family support workers can give you the space to talk, helping you to explore your situation and identify the way forward. We may ask you some questions to help us fully understand your situation and explore your feelings and help you talk through options or consider specific organisations which may be able to help you. **Call us on 0808 800**