



Welburn Hall Weekly

Friday 9th October 2020

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August 2020

Welcome back all pupils, parents and staff to the new autumn term and our new website which is currently under development!

I have enjoyed hearing all about the adventures that the pupils had in their summer holidays and it was an immense joy to all of us, to see them all arriving on 9th September! They looked so refreshed, so grown up and so ready to learn!

Our staff may have had 7 weeks 'off' but I can assure you there was a lot of preparation over the summer, to ensure that all classes and 'bubbles' were ready to receive pupils safely.

We continue to operate under the stress of the Covid-19 outbreak however, we have robust school risk assessment in place and are doing our best to keep things as normal as we possibly can. Should we have anyone in our school community diagnosed with Covid-19, we will immediately put all steps in place as agreed with NYCC and Public Health England.

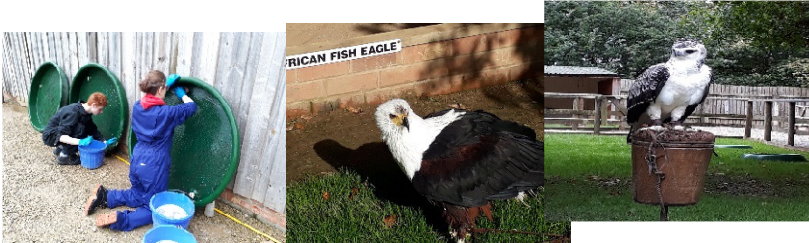
On a happier note, we refurbished 13 bedrooms over the summer and they look absolutely stunning: fit for our kings and queens! The College students have already personalised their own areas and they love the new décor. We have added an accessible pathway all around the farm. Darren has also almost finished building an outdoor classroom for the farm as well as refurbishing a playground, classrooms and study areas for our new Inclusion/SEMH group. We welcome Sarah Hodgson as their new teacher; some of you might remember Sarah from last year when she was employed by us as a temporary SENCO.

We are very proud of our unique curriculum; we have had excellent support from the local authority to create brand new schemes of work in each subject and those new plans along with our pathways, will be published online by the end of this term. This builds on the hard work from last year; I am really impressed by our teachers who have all willingly taken one (or two!) subject areas each and created whole school plans. We have still grouped the children into informal, semi-formal and formal learners, in line with many special schools, following the Rochford recommendations. We are finding that this better meets the needs of each student and allows them more meaningful social opportunities within a peer group.

We are so looking forward to seeing you all in person one day, when the current crisis is over but as ever thank you to all our parents, staff and most of all the children for your support in making our school the best it can be!

Marianne Best, Headteacher

What we have been up to this week...



Two students from year 14 and one student from year 13 worked really hard at the Bird of Prey Centre this week. Work experience enables the students to understand the importance of good time keeping, working as a team, meeting new people and learning new skills.

These three young adults were very keen to ensure that the birds had clean bird baths and feed trays. Great ambassadors of our school. Well done!

#HelloYellow

At a time when it's needed most, come together for #HelloYellow to support young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day.

Yesterday we asked pupils to wear yellow in support of Young Minds Charity. We are pleased to say that lots of children and staff took it on board and chose to participate brightening up the day and creating a wonderful atmosphere, THANK YOU so much.



We will let you know in next week's issue how much we managed to raise in donations.

colourfunrun!



What an amazing fun filled afternoon, our children and staff had a fabulous time joining in with the sponsored colour run around the school grounds whilst managing to stick to the 2-metre rule. Some even prepared themselves by powdering their hair in vibrant colours. The children that did not want to participate watched from the side lines and found it highly amusing! Lots of smiles, laughter and energy all around.

If your child was lucky enough to be sponsored please could you collect and return the monies by next week.

Quick Reminders:

- Hot School meals are available from next Monday 12th October so do let us know if you wish for your child to be added to the lunch list. It is £2.75 per day.
- Entries for the Halloween Competition are to be in by October 21st.

Thank you to those of you that donated any unwanted outdoor clothing we will certainly make good use of it in the coming months 😊



Lastly if anybody has any spare chocolate tubs please could you send them in as we could really use them for Mr Scott's class for when they do their baking.