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The Stanway Times

AUTHOR VISIT

On Thursday, 10th October we welcomed back author Ben Lyttleton in school to talk to students from Years 7 & 8 about his books. Ben has written a series of Football School Season books and came in to share his knowledge with our students.

The students were treated to a mix of quizzes, singing and writing workshops throughout the day and loved the Q&A sessions and designing their own badges. We have even had a promise to appear in Ben's next book, so watch this space!

A big thank you to Ben for giving up his time to come in and share his knowledge with our students.

Mrs A Taylor
LRC Co-ordinator



BOOK DONATIONS

There has been a marvellous response to our request for donations of unwanted books in good condition, as shown in the opposite photo.

We would still like to receive more books for our students to read and enjoy, so if you have a book on your bookshelf you no longer need and it is in good condition, please would you consider donating it to the school.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who has donated books. Thank you.

Mrs A Taylor



DIARY DATES

- **Monday 21st October**
 Year 10 NEMO Competition at Philip Morant School
- **Wednesday 23rd October**
 Year 11 Photos
 Youth Health Champion Training at Paxman Academy
- **Thursday 24th October**
 Year 11 GCSE Drama Performance examination
- **Friday 25th October**
 Non-uniform day - Shakespeare House charity Shakespeare cake sale
- **Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November**
 Half term holiday (office closed all week)
- **Thursday 7th November**
 Years 10/11 Drama trip to Cambridge 4pm

NATIONAL SCHOOLS' EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, 22nd September the sun made an appearance in the afternoon bringing glorious blue skies. Almost perfect conditions for another round of show jumping for the National Schools' Equestrian Association (NSEA). The girls, Rachel and Megan, arrived with their ponies ready to compete as part of The Stanway School's Equestrian team.

Rachel, riding her experienced pony named Polo, competed first in the 70cm class against 18 other riders. Safety was the priority of the day with the ground being hard under hoof and the expectation was to have fun. Cheered on by dad, little sister, nan (who was watching for the first time) and the rest of the Stanway team, Rachel guided Polo around the course with ease. It was only when we received the results that we knew just how well she had done. Jumping a clear round in a time of 27 seconds meant Rachel had won the first place rosette, another to add to the collection!

Up next was the 80cm class in which Megan was competing. Until that point the weather had been kind but now there was a building breeze and spots of rain to add new challenges for ponies and riders. After a good warm-up Megan and her eager-to-please pony Lola looked ready for action. The bell rang and they were off, Megan in control. The first half of the course was jumped clear giving Lola a huge confidence boost. However, the young pony got ahead of herself and consequently picked up 8 faults placing them 9th, just outside of rosette territory. Rachel was competing near the tail end of this class and, having had the opportunity to observe all the other riders and using their experiences, seamlessly jumped another clear round and showed off their talents by taking a difficult line into the final fence. With that performance Rachel and Polo received another first prize rosette. *(continued on Page 2)*



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Megan did not have to wait long for her next round in the 90cm class, which was fortunate as the rain had started to come down harder. She was competing against much older riders on more experienced horses in this harder class in the pouring rain. That said the first competitors did not perform well, picking up large numbers of faults and making the course appear difficult. Megan was the penultimate rider of the day and Lola seemed far more settled for this round, leaving Megan to make the decisions. The pair



rode in style, jumping their first ever clear round at 90cm, a great achievement in its own right! After this amazing effort, Megan received a 6th place rosette, proudly displaying it on Lola's headband. The team then ran back to the lorry to shelter from the rain!

We would not have been able to participate in the event if it was not for the huge support from our riders' parents who provided the transport. I would like to thank everyone who came to cheer on the Stanway team. Roll on the winter competitions!

Mr L Hanna

LRC BOOK FAIR

The LRC recently held a book fair which has raised a massive £800 from the sale of books and stationery items. This is a wonderful result and the LRC now has £400 to spend on new books.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

Mrs A Taylor

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Your child will shortly bring home a Data Collection Sheet in order that parents/carers can update the information. The form must also be signed and dated by a parent/carer **even if the information remains unchanged.**

Your child should return the completed and signed form back to Student Services by **Friday, 25th October.**

PAYMENT REMINDERS

TRIP	PAYMENT No.	AMOUNT	DUE DATE
Music Tuition – Autumn term	Payment 2	£25	Now due
Rust 2019	Final	£130	18th October
Christmas Markets 2019	Final	£100	25th October
Cambridge Arts Theatre	Full	£38	25th October
Poetry Live Event	Full	£34.70	25th October
Canoe & Coast 2020	Payment 4	£150	8th November
Ski 2020	Payment 5	£150	29th November
Madrid	Payment 2	£150	29th November

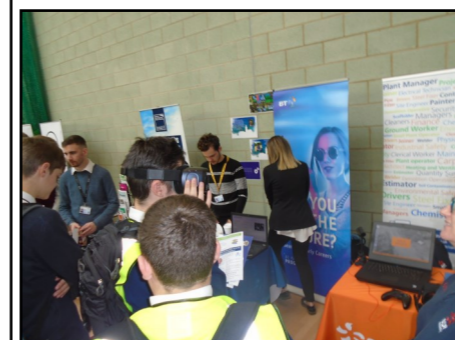
CAREERS CONVENTION

On Wednesday, 9th October The Sigma Trust held a Careers Convention at the Tendring Education Centre, Clacton. It was attended by the 1500 Year 11 students who attend the Sigma secondary schools. The event provided students with the opportunity to gain advice and guidance directly from professionals, employers and training providers in order to help them make informed decisions about their future.

The event aimed to motivate young people by giving them a clearer idea of the routes to jobs and careers in a way that they would find engaging and rewarding. Good careers guidance widens students' horizons, challenges stereotypes and raises aspirations. It provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to make successful transitions to the next stage of their life.

The Sigma Schools support students to develop high aspirations and consider a broad and ambitious range of careers. The convention was facilitated by over 80 stands, inspiring every student through real-life contacts from the world of work so as to help them understand where different choices can take them into the future.

For further information relating to post 16 options, please go to the new Stanway School Website and click on the careers area.



Mrs P Deighton, Careers Leader
Mrs T Laney, Careers Advisor

