

January 2022 at The Colne



THE COLNE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL & COLLEGE

As promised before Christmas, welcome to the new Colne Newsletter 2022. We have formed a group of students along with our literacy lead, Miss Reuben, who will be looking to bring you a more regular publication. Please let us know if you have any ideas to develop this as we go along. For a first effort I would like to thank all the students and staff involved.

Mr Crane

It's Behind You!



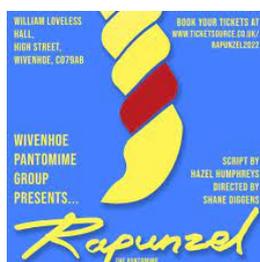
A HUGE thank you to all of the students who participated in the Pantomime at The Colne. A tremendous amount of effort and time was put into this production; the pictures speak for themselves! We look forward to more productions from the Drama department and seeing more faces in future shows!



What have our students been doing?

Our lovely Reading Ambassadors have been helping with the Library, restoring it to its full use by the end of this academic year. Thank you to those involved and well done for all of the efforts put in place! If you would like to get involved and be a Reading Ambassador, please contact Miss Reuben over in English.

The Mental Health Ambassadors are helping to put together an assembly for Children's Mental Health week which starts on 7th February. Students will be encouraged to take part in the week, by being outside and reflecting on challenges they have overcome throughout the week. The theme of the week is Growing Together and we are excited to be involved! To get involved with being a Mental Health Ambassador, or if you want more information, please contact Miss Wynne over in Science.



Year 9

We have had some very talented students take part in Rapunzel the Pantomime in Wivenhoe! Well done to Flora Thomas, Josie Smither and Annalese Massey.

Leon Sayers raised £550 for the local Scouts Association by running and managing the local Christmas card deliveries in Brightlingsea. He made all the posters and took them round to businesses. We are so proud of him!



The RESPECT project is being run by Essex Boys and Girls Club. All schools locally are involved - out of all the students there, they only select 15 students. We had 8 selected from The Colne - fantastic!

Year 10

Lily Juniper, an avid gymnast, passed her in-house competition with flying colours! Achieving first, second, and third place in all of her trials, we are very proud of Lily and her amazing achievements. Well done!

Year 11

Students in the Student Leadership Team (SLT) have been discussing how to combat peer-on-peer abuse. They are bringing together materials and resources to help students who witness or experience peer-on-peer abuse and what they can do. Our SLT students are friendly faces for you to approach should you not feel comfortable talking to an adult in the school, so please make sure you go to Main Reception to see which friendly faces you can approach about your worries.

Winter Reading Challenge

We had over 100 entries for the Winter Reading Challenge 2021. Well done to everyone who got involved! See below the winners for this challenge...

3rd place: Saded Bahaaldin (Year 8)

2nd place: Freddie Kedge (Year 10)

1st place: Sophie Flaherty (Year 7)

Don't forget to head over to our reading website <https://reading.colne.essex.sch.uk/> to keep up to date with what we are doing about reading in our school, alongside reading challenges and recommendations.

Gender Project - MERMAIDS



As part of the staff's continuing commitment to support students in school and beyond, in February staff are going to be attending training which explores areas surrounding gender and identity.

Alongside this training, Mrs Welham, supported by Mr Wells, is running a small focus group with students from Years 9-11 where they have discussed students' thoughts on gender and identity, what inspires them, and what barriers they think many face in relation to the issue. It is hoped that from these sessions, the students will create a series of workshops by the summer term which will encourage students to feel confident in their own identities, and know that our school is a safe place for them to become the best version of themselves, no matter what that might look like.