

**THE COLNE**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL & COLLEGE

**January 2023 at The Colne**

Welcome back after the new year! We hope you had a restful break and are ready to learn in 2023.

**Key Dates**

9 February 2023 - Year 9 Parents Evening/Options Evening

2 March 2023 - Year 8 Parents Evening

13 March 2023 - Year 11 individual and whole year photos

26 April 2023 - Year 7 Parents Evening

6 July 2023 - Year 10 Parents Evening

**Chemistry - Mr Job**

Mr Job's Year 11 Chemistry class had the time of their lives using the concept that forming cross-links between polymer chains can change the properties of a polymer. In other words they made slime using borax and PVA school glue!



**ESU Churchill Public Speaking Competition - Mr Cooksley**

Grace:

"On the 23rd of January, myself (Grace), Skye and Charlotte took part in the second round of the ESU speaking competition. While we didn't win, it was such an incredible opportunity to have and it was amazing to have gotten through the first round into the second one. Although it was a competition, we all had to work closely with students from different schools and support each other throughout the evening, which was such a unique experience. Mr Cooksley helped organise it and mentored us through the competition and it was so much fun and I feel as though I have learnt so much through it, so thank you to Mr Cooksley. The three of us worked very hard preparing for the competition, especially Charlotte who joined us at the very last minute in a heroic act!"

Mr Cooksley:

"We didn't make it through to the next round- only one school out of the five made it through and it was Colchester County High School for Girls. However, I would like it to be

acknowledged that Charlotte (who stepped in for Cally two days before), Skye and Grace were phenomenal. What impressed me was how they stood up amongst the best students of other schools and especially how they went to congratulate the winners at the end and showed great sportsmanship. Couldn't be more proud of them and my hope is next year, they go again!"

### **Pride Club - Peyton in Year 8**

Pride Club is an amazing club that takes place in C103 for KS4 on Wednesday lunchtime and for KS3, B5 on Friday with Miss Brown. It is a place where no one, no matter what sexuality, gender or race, is judged and can come along.



### **Hollie in Year 8**

Hollie competed in the Regional Qualifier 2023 in Harlow. She was in TRA Level 1 13-17 yrs category. There were 34 gymnasts in the category & Hollie placed 1st place winning gold. She also won the 1st place team medal with her teammates for this category too. Well done, Hollie!

### **Colchester Zoo Rocks - Mrs Hastie**

For 'Colchester Zoo Rocks' each participating school will be painting stones which, on return to the zoo, will be added to a commemorative garden. The theme for the art on the stones is the Zoo and its 60th anniversary; this could be a favourite animal or special memory at the Zoo.

From Mrs Hastie:

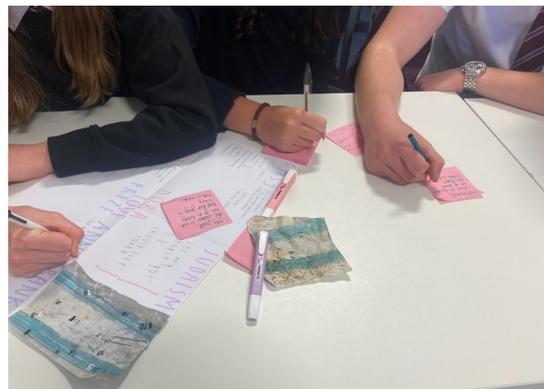
"I am so proud of all the Year 7 students that participated in celebrating Colchester Zoo's 60th Birthday. Your fantastic art work will be displayed in their rock garden, alongside a plaque of our school name shortly. I have certificates and stickers to present, so please encourage your children to see Mrs Hastie to collect them."



## Dora Love Prize 2023 - Miss Taylor and Mrs Potter



On 11th January, 10 students had the exciting opportunity to go to Essex University for the introduction to the Dora Love Prize. Each year the Dora Love Prize is awarded to the school who produces the project which expresses best that which was most important to Dora Love: speaking up against hatred wherever it occurs, never forgetting the ultimate consequence of seemingly small acts of discrimination and developing a sense of personal responsibility. Students in Year 10 (Ethan, Belle, Matilda, Charlotte), Year 9 (Marnie, Erin and Charlotte) and Year 8 (Isla, Emily and Abigail) participated in arts workshops for ideas on self-expression and content workshops for a history of the Holocaust to help with their project. In the afternoon students listened to Holocaust survivor Paul Sved give a talk on his experiences of growing up as a Jew in Nazi-occupied Budapest. Our students did amazing work and came up with creative and thoughtful ideas on how to move forward with their project. The prize for the best award will be announced in June - good luck to our students!



## Lion King - Sophie in Year 9

### How are rehearsals going?

They are going well. We only have a few more until show time. The rehearsals can be a bit stressful for everyone and they can be fun as well, but the best part of it is you get to know people who you might have never talked to before the casting of the show.

### What have I been enjoying the most?

I have enjoyed having fun in some rehearsals and getting to explore the meaning of drama and getting to know how to act as your character. For example: I play Sarabi, the queen of the Pridelands and have really enjoyed exploring this character.

### Why would I like the Community to come and watch the show?

It is family friendly and it has some really great songs and it's perfect for all ages. It is showcasing local talent so please come and enjoy our version of The Lion King Jr.

### Message from Ms Sargent, Head of Drama

Last week all our students received an assembly where our cast performed scenes from the show and I hope it has inspired as many people to attend as possible. Our students and staff have worked incredibly hard and we are very excited to perform the show. More information is noted below about how to buy a ticket and the show times. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Show Dates and Times and Ticket Prices

Wed 22nd Feb - 4:30 pm

Thu 23rd Feb - 6:45 pm

Fri 24th Feb - 6:45 pm

£8 for a Adult, £5 Concession (students), £20 Family (2 + 2)

@ The Colne School Hall

Tickets available via the school website and [www.ticketssource.com](http://www.ticketssource.com)



## Wivenhoe Pantomime Group

Natty, Year 9:

“The Wivenhoe Pantomime Group puts on a show every Christmas and this year I was lucky enough to join the cast. A lovely group of all ages, they made me feel incredibly welcome. The show itself (although I may be biased) was hilarious. I recommend an audition to anyone interested in theatre!”



Cally, Year 9:

“I was so nervous to audition as I felt I wasn’t going to be good enough, but come the night we auditioned, I loved it! It was so much fun and I didn’t feel nervous anymore at all. We sang and danced and did a few little improv scenes. We rehearsed for about 3 months every Sunday and Wednesday for 2 hours each night. As it grew closer to performance week the nerves came back! But In the end the whole cast rocked it and we all had the best time ever. I played Bill, the boy who cried wolf, trying to win the heart of Little Red Riding Hood, competing against the woodcutter’s son -with an axe and muscles- running from the witch and the big bad wolf trying to deliver a wedding cake to Jasmine and Aladdin.”

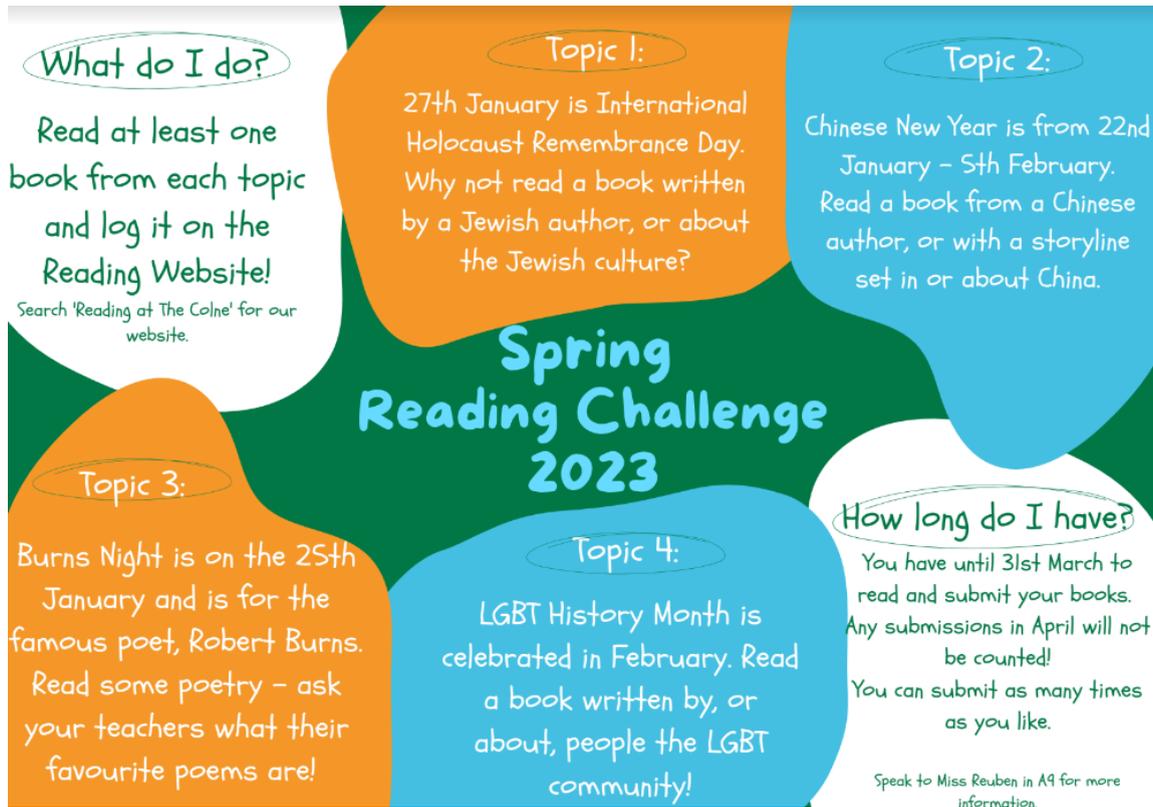


## Winter Reading Challenge Winner

Congratulations to Chloe Battley in Year 10 who won the Winter Reading Challenge!

The Spring Reading Challenge is already live, see the poster below.

Don't forget to head over to the Reading Website for more information on what we do for reading here at The Colne. Simply search 'Reading at The Colne'.



The poster for the Spring Reading Challenge 2023 features a central title 'Spring Reading Challenge 2023' in large, bold, light blue letters on a dark green background. Surrounding the title are four colorful, rounded rectangular boxes: two orange and two light blue. Each box contains a topic or instruction. The top-left white box provides general instructions. The bottom-right white box details the submission deadline and frequency. The bottom of the poster includes contact information for Miss Reuben.

**What do I do?**  
Read at least one book from each topic and log it on the Reading Website!  
Search 'Reading at The Colne' for our website.

**Topic 1:**  
27th January is International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Why not read a book written by a Jewish author, or about the Jewish culture?

**Topic 2:**  
Chinese New Year is from 22nd January - 5th February. Read a book from a Chinese author, or with a storyline set in or about China.

**Topic 3:**  
Burns Night is on the 25th January and is for the famous poet, Robert Burns. Read some poetry - ask your teachers what their favourite poems are!

**Topic 4:**  
LGBT History Month is celebrated in February. Read a book written by, or about, people the LGBT community!

**How long do I have?**  
You have until 31st March to read and submit your books. Any submissions in April will not be counted!  
You can submit as many times as you like.

Speak to Miss Reuben in A9 for more information.