

It has been another busy week at Buttsbury. As I was perusing the school diary, I realised that I don't think we ever have a clear day with nothing special happening for at least one year group. This week, we've had a Careers Fayre, Parent Workshop, cluster meetings for staff, several sporting events and a visit from Councillor Lawrence to mention but a few - with discos tonight to round off the fun.

It's a good job we have the weekend to recover! The only way we manage to have such an exciting school diary is due to the commitment of everyone associated with our school so I thank you all as I'd hate a dull diary!

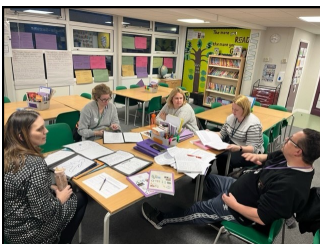
6M Parents to Lunch Event

On Wednesday, the parents of children in 6M joined us for lunch. It was a great and everyone seemed to really enjoy their lunch. Thank you to our catering team, our midday assistants and Mrs Hall, in the School Office, for organising the event.



Before School Clubs

Please can I remind you that clubs start at 7.40am - we have a number of children dropped off every day at 7.30am which is too early. Equally, we have children arrive as late as 8.00am; this is then disruptive for the club leader. Please can I ask you to drop off at 7.40am to ensure the clubs run as smoothly as possible. Thank you.



Subject Leader Cluster Groups

On Wednesday, all the teachers from across Billericay, including some teachers from Mayflower High School and Billericay School, met at different schools to discuss their area of subject leadership. Buttsbury Junior School hosted the RE, History and PE subject leaders; Buttsbury Infant School hosted the Geography subject leaders. It was a wonderful opportunity to share good practice and pick up good ideas to try back at Buttsbury.

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 1

Monday 22nd January

- 6P 'Parents to Lunch' at 12.20pm

Wednesday 24th January

- Partnership Swimming Gala (am) - Billericay School

Thursday 25th January

- Panathlon Swimming Gala (Year 5) - London Aquatic Centre
- Partnership Cross Country - Mayflower High School

Friday 26th January

- Final payment for Year 4 residential visit to Danbury Park due today - £59
- Sponsored Hula Hoop event for Cancer Research UK (am)
- Year 6 Giant Sleepover - 7.00pm

School Discos

Don't forget we have our January discos tonight -

Year 3/4: 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Year 5/6: 6.50pm - 8.20pm

Just a reminder that there are refreshments on sale and lots of glow stick goodies too.

Please can I urge you to park on the playground or in the surrounding streets to avoid issues at the front of the school between the two discos. Please also make sure your child knows who they are going home with.

**Please make sure children leave mobile phones at home.
Thank you.**

Mock SATs Week 1

Well done to all the children in Year 6 who admirably rose to the challenge of the various tests they faced this week. We were very proud of their positivity and commitment. Thank you to Mrs Morris and the teachers for all the time spent planning the complex timetables and to all the teaching assistants who supported individual children.

White Rose Maths

Parent Workshop - White Rose Maths

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us on Wednesday evening - it was great to see so many of you! I hope that you found the information that was shared to be helpful and that it has given you some ideas to try out at home. Thank you to all the teachers, from both Buttsbury Infant School and Buttsbury Junior School, who assisted with the planning and delivery of the workshop. It was the first time that we had organised a joint workshop, of this nature, and it was a great success - we hope to organise more joint events in the future. If you were unable to join us, the slides are on the school's website, in the 'Handouts' section.

*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Celebration Assembly

'Well Done' to all the children who were awarded MERIT certificates this week.

<i>Felix Halder</i>	<i>Jessica Reeves</i>
<i>Hannah Lister</i>	<i>Emily O'Keefe</i>
<i>Harry Ekers</i>	<i>Archie Pearce</i>
<i>Lewis Eggleton</i>	<i>Oscar Farley</i>
<i>Freya Dormer</i>	<i>Amy Clarke</i>
<i>James Natusch</i>	<i>Isobelle Sanders</i>
<i>Noah Vasiliou</i>	<i>Florence Barrett</i>
<i>Rory Coshell</i>	<i>Nancy Jack</i>
<i>Samuel Hall</i>	<i>Ruby Warren-Gunn</i>
<i>Jamie Baker</i>	<i>Ariana Lazell</i>
<i>Archie Thomas</i>	<i>Benedict Iweka</i>
<i>Freya Evans</i>	<i>Layla Neale</i>



Visit from Councillor Danny Lawrence

This morning, School Council representatives from Years 5 and 6, alongside the Core 5 and the Eco-Team, had the opportunity to meet Councillor Lawrence, who represents Billericay West on Basildon Council. The children had prepared a number of questions for Councillor Lawrence which focused on climate change and sustainability. They posed their questions very confidently and listened attentively to Councillor Lawrence's replies. Some of their questions were challenging and definitely provided food for thought for Councillor Lawrence and Basildon Council. Well done to our amazing children and thank you to Councillor Lawrence for giving up his time to be interviewed by our talented children.

This week's 'Writers of the Week' are:

*Alfie Thompson Alice Brooks Luca Evans
Dexter Broom Violet Costello Ruby Price
Mikael Ali Khan Oliver Wilson
Well done to our writing super stars!*



This week's 'Mathematicians of the Week' are:

*Isla Sanders Olivia Cullen Oliver Baker
Elizabeth Moody Amber Sargant Amelia Mangan
Amelia Walton Sophia Christofi Tanvi Kondapalli
Well done to our magical mathematicians!*

Afternoon Tea

This week's afternoon tea was once again a great success. The children (naturally) enjoyed sampling the lovely cakes and biscuits whilst chatting about their favourite piece of work this year. It's lovely to see the range of subjects chosen - this week we had some art work, as well as poems, creative writing and maths too! It was great to see the children so proud of their excellent achievements.

This week's 'Readers of the Week' are:

*Maddie Wallis Chloe Pickering Harry Shipway
Abi Walker Bobby Taylor Ronnie Line
Sophie Warden Eni Omopariola
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

House Points

This week's winning house:
Panthers

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

*Emilia Escudero Bradshaw Mahi Dalal
Alfie Thompson Alex Trainer Emelia Giddings
Jasmine Faris Darcy Shorey
Jessica Reeves Joey Purkiss*

Top Table

This week, the children chosen by the Midday Assistants to sit at the 'Top Table' were:

**Fraser Loudon
Dylan Knowler
Isaac Harding
Theo Vasileiadis
Ashley McSharry**



This week's attendance figure is: 97.6%!

This year's attendance target is 97.0%.

A special 'Well Done' to Classes 4H and 3P who both had 100% attendance this week! Congratulations!



Dementia Friends Project

The children have the opportunity to knit or crochet a 'Forget Me Not' as part of our ongoing work as a Dementia Friendly school. This is excellent fun and a great activity to complete with grandparents (who tend to be well versed knitters) or parents. Your child is able to collect a 'How to Guide' from their class school councillors, alternatively it is attached to this week's newsletter! Happy knitting!

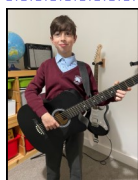
Careers Festival

On Tuesday afternoon, we hosted our annual Careers Festival where we invited parents and members of the local community in to school to share with Year 6 some of the opportunities that are available to them in the world of work. The children were inspired and had a fantastic afternoon visiting the range of different stalls that were on offer to them. Something that was really encouraging to see was the children's ability to link what they've learnt in school, such as ratios and how sound travels, to the different professions. Thank you to all of the volunteers for making the event so successful.



Basketball County Finals

Having qualified back in November, on Thursday, our Buttsbury 'A' team headed to the Essex County Basketball Finals held at the University of Essex Colchester campus. Fifteen schools from across Essex had qualified and the day started with the group stages, with the top 3 schools in each group qualifying for the next round to be played in the afternoon. The team were thrilled to have qualified for the Super 10s, finishing their groups stage in 1st place. The afternoon stage proved really tough with the team unfortunately not making it through to the semi-finals. All of the team showed amazing determination, fair play and teamwork, and can be proud to say they are one of the top 10 schools in the whole of Essex! Well done everyone - an amazing achievement. Thank you to Miss Carroll and to the parents who assisted with transport.



Out of School Success

Well done to Felix Plummer (5T) who has passed his acoustic guitar exam with a Merit! He's now working on the next grade!

Year 5 Road Safety

This week, two of our Year 5 classes (5T and 5B will get their chance next week) took part in a Road Safety afternoon, led by Sally Bennett, from Essex Highways. In small groups, the children went out of school and along the roads nearby to talk through the dangers and hazards out on the road. It was a really informative session and helped the children to identify the potential hazards, particularly thinking about things that may distract them when walking to or from school, such as music and their mobile phones.

Back in class, the children also took part in a Road Safety Quiz and Sally led a presentation helping to draw everything from the afternoon together.

Thank you to Sally Bennett for visiting us - it was a really informative afternoon and will prepare the children for walking to and from school independently.



Buddy Boot Camp

On Thursday 18th January, Year 4 were lucky enough to take part in Buddy Boot Camp sessions. Each class needed to listen carefully to instructions, work well as a team and communicate effectively. The tasks were lots of fun and everyone completely forgot how cold it was! Ben - our boot camp leader - was particularly encouraging and supportive to all our children and everyone felt like they had really achieved something.



Pen Licences

Well done to Amber Branch, Ralph Pocklington, Sophia Christofi, Rosie Taylor, Olliver Wilson, Blake Silvester and Zack Brewer who all received their Pen Licences this week.

Rainbow Awards

Well done to this week's **INDIGO** award recipients:

Taylor Gibson

Freya Childs

Benedict Iweka

Chey Henry

Congratulations to this week's **BLUE** award winners this year:

Francis Hoile
Louie Parnell
James Bilton
Olivia Rees
Matthew Hughes
Chloe Pickering
Zara Wakerly

Jorgie Jackson
Felix Plummer
Jasper Wood
Isabelle Oldland
Jacob Hobden
Ben McIlquham
Samuel Watson

Sophia Keys
Moudi Tarraf
Maxwell Green
Sienna Kareer
Emily Legon
Harry Baker

Louie Parnell
Edie Buick
Peter Fallouh
Oliver Hughes
Grace Brockwell
Oliver Townsend

Well done to this week's **GREEN** award winners:

Fred Conjaeger
Ivy Duerden
Sophia Buffoni
Oliver Mumford
Harry Parker

Ava Pardoe
Alice Brooks
Olivia Cullen
Albert Sullivan
Phoenix Wood

Archie Williams
Harry Ekers
Jasmine Faris
Leon Whitby

Archie Pearce
Emily O'Keefe
Cameron Grindrod
James Huskie

Congratulations to our **YELLOW** award winners:

Sophia Christofi
Iris Balkwill
Mark Bowman
Evan Aarons
Jemima Broom
David Golberg
Nifemi Oladele
Maddie Stower
Joseph Borg
Isla Craswell
Jamie Holmes
Zac Russell
Anna Weddell
Lauren Crook
Georgina Mason
Kaitlyn Charles-Pradeep
Daisy Mumford
Megan Shipton
Amelia Gabriel-West
Avi Ghosh
Archie Thomas
Zac Eggleton
Ted Gort
Thomas Lovell
Oliver Munro
Sam Sinclair
Frankie Trott
Francis Bailey
Daniel Blyth-Tancock
Anna Christie
Nathan Hawes
Alex Marsh
Annabel Reeves
Scarlett Stone
Layla Faris
Olivia Rebel
Louis Domien
Daisy Hughes
Jessica Payton
Jessica Chinnery
Sofia Gross
Ava Meade
James Rowley
George White

Bluebell Cole
Maddie Wallis
Rory Buckley
Theo Barnes
Lucas Brousse
Poppy Goring
Jessica Pilka
Elodie Wang Gao
Dexter Broom
Alex Drew
Moraya Kemp
Isobelle Sanders
Jack Wilkinson
Alannah Cronin
Ruby Price
Erin Collins
Perdie Noble
Blake Silvester
Michael Reason
Ayda Kemal
Ayra Ahmed
Jasmine Faraday
Jack Hyatt
Maisie McCarthy
Milla Poulter
Jasper Smith
Jenson Wallis
Esmae Baker
Max Boultwood
Charlie Cooper
Sophie Holms
Liam Martin
Bella Salmon
Danny Sullivan
Anya Farley
Poppy Walsh
Layla Foley
Isla Kittridge
Callie Beadon
Amelie Doyle
Georgie Harding
Alex Metcalfe
Bobby Rowling
Harrison Wooder

Arabella Cranfield
Amelia Mangan
Charlie Wood
George Bradley
Noah Dias
Sophie Mackenzie
Kelsie Ridall
Elliot Warman
Ava Catchpole
Harry Fensome
Amelie Moore
Violet Toll
Ember Wood
Hetty Fearn
Lara-Mae Austin
Grace Ivimy
Finley Pike
Summer-Rose Smith
Rory Atkinson
Albie McCarthy
Isabel Bailey
Joshua Gabriel-West
Elsie Johnston
Vellita Millett
Jessica Rendell
Millie Stack
Maggie Ward
Zaiden Baker
Chloe Bowdidge
Megan Forder
Efe Kemal
Dylan McGinness
Olivia Shearwood
Ollie Thorpe
Leya Isikgun
Dominic Senior
Myla Hands
Zachary Mackenzie
Zack Brewer
Alfie Field
Mollie Hughes
Hannah Sijo
Ella Tennet

Amber Branch
Jessica Reeves
Ralph Pocklington
Francesca Brown
Freya Dormer
Violet Mills
Harry Shipway
Tanvi Kondapalli
Ryan Challand
Louie Garwood
Harley Phillips
Abi Walker
Laurel Beaumont
Chloe Hayes
Thomas Chandra
Frankie Moughton
Elizabeth Sheehan
Koen Stephens
Maisie Doyle
Isla Sanders
Luella Cronjaeger
Harry Goodacre
Isla Keniry
Eva Moughton
Adam Sargood
Daniel Thomas
Riwaya Atapattu
Thomas Bennett
Zach Chambers
Teddy Harding
Isabella Magee
Renee Mweleka
Rosa Stafford
Ellena Boultwood
Lola Prior
Poppy Briggs
Shi Wen He
Camden Mares-O'Connor
Eduardo Chambers
Felicity Ginn
Elsie Ive
Evie Smith
Theo Vinicombe