

Editor's Welcome

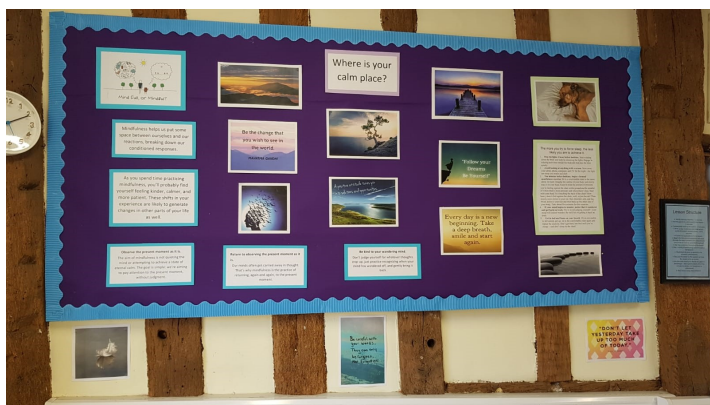
After an exam and trip focussed start to the year, Several students began last half-term revising in lessons, ahead of GCSE study leave for their chosen subjects. Non-exam taking students got creative across classrooms, art rooms and kitchens but were still learning along the way.

Hope everyone had a hoppy Easter break and were raring to be back at work, college or school. Not long till the next Bank Holiday as I write, hang on in there!

Until next time,



Half-Term Headlines



Our top stories include these fantastic displays showing off mindfulness, fish training and art theories across our schools. We love putting up engaging visual work because they can be used as revision tools, references to recent positive learning or to practise hole punching, a staple of the curriculum for students!

As we are tight for space to give these pictures justice, click the PDF icon for a better look.

Find out more about fish training at Exceptional Ideas by clicking below.

<https://www.livechatinc.com/blog/fish-philosophy/>



A Year 8 student at Primrose Hill got into the Easter spirit with these cute chick models. In an interview with this newsletter, Larry the lamb said they were baarilliant!

A pig's eye was dissected with the lens, cornea, retina and optic nerve all identified by a Teaseldown student.

There is an image below but it's not for the faint hearted. Please skip this part if you are squeamish!



I like this Andy Warhol inspired artwork from one of our Teaseldown students. The lesson itself was based around the aesthetics (looks) of food and their packaging.



Photo Competition 2019
"Snap your way to success
this half-term!"



For those with a sweet tooth at Primrose Hill,
a homemade Key lime pie would have been hard to resist.
We do encourage a balanced diet when cooking though!



Teaseldowns' display above encourages a healthy lifestyle!



Fruit kebabs contribute to your 5-a-day, these were lovingly made
by a Teaseldown student. Tomato ketchup, Terry's Chocolate
orange and strawberry jam don't count unfortunately.



Student made Chicken Korma and Naan, I'm a big faan.
I won't get curried away with any more puns .
It makes my readers hot and cross.



Congratulations to a Primrose Hill student who won an Easter
egg for winning my photo competition.
I thought the above photo was a sensational snap and hope the
prize tasted just as good!

Welcomes and Farewells



Greetings to Louise and Edward, who have joined the
Teaseldown student mentor team in recent weeks.

New student mentor Paula works at Brook View but do not
confuse her with our senior administrator based at
Teaseldown ,who is also called Paula.

Jessica is attached to the ever-growing Outreach team.
Two Jessicas' now work out of our Black Notley office
and add to the confusion and delay.

I'm sure our staff, students and The Fat Controller
will remember all these names eventually!

Focussed Feedback

16 issues on from my first newsletter in November 2016, I'm keen to get direct feedback from my readers in the form of an online survey.

Readers now have the chance to say in confidence what you enjoy most about the newsletter and how parts of it could be improved, along with offering Exceptional Ideas targeted market research. Click the link below to answer the survey. Feel free to share it with others you know as the more responses, the better.



<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8FGM283>

Job Focus

As it comes to our third interview, I hope this feature is something you enjoy reading as much as I do. Employees and directors speak to me about what makes our work exceptional and you learn more about the person behind each mentor. Laurence, our mentor who leads on Computer Science and Music joined us for a talk this month. He also brings his unique character to Primrose Hill School.

First up, how long have you been working for Exceptional Ideas? 4 year.

Who first approached you about working here or did you find out about it yourself?

It was Mike, senior mentor at Primrose Hill that introduced me to the job.

Having been with us for a while now, what would be your advice to someone thinking of joining the team?

If you are looking for a rewarding job that keeps you on your toes then this is the job for you.

Explain a bit more about what you get up to each school day and what you most enjoy about it?

I do a combination of one to one teaching, lesson planning for computer science and music along with supporting staff training on these topics. I like how varied the work is, the fact that I learn new things everyday and make a difference to young peoples' lives.

What has been the proudest moment of your Exceptional Ideas career so far?

I think the proudest moments have been seeing students leave and moving on to bigger and better things.

It's all a team effort and I am proud to be part of the team.

After a tricky day, how would you unwind?

I enjoy playing music and I find this to be a therapeutic activity.

Tell me something about yourself that only a few people know.

I wear a wig.

I believe in Leprechauns.

Favourite food?

Cuisine of the world

Film/music video you could watch again and again?

Fifth Element

Finally, sum up being a mentor in three words?
Challenging, rewarding, fun

Nerdy Nora's Newsletter Nugget



Cadbury's Crème eggs are an Easter icon, they were first produced in 1963.

Millions are sold every year in the UK and these figures include the 761 white crème eggs for Easter that offer cash prizes of up to £10,000.

If you were lucky enough to find one before April 21st, then you're quid's in!



Guess Where I am

You did an eely good job if you guessed Leigh-On-Sea last time, as you would have been correct!

Where in Essex did I snap this night-time scene though?

Comment on Facebook when the newsletter is posted there, then wait and see if you guessed right. I will give a shout out in the next newsletter to the first person who guessed correctly.



The Plugs

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