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19th April 2024

Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and that you had a restful and enjoyable Easter break with your families. As we return to school refreshed and rejuvenated, I wanted to take a moment to extend a warm welcome back to you all and express my excitement for the upcoming summer term.

The Easter break provided us all with a valuable opportunity to recharge our batteries and reflect on the achievements and challenges of the past term.

As we look forward to the summer term, there are many exciting events and activities planned that will enrich the educational experience of our students. From sports days and community events to academic competitions and community projects, there will be ample opportunities for our students to learn, grow, and thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

Communication between home and school is vital for the success of our students, and I encourage you to reach out to us with any questions, concerns, or feedback you may have. Whether it's through parent-teacher meetings, email correspondence, or face-to-face conversations, we value your input and partnership in your child's education.

As we embark on this journey together, let us embrace the opportunities that the summer term brings and celebrate the achievements of our students, both big and small. With your continued support and involvement, I am confident that we will make this term a memorable and rewarding experience for everyone.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. Together, let's make the summer term a time of growth, learning, and fulfilment for all.

Thanks again.

Miss Ducker



Important Dates

Just a reminder of the upcoming events for next week:

- Thursday 25th April—Year 11 Drama exam
- Thursday 25th April—Year 8 PTC
- Thursday 25th April—Junior Maths Challenge
- Friday 26th April—Paul Hannaford Workshop





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Meet Luna

Luna is proud to also be a part of our Hall Mead School community!

She really enjoys wearing our school tie.

#familyforlife





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121 Reading

**Miss Hallett, Assistant
Headteacher**

We have introduced a new system to record when we have listened to a student read. This will allow us as a school to delve deeper into the effectiveness of our reading strategies and to look how we can continue to develop our programme.

Each time, a member of staff listens to your child read, this will be reported on EduLink so you can see that this has happened.



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Keep an eye for this
on your EduLink!





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PLC Clean Up Day!

On 28th March, our students from the PLC took part in an organised 'Clean Up Day' both in the local community and our school. We are so proud of them for taking the time to look after our environment!

Well done everyone!





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London Neurodiversity Umbrella Project

Parent/Carer webinars

The ADHD Foundation Neurodiversity Charity will be hosting live, 90 minute parent/carer support sessions between February 2024 - May 2024. These sessions will be held online (they will not be recorded). To register for the sessions, please follow the links on the following page.



Topics covered

Understanding ADHD

During this session we will explore the characteristics of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and how they present in children and young people. The common myths and misconceptions of ADHD will be explored, empowering Parents/Carers to advocate for their child and implement strategies in the family home.

Understanding Neurodiversity

During this session we will explore neurodiversity, looking at some of the common conditions and co-occurrence. The session will provide an insight into specific challenges and barriers neurodivergent children and young people may experience including executive function impairment, sensory integration difference and emotional reactivity. Strategies will be introduced that can be implemented in the family home.





To access the recording please click on the link below or scan the QR code.

20.2.24	<u>Understanding ADHD</u> 	10am
6.3.24	<u>Understanding ADHD</u> 	1pm
25.4.24	<u>Understanding ADHD</u> 	7pm
5.3.24	<u>Understanding Neurodiversity</u> 	1pm
17.4.24	<u>Understanding Neurodiversity</u> 	7pm
2.5.24	<u>Understanding Neurodiversity</u> 	10am

If you would like anymore information about the project, please contact Emma Weaver via email:
emma.weaver@adhdfoundation.org.uk



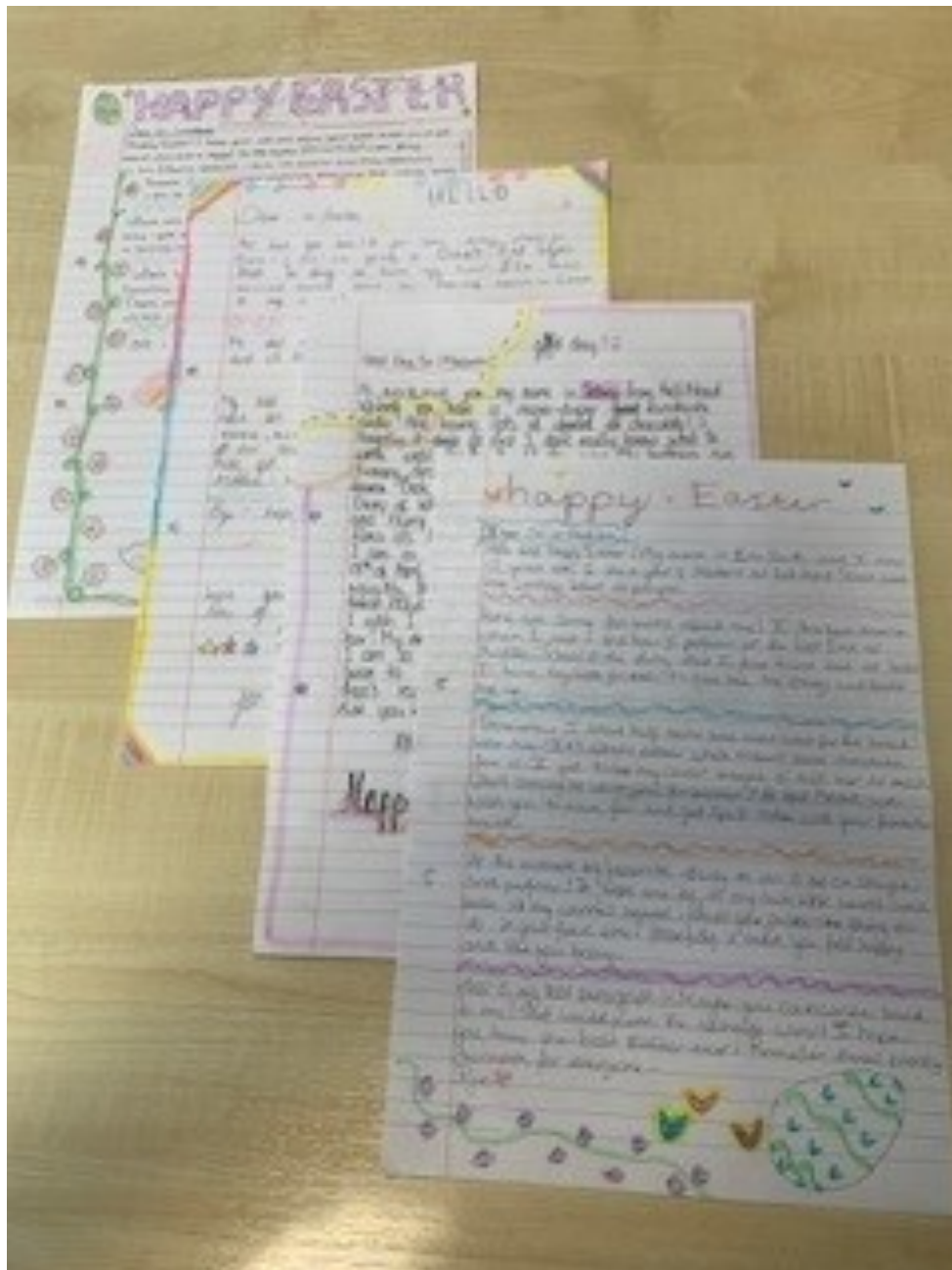
Community Outreach

Mrs Hallett, Assistant Headteacher

A big thank you to our Year 7s students who wrote to the residents of The Oaks Residential Home in Hall Lane.

I am sure this was a lovely surprise for them.

What a lovely act of kindness.





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Sporting Successes

Year 7 Football Team



The Year 7 football team played Sanders School on Tuesday 16th April.

After a very competitive game, Hall Mead came out victorious winning 4-3.

They will now be playing in the Havering cup final against Emerson Park School.

Go Team Hall Mead!

Man of the Match goes to Ethan. L for his 3 goals!





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Golden Wristband Winners

Mrs Fanning is delighted to announce that the recipients of this week's 'Golden Wristbands' are Jason B 8TS and Dolcie M 8DM!

Both have been awarded Mrs Fanning's Golden wristbands for accumulating the most achievement points over the Spring term.

Mrs Fanning and Mr Shaheed are very proud of your consistently excellent effort and commitment to your studies.

Well done!





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Attendance Matters

Mrs Afteni, Senior Assistant Headteacher

School is the best environment for the vast majority of students to learn in. Being surrounded by teachers and peers in school helps to keep children safe and supports them to reach their goals and aspirations in the future.

Attending school is essential for your child's wellbeing, development and attainment. There is clear evidence that regular school attendance is a key mechanism to support student's educational, social and economic outcomes. Schools can support children with positive peer relationships which contributes to improved mental health and wellbeing.

Good attendance at school is crucial for young people to transition successfully into adulthood. Evidence shows that children with good and outstanding attendance at school gain better GCSE and post 16 qualifications.

What can you do?

Families can make a difference to school attendance!

⇒ We ask that families plan holidays during the summer or school holidays.

⇒ - Parents and carers are encouraged to schedule medical appointments after school if possible.

⇒ - When your child has a doctor's appointment in the middle of the school day, please bring him/her to school before or after the appointment.

⇒ If your son/daughter is going to be absent, please ensure that you record the absence with our attendance team each day –

hms-absence@elatschools.co.uk

⇒ Please do not allow an absence unless your child is sick and unable to attend school.



Strategies to assist your child with successful attendance

- ⇒ Emphasise the importance of school attendance
- ⇒ Encourage good punctuality to school
- ⇒ Ask your child about their school work. If they are absent from school, make sure that they are completing the work that they missed immediately after their return to school.
- ⇒ Provide a routine for regular times to complete homework and study at home
- ⇒ Set an appropriate time for your child to go to bed.
- ⇒ Avoid electronic devices in rooms at night time as this can prevent sleep.
- ⇒ Encourage your son/daughter to use an alarm to allow enough time to get ready for school each morning.
- ⇒ Communication with the school is important with absence or any issues with attendance.

Schools are put under increasing pressure to promote good attendance and positive punctuality. The Education Code states that all students between the ages of 6 and 18 must attend school daily. Parents and carers are responsible for sending their child to school.

We encourage parents to contact the school if there are issues/ difficulty with your child attending. The necessary support will be provided and collaboration and working together is fundamental to help improve school attendance.

Please email Jo Roberts, EWO – jroberts@elatschools.co.uk or Nicola Afteni, Senior Assistant Headteacher – nafteni@elatschools.co.uk if you have any further questions or require any further support.



Attendance Ladder



Did you know how much learning children miss out on?

Minutes late per day during the school year

- 5 mins
- 10 mins
- 15 mins
- 20 mins
- 30 mins

Equal days worth of teaching lost in a year

- 3.4 days
- 6.9 days
- 10.3 days
- 13.8 days
- 20.7 days

How can you help?



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Marvellous March

Mrs Afteni—Senior Assistant Headteacher

Here are the Marvellous March results for our latest competition across our ELAT secondary schools:

	Hall Mead School	Brittons Academy	Bower Park Academy	Week
0 lates and 100% attendance	71%	67%	44%	Week 1
0 lates and 100% attendance	50%	53%	27%	Week 2
0 lates and 100% attendance	45%	48%	22%	Week 3
0 lates and 100% attendance	40%	39%	18%	Week 4

Come on Team Hall Mead!



Sparx Winners—Miss Towey, Director of Maths

Sparx Maths Superstars

Week 34 Top 3 XP from each year group for this week

Year 7		Year 8	
Bella M	7DC	Dhaval N	8DM
Alfie M	7TW	Szofia B	8TB
Sofia T	7TM	Jun Xi L	8TB

Year 9	
Dylan E	9TL
Harrison C	9CN
Emily F	9WT

Year 10		Year 11	
Darrell O	10DG	Neve D'Arcy	11DC
Scarlett P	10WMc	Niamh G	11DEM
Kinsley A	10CW	Dimitra R	11TMH

Achievement Points—Mr Morrith, Head of Year 11 / Head of Waltham House

Achievement Point Totals



Year Group Totals					
Year	AP	BP	Total	Last Total	Increase
7	31270	997	30273	29581	692
8	28101	1886	26215	25398	817
9	21501	2148	19353	18741	612
10	16268	1450	14818	14677	141
11	9928	1583	8345	8174	171
Overall Conduct Score	99004	96571	2433		

House Totals					
House	AP	BP	Total	Last Total	Increase
Chapman	27059	2036	25023	24438	585
Dickens	28115	1844	26271	25664	607
Talbot	24242	1869	22373	21807	566
Waltham	24440	2282	22158	21613	545

Well Done to our Weekly Winners

Year 7
Valentine O 7DC

Year 9
David E 9O
Jake F 9O

Year 10
Tani T 10O

Year 11
Augusta D 11O

Year 8
Chloe S 8TS
Milena B 8TS
Piers O 8TS
Ted C 8WH
Victoria Z 8TS



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New Club Announcement!

Miss Hallett is delighted to announce that we have a new free club starting next week at Hall Mead School.

It will be every Tuesday, running from 3.25pm—4.15pm.

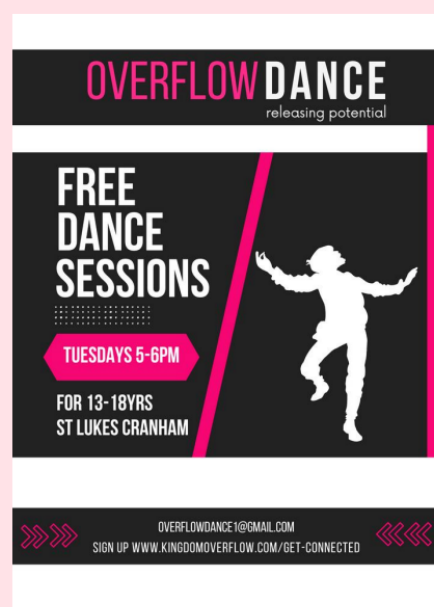
Intro

What is it?

- “Free To Move” is a dance wellbeing programme aimed at exploring wellbeing topics such as anxiety, courage, self-confidence and joy.
- We use a range of dance styles such as street, hip hop, contemporary and musical theatre.
- Each session we learn new dance moves and hear inspirational stories
- We learn useful strategies to manage our mental health

Who are we?

This programme is also linked to a community-based project – Overflow Dance. We want to see all young people fulfilling their potential. We aim to ensure that young people have access to the belonging, opportunity, and support that they need, when and where they need it.



OVERFLOW DANCE

releasing potential

DANCE AND WELLBEING

TUESDAY 15:25-16:15
VENUE SCHOOL HALL
ALL AGES
ACTIVE WEAR



“FREE TO MOVE” IS A DANCE WELLBEING PROGRAMME
AIMED TO EXPLORE DANCE STYLES & WELLBEING THEMES





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Pickups:

JOBBER REST PUB ~ THE PLOUGH PUB ~ AVON ROAD, (both ends) + UPMINSTER STATION

Phone: 07966 146956 (answerphone on here) or 01708 227884, Email:

shirley@shirleytours.co.uk

Website: www.shirleytours.co.uk

Fundraising for :

Hall Mead School ~ Engayne School ~ James Oglethorpe School ~ "All Saints Church, "All Saints (1st Cranham) Scout Group"

Trips Available:

- Wednesday 10th July; HORSE DRAWN BOAT TRIP, Kennet + Avon canal, Berkshire. Enjoy a 2.5 hour horse drawn barge trip on Kennet + Avon Canal, with cream tea on board. £65.00, (£55 no cream tea)
- Friday 16th August: BROADSTAIRS, Folk Week. Morris Men, entertainment, craft fayre, etc plus Sandy Beach, Dickens Museum, quaint English Seaside. Adult £28.00.OAPS £27, Child £22. (under 16)
- Saturday 19th October: WINDSOR CASTLE; Includes audio guided tour of Castle View Queen Marys famous Dolls House, see State Apartments plus (Semi State apartments only open in Winter), St George's Chapel, Final resting place of 11 monarchs, incl Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip. £60.00
- Thursday 31st October: RIVER CRUISE, SOUTH OF FRANCE. Treasures of Burgundy and Provence. Sail on Rivers Rhone and Saone. Seven Nights, incl 5 excursions, free wine, beer, soft drinks with meals, Wi-Fi, Gratuities. Fly from Heathrow, Coach/minibus to airport (additional optional extra). Only 140 passengers. Leaflet/prices on request. Book direct/speak to Agent to choose your cabin!
- Wednesday 11th December: SANTA SPECIAL CRUISE, RUNNYMEDE: 3 hour round trip, with three course meal, .(Mulled wine, soup of day, Roast turkey/trimmings, Xmas pudding, brandy sauce, tea coffee with mince pie). Plus, seasonal music through afternoon as you cruise through Winter Wonderland, before a festive visit from Santa with gift for everyone system, £78.00.
- Saturday 15th February 2025: BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL, PINOCCHIO., Adult Panto. Incl Coach, 3 course hot meal, matinee show/converted church, Silvertown. £92.00. (Reduced price if 40 people plus).
- 6th-16th April 2025: FJORDS SPRINGTIME CRUISE. Sail from Tilbury on Ambassador Cruise Line. Includes Haugesund Bergen Flam, Eidfjord, Stavanger, Kristiansand, Oslo. Transport to Tilbury optional. Please register your interest.
- 2025: PROPOSED LIVERPOOL TRIP, please register your interest, please send names, Tel no. VIA EMAIL
- 6th—12th October 2025: SLOVENIA, LAKE BLEND AND COAST, 2 CENTRE HOLIDAY. Please register your interest, please send names, tel nos , VIA EMAIL. BY AIR.



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Thames Chase Fun Run



Sunday, 12 May 2024

10am – 3pm

Arrive from 10am - Fun Run begins at 11am - Distance 1.8miles

Walk, run, jog or dance your way around! Come and take part in the Thames Chase Community Forest Fun Run. Walk around Thames Chase and help raise money for the charity. Enjoy the beautiful landscape, dress up in your best fancy dress costume and receive a medal at the end of the event.

Entries are a £4 donation each

Please book via the Thames Chase Visitor Centre: 01708 642970 or via Ticket Tailor
We will also have a variety of stalls to enjoy, as well as the Forest Centre Tearoom being open for refreshments.

This event is suitable for all ages and abilities and is taking place on the accessible Forestry England paths suitable for buggies and wheelchairs, dogs on leads are welcome.



For more information call 01708 642970 or visit the Thames Chase Forest Centre, Pike Lane, Upminster RM14 3NS.
Email: enquiries@thameschase.org.uk
Website: www.thameschase.org.uk
Thames Chase: Charity no. 1115627 Company no. 5687558.



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TRY A TRI

BRENTWOOD

Sunday 7th July from 8.00am
Brentwood Centre, CM15 9NN

Fun local multi-sport challenge for both children and adults!
School groups and junior sports organisations welcomed

Taster triathlon delivered by professional athletes from Tri Sport Essex

- £10.00 Triathlon Juniors (aged 6-15) 50m Swim >>> 5k Bike on Field >>> 1k Run on Field
- £10.00 Duathlon Juniors (aged 6-15) 1k Run >>> 5k Bike on Field >>> 1k Run on Field
- £20.00 Triathlon Adults (aged 16+) 200m Swim >>> 10k Bike >>> 3k Run
- £20.00 Duathlon Adults (aged 16+) 3k Run >>> 10k Bike >>> 1k Run

Register using the QR code or visit www.trisportessex.org

For queries please contact trisportessex@outlook.com

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Back again for 2024! If you and your family are looking for a new sporting challenge to tackle together then Try-a-Tri Brentwood is perfect. For schools, it's a great achievement goal for your pupils.

With entertainment and refreshments available on the day too for spectators then there is something for everyone!



Bike rental available from Trailnet

Trailnet is a Brentwood based Community Interest Company dedicated to helping people overcome barriers to cycling. They campaign and fundraise for improved local cycling opportunities. **They are offering discounted cycle hire for people that would like to take part in the Try-a-Tri but currently don't have a bike (see prices left). Trailnet also provide bike checks for participants.**

Adult 2-day - £15.00
Adult event only - £7.50
Child 2-day - £10.00
Child event only - £4.00

Visit www.trisportessex.org for more information.

Week pass
Free swims

7 day Brentwood Centre activity pass

Everyone active are offering Try-a-Tri participants a free 7 day