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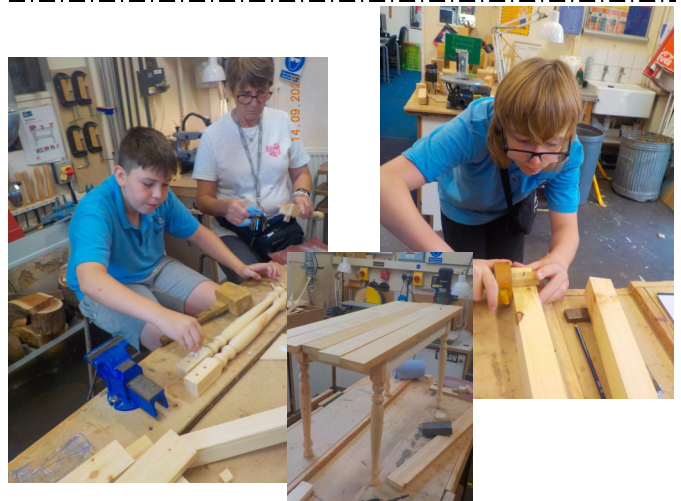


October 23

Hello, and welcome to the Ramsden News!

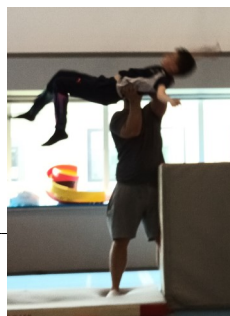
It has been a jam-packed half term for our students who have taken part in a number of activities, in lessons, as rewards and to help support in the wider community. We've seen exceptional writing in English, creativity and dedication in DT and healthy competition in Maths, football fixtures and gymnastics! I hope you enjoy catching up on our fantastic students and their achievements as we look forward to a restful half term.

DT - Since September the students have been making tables. The students really got involved in this project and demonstrated their skills, resilience and dedication. Below is Junior's table.



Gymnastics

This half term we've had the privilege of working with professional coaches at Basildon Sporting Village. Here the students have demonstrated excellent resilience and a real can do attitude. Well done boys!



Football Fixtures

The key stage 3 and 4 football teams have enjoyed going out and playing fixtures with other schools and as part of the ESSSA tournament.

So far this year, Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 teams have played Langham— a 2-2 for KS3 and a win for KS4. They have also competed in the ESSSA tournament with years 7 & 8 as runners up, and 10 & 11 coming 3rd.

There is another tournament on the first day back AND another match in November against Endeavour! Phew!





Student Voice



Ryan Carter has had a busy half term launching Student Voice. This is a great way for students to share their opinions on school matters and contribute views from a student perspective. And they have been busy! Students expressed they would like a hoodie for colder seasons and as you can see, Ryan has got straight on with that! And not just that but a hat too! Both look lovely and snugly. These can be ordered in the usual way via the front office.

Student Success



Well done Finley in year 11, who sat his Chemistry GCSE a whole year early and achieved a fantastic level 7! Well done Finley.

We are also mega proud of Louie, Jenson, Carlton and Liam who have received their Level 1 Award in Motor Vehicle Maintenance. Well done boys!



Reading at Ramsden

Once again Leigh has been taking students to read at the Belfry Residential Care Home. This is a lovely opportunity for our students to work with different people and develop their reading and social skills.

And let's not forget our very special reading dog, Pesh. He's been in to listen to the students read and he has enjoyed all the attention he gets!

Mathletics



This half term in Maths, students have been competing on Mathletics. You may have seen your child come home with a certificate of their achievements!

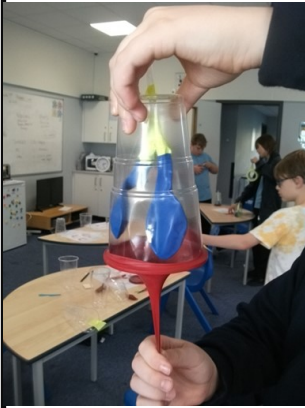
A super special well done to Finley who is the first Ready to Learn student to achieve his Silver Award! Go Finley!



Redwood

This September saw Carol and Natalie join the Ready to Learn team and create a space for our new students in years 6 and 7. This has been a great success! Here are some of the things they've been up to...

Exploring the Stone Age- Making Stone Age bread. We crushed wheat and Barley seeds to make flour in a Pestle and Mortar. It was very hard work!



For our science topic, on living things, we have been looking at organ systems.

This week we have been studying the respiratory system and have made working models of the lungs.



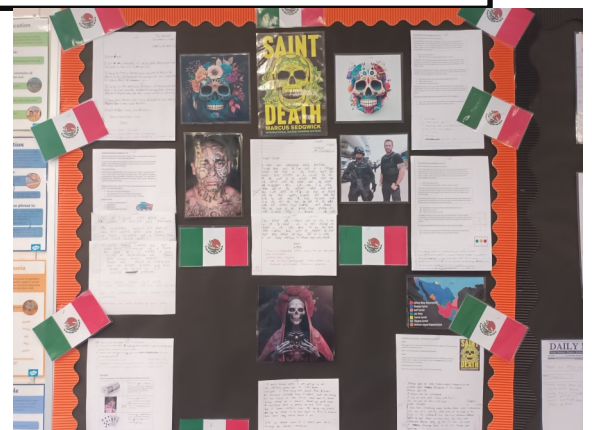
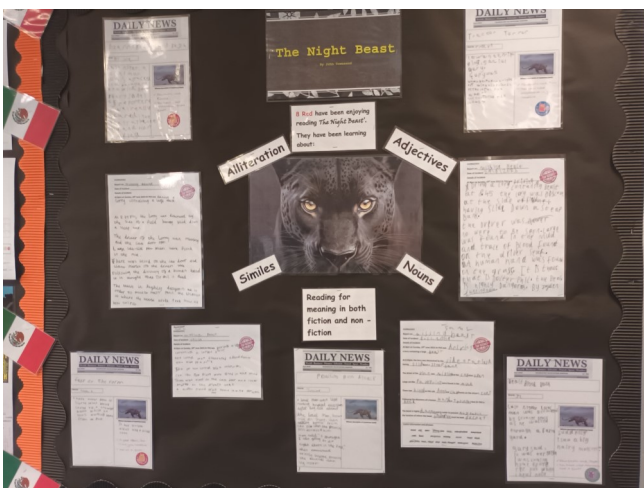
As part of Black History Month we have been finding out about Mary Seacole. She helped soldiers in the Crimean war by building a hospital with her own money and treating the soldiers on the battlefield with her herbal remedies.

We had a go at making the herbal remedies. She used crushed Ginger to treat diarrhoea, Lemongrass, which was boiled to make a drink to treat a fever, Okra, which was chopped and used to treat boils, and Aloe Vera to help treat cuts and wounds.



In English, we've been very busy reading "The Night Beast". The book is about a large dangerous cat on the loose in the countryside. The students have been writing Newspaper reports on the beast!

English



The 9/10s have been reading "Saint Death", a book about a Mexican Cartel and how these gangs affect the everyday lives of everyone, even those not associated with them. The students have been writing letters and diaries, using the book as inspiration.



Residential



Our fantastic team of boarding staff have been doing a great job providing fun opportunities for the boarders. Here are some of the things they've enjoyed over the last few weeks...

They went to see a Billericay Town football match, Monday fire pit where they toasted marshmallows and sausages (yum!), fixed bikes and put them to good use cycling around the site, Youth Club where there was a spot of karaoke (boys, not staff apparently...), an epic game of hide and seek in the dark, carved pumpkins and a **scary** Halloween walk. Phew! Next term promises to be just as busy in the build up to Christmas and **PANTO**!



Reward Trips

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We all know how important attendance is for achievement and we know lots of our students have made a real effort to make sure they are in school.

A massive well done to the following students who have achieved 100% attendance this half term and will be entered into the lottery to win a voucher.

Will, Joseph, Alfie, Trievi, Korey, James, Aiden-Lee, Freddie, Harlee, Osca, Kaylem, Tommy, Drew, Isaac, Nick and Carson!

A huge **WELL DONE!**

Top KS3 Points

1st - Mason J

2nd - Korey H

3rd - Ronnie M

Top KS4 Points

1st - Aaron

2nd - Nick

3rd - James

WELL DONE!!!

This year has started really well, we have welcomed new students and some new members of staff to Ramsden, and they are all settling into Ramsden life well. It's been a busy half term as you have seen, and I look forward to more fun and learning next half term.

I hope you have a great break and I look forward to seeing you all in November!

Remember,

"The single most powerful thing
you can be is yourself."