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Boreham recognised for going extra mile to promote benefits of sport

IT has been an outstanding year for Boreham Primary School.

Back in July 2018 the school was accredited with the national Gold School Games Award for Physical Education.

Then, as a member of the Chelmsford School Sports Partnership, was nominated – out of more than 65 Chelmsford schools – as the recipient of the 2018 award for outstanding contribution and achievement in PE and sport.

In March this year, the school was also awarded 'enhanced' Essex Healthy Schools status at the annual Essex Healthy Schools Awards ceremony.

The school was also recognised for its contribution to physical health by being presented with an additional 'outstanding' Healthy Schools Award – presented to only two schools across the county.

Headteacher and PE subject leader Ian Bowyer said: "At Boreham Primary School it is our aim to ensure that all children lead happy, healthy and active lifestyles that contribute to a sense of achievement and well-being.

"We believe that PE in school has benefits that stretch far beyond the physical. Through sport, children are able to overcome challenges, be inspired by others, develop positive relationships, have a positive body image and improve learning achievements and resilience.

"This is supported by our schools values – based upon the Olympic and Paralympic values – respect, excellence, friendship, determination, courage, equality, inspiration."

Last year the school further



Boreham Primary School staff, parents and children on the all-weather daily mile track

strengthened its outdoor sporting provision by successfully installing a £10,000 all-weather activity track on its field and a £10,000 outdoor gym.

The school opens its activity track twice every week before school to encourage families to complete the daily mile together. Year 5 parents Michelle Bradley and Nikki Turner

said: "It's a fantastic opportunity for children and parents to start the day altogether by doing some healthy exercise."

Stuart Tryhorn, from Active Essex, recently visited to see the active track in action. He said: "It was fantastic to see so many children, staff and parents joining in the morning

activities not only for a physical benefit but also socially too."

Mr Bowyer added: "We are really proud to be recognised by Essex for our commitment to sport and health and we aim to ensure that the majority of our junior children represent the school in competitive sporting events."

The school's next aim is to use some of its national sports funding to install outdoor table tennis tables onto the playground. They have recently been informed that they have been nominated for the Essex School of the year award for PE at the 2019 Essex Sports Awards ceremony which takes place tomorrow.

Students' film on bullying nominated for award and shown at Odeon

A GROUP of ten Year 9 and 10 students from New Rickstones Academy, part of the Academies Enterprise Trust in Witham, were chosen to take part in the Into Film Moving Minds filmmaking project.

They were among just 200 young people, aged 11 to 19, given the chance to work with a filmmaker to create their own short film.

The project's focus was on exploring and promoting mental wellbeing through filmmaking, improving confidence, teamwork skills and communication.

In the four-day project, students at New Rickstones produced a film about a boy who was getting bullied at school whose mind becomes like

a forest, with a positive and negative monster.

The team was nominated for an award for the work and attended a celebratory screening of their film at the Odeon, Leicester Square, London, attended by comedian and author David Walliams, actor Luke Evans and actor Andy Serkis.

Liz McPartlin, pastoral co-ordinator, said: "What the students produced was amazing. They worked so hard and were so committed. Some of the students had suffered with low self-esteem and there was a real sense of achievement. We are quite a small school so to reach that level is just brilliant."



The New Rickstones Academy students who made their own film

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Children, parents and staff from Widford School have been collecting donations for the Chelmsford food bank

Cereal, soup and pasta: school gives 1,800 items to foodbank

WIDFORD Lodge School in Chelmsford has been collecting weekly donations from children, parents and staff for the Chelmsford Foodbank.

So far they have collected more than 1,800 items including:

- 141 packets of breakfast cereal
- 355 tins of baked beans
- 155 packets of dried pasta/rice
- 296 cans of fish
- 84 bottles of squash
- 189 tins of soup
- 418 toilet rolls
- 103 tins of fruit

88 servings of instant custard
 A food bank representative said: "Widford Lodge has made an amazing contribution to Chelmsford Foodbank with its weekly collections. The school decided to choose one item each week from the list of things that we need, and then have everyone bring in that item. It could not have worked better."

"The staff, parents and pupils, have all been involved in providing literally hundreds of items every week, enabling us to continue to provide emergency three day food

supplies to families in Chelmsford, who, through no fault of their own, are going through a crisis.

"It is such a pleasure to collect the donations from the school each week. The children are so excited about how much they have collected, and are all keen to help bag up the many items and guess the total number donated."

"Chelmsford Foodbank would not be able to exist without the generosity of the public. We are so grateful to Widford Lodge for their incredible donations."



Maltings Academy pupils spent a night in Ashdown Forest

Maltings group prepares for Cambodia challenge

A GROUP of 18 Year 10 and 11 students from Maltings Academy, part of Academies Enterprise Trust in Witham, packed their bags and spent a night in Ashdown Forest.

The trip was in preparation for their two-week World Challenge escapade in July.

Chloe Nevill, English instructor, said: "The students were given basic cooking ingredients and £3 to see who could come up with the best meal. They had to carry their

backpacks and sleeping bags and trek five miles into town to spend their budget and then prepare their meals on a stove in camp.

"They were also challenged, theoretically, to get us into London by finding the nearest train station and somewhere for us to stay."

"It was the first time the students had put their tents up and got to grips with getting in and out of hammocks. These are the sort of things they will be doing in

Cambodia, so this was a trial run for them.

"They did really well. It was hard work with hot weather, but their walking was exceptional."

Over the past five years, Maltings students have taken once-in-a-lifetime trips to Thailand, India and Swaziland to explore and undertake community projects.

Fundraising has now begun for the next trips, with students tasked with raising £2,900 each.

Trombonist selected for Euro Youth orchestra summer tour

FORMER Brentwood School student David Cox has been awarded a coveted place in the European Union Youth Orchestra (EUYO).

The EUYO brings together the most talented young musicians, up to the age of 26, picked from all 28 EU member states. David, a trombonist, will join the EUYO on this summer's tour of the major European concert halls.

David, 20 said: "In such a divided world in which we live, the chance to make music with some of the best musicians in Europe in one single orchestra is such a wonderful thing. I am privileged and honoured to be part of such an organisation for this summer."

During his time at Brentwood School, David was involved in the plethora of school bands, orchestras and ensembles and, for two years, was a member of the National Youth Orchestra.

He left Brentwood in 2016 to take up a scholarship at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London. During this time, he has undertaken an Erasmus Exchange study period of half a year at the Royal College of Music in Stockholm, Sweden - EU funded.

"I graduate from Guildhall in 2020, after which I plan to further study in Europe, in particular Germany, with the aim of playing in a professional orchestra. I now wish I had paid better attention in my German lessons at school!"

He has played with various ensembles within Guildhall, such as the Symphony Orchestra, the UBU contemporary music ensemble, Big Band and Opera Orchestra.

"I cannot remember when I first found out about the European Union Youth Orchestra, but it had



David Cox

certainly been an ambition of mine to gain entrance to the orchestra whilst being a student," he added.

The EUYO summer tour - which includes a rehearsal/training period in the beautiful town of Grafenegg, Austria - will see performances across Europe including Berlin, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Vienna and Bolzano.

David said: "I have a few friends from the UK in the orchestra this year, which makes it even more special. I feel incredibly fortunate to have studied at Brentwood School where the music department is such a lively place - full of passion and good humour."

"It gave me my grounds and foundations for a love of music and helped me pursue my ambitions, firstly under Mr Pickthall, and when in the sixth form under Mrs Khoo, Mr Cooper, Mr Stock and, who could forget, Mr Rumsey, without whom I would not be where I am today. I look back on my time with fond memories."



Careers fair at William de Ferrers School

Pupils speak to employers

STUDENTS from years 10 to 13 were recently invited to attend the William de Ferrers School annual careers fair.

This event gives students the chance to speak to employers, training providers, colleges and universities to discuss their next steps and onward destinations.

This is an important part of the school's careers programme and they were delighted to see a high level of engagement from students.

The parents and exhibitors on the evening were full of praise and thanks to the school for arranging such a successful, valuable and informative evening for students.