

Friday 2nd February 2024

The following statement is lifted directly from our school Vision and Values document, 2023, 'Our purpose is to enable every member of the Buttsbury family to have fun, flourish and learn for life.'

We saw this embodied, in an unusual way, last Friday evening when 91 Year 6 children all slept over! It was the third time ever that we had run this event and it was once again, a great success. This year, we had an additional complication as we couldn't use the Small Hall for party games (due to RAAC) but, this was easily resolved - we simply popped over to the infant school and used theirs - another little benefit of our close working partnership. The children found walking across very exciting and the local residents and passing cars found it very amusing to see such a long crocodile of children out and about on a Friday evening!

The key purpose of the evening was to have fun, but, we also saw great teamwork with clear respect and trust towards each other. Everyone definitely flourished. We also raised £1,092 for the Friends' Association. An unusual event like this, really does tick the 'above and beyond' box and I am grateful to Mr Graves, Mrs Cattini, Mrs Pretlove and Mrs Cambridge who stayed the night! Thank you also to Jo, our school cook, who joined us early on Saturday morning, to prepare breakfast baps fruit and juice! Roll on next year! Have a lovely weekend - we're almost half way through the academic year now which is pretty incredible!

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 3

Monday 5th February

- Year 6 Isle of Wight payment 5 due please - £80

Tuesday 6th February

- Year 5/6 choir rehearsal at Brightside, 9.00am - return at 11.45am

Wednesday 7th February

- 3W and 3BW visit to Thorndon Park - Caveman Day - normal school times - warm, comfortable outdoor clothing; wellies/old trainers and change of trousers and shoes for the return journey. Packed lunch needed.
- Year 5/6 Sports Hall athletics

Thursday 8th February

- 3M and 3P visit to Thorndon Park - Caveman Day - normal school times - warm, comfortable outdoor clothing; wellies/old trainers and change of trousers and shoes for the return journey. Packed lunch needed.

Friday 9th February

- Spelling Bee final



Quiz Night

On Wednesday we had a Friends' Association event with a difference - one for the parents instead of the children! It was a very popular and fun evening with quiz rounds, a few added competitions and lively banter from the Skittleman, keeping everyone thoroughly entertained! Thank you to our Friends' Association for organising the evening which raised £583.13 as well as being great fun.



Assessment Week

Well done to all the children in Years 3, 4 and 5 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 the year group leaders and teachers for all the time spent planning the complex timetables and to all the teaching assistants who supported individual children - a very successful week all round.

*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Avi Ghosh</i>	<i>Albie McCarthy</i>
<i>Isla Sanders</i>	<i>Luke Richardson</i>
<i>Elliana Wilkins</i>	<i>Mahi Dalal</i>
<i>Aaron Barnes</i>	<i>Kayn Bowerman</i>
<i>Oliver Townsend</i>	<i>Theo Barnes</i>
<i>Hope O'Sullivan</i>	<i>David Golberg</i>
<i>Olivia Storey</i>	<i>Eloise Mills</i>
<i>Jamie Holmes</i>	<i>Arabella Cranfield</i>
<i>Andrei Aldea- Nicolaescu</i>	<i>Jude Phillips</i>
<i>Ralph Pocklington</i>	<i>Olivia Rebel</i>
<i>Zachary Phillips</i>	<i>Archie Williams</i>
<i>Peter Fallouh</i>	<i>Jorgie Jackson</i>

Tag Rugby

As January came to an end, the annual Tag-Rugby tournaments at Mayflower rolled around again. Having been postponed previously, the weather was much better last Friday. Our two sides played some good rugby and it was wonderful to see the interplay between the Year 5s and 6s. There were a number of points that the quality and fluidity of the rugby drew comments of praise from the referees from Billericay Rugby Club. Despite such good play, we missed out on qualifying for the next round. All of the children were fantastic and they represented the school with such good spirit. Thank you to Mr Tweedie, Mr Nation and Mrs Whiting who accompanied our teams.



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

*Ruby Hill Holly Laque Freddie Beckwith
Elliot Warman Noah Cannon Jacob Hobden
Amber Branch Joshua McCarthy
Well done to our writing super stars!*

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

*Elliot Warman Noah Gazzard Moraya Kemp
Miller Rutledge Poppy Higgs Jude Phillips
Ivy Duerden Oliver Sutton Jessica Pilka
Well done to our magical mathematicians!*



Afternoon Tea

The children, as ever, displayed impeccable manners and enjoyed sharing their work and meeting new friends.

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

*Dougie Kerr Jacob Dyer Zara Wakerly
Sophie Mackenzie Ewan Muller Poppy Higgs
Hannah Lister Scarlett Welch
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

*Jake Cannon Isabella Davies Ava Catchpole
Joshua McCarthy Ruby Warren-Gunn
Phoenix Duncan Oscar Farley
Teddy Chapman Charlie Murray*



House Points

This week's winning house:

Lions

Top Table

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

**Jack Campkin
James Ivimy
Riwaya Atapattu
Jax Evans
Ben McIlquham**



This week's attendance figure is: 96.2%

This year's attendance target is 97.0%

A special 'Well Done' to Class 3P who had the highest attendance this week - 99.1% Congratulations!



Schools' Ministry Billericay Assembly

On Monday, Sally Grimes joined us to lead our first assembly of the week which focused on the theme of 'Parables and the Bible'. Sally, assisted by some of our children, explored the Parable of the Lost Son and shared the message that it is acceptable to make a mistake. It was great to start the week with such a lively assembly and we are grateful to Sally for joining us.

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be very difficult to make the decision as to whether or not your child is too ill to come to school. The following link provides guidance which may be helpful to you.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Geography Week

The last week of this half-term will see another themed week bring learning to life but this time we have a new focus, Geography. We have some exciting sessions planned to develop the children's geographical and fieldwork skills which will see lots of opportunities for the children to be outside and interacting with the local environment. We have arranged for children from the Infant and Junior Schools to work together which is always very popular. Thursday 15th February will be Kenya Day where children will have the opportunity to learn about the country and its culture. On this day, children are invited to come to school dressed in the colours of the Kenyan flag and there will be a Kenyan offering on the school dinner menu too. During the morning, the children will experience lessons that are delivered in the way they would be in Ci-amanda School in Kenya; no IT, no worksheets - everyone sitting in rows facing the front. In the afternoon, it's back to Buttsbury-style teaching to find out more about the geography of Kenya. We are hoping to raise some money on Kenya day to support the education of the children at Ci-amanda, our partner school - please feel free to make a donation via ParentPay if you would like to.

Hair Accessories

Just a reminder that hair bows and bands etc need to be small and discreet - they seem to be getting bigger and brighter by the day, so much so that assembly is starting to look like Kew Gardens!

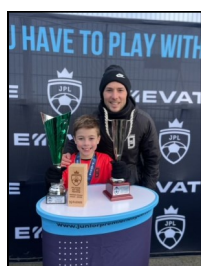
Email Communication

If you need to send an email to the school, please can you put your child's first and second name, as well as their class, in the email header. For 'Out of School Success' please include 'Out of School Success' in the header too and email directly to me - head@buttsbury-jun.essex.sch.uk



Out of School Success

- * Well done to James Lyons (5R) who has moved up to Stage 7 in swimming.
- * Congratulations to Adam Sargood (6R) who competed in his first-ever diving competition last Sunday and won a bronze medal as well as passing his Level 1 and Level 2 awards.
- * Well done to Harry Tungate (5C) whose football team won the U10's National Champions in the Junior Premier league. Harry was also awarded Player of the Tournament!!
- * Congratulations to Milla Poulter (6R) who was enrolled at guides last night and is now officially a girl guide.



Parents' Evening Appointments

The online booking system is working really well again - thank you for your support with this. We still have a number of parents who have not yet booked an appointment - please can we encourage you to do this as soon as possible. Online booking closes next Tuesday (6th February) - if you have not booked a slot by then, you will be allocated one of the remaining slots. Thank you.

Book Fair

The school book fair was in full swing today - we had to scale it back a little as we don't have the Small Hall available at present but the children still enjoyed browsing, selecting and paying for their own books. There was a wonderful selection of books to choose from - from classic literature to Malorie Blackman. As a result of purchases made on the day, the school will be able to select lots of new books for our school library. Thank you for sending your children in to school with some money for a new book. We hope the children enjoy their new books. Remember to write them in the back of Literacy homework books as a record of the Reading Challenge progress.



Mrs Sally Tracey - SENCO Assistant

I just wanted to clarify that Mrs Tracey's role is an administrative role to support Mrs N Robinson as Inclusion Manager. Mrs Tracey is unable to advise regarding SEND matters so please contact Mrs N Robinson, rather than Mrs Tracey, if you need advice relating to SEND or have any queries regarding your child's SEND provision. Thank you.

Billericay Family Cross Country

On Thursday 30th January some members of our cross-country squad took part in the Billericay Schools Cross Country competition at Mayflower Secondary School. Every runner showed great teamwork, ran with pure determination and were a true credit to Buttsbury Junior School.

We had two incredible wins from Jude Phillips in Year 3 boys and Bonnie Atkinson-Lassman in Year 5 girls. Further individual success came from Olivia Rebel who came 2nd in the Year 3 girls and Vince Drury who came 3rd in the Year 4 boys.

The overall results, with all year groups combined, placed the Buttsbury boys' team in a very impressive 1st place and the Buttsbury girls' team an excellent 2nd place. The crucial top two team successes came from the Year 3 girls (2nd), Year 4 boys (1st), Year 5 girls (1st), Year 5 boys (2nd) and Year 6 boys (2nd). These teams will now progress to the next round of the William de Ferrers Partnership cross country competition in March along with Jude Phillips as an individual runner. Just missing out on the next round were the Year 3 boys (3rd), Year 4 girls (4th) and Year 6 (3rd) girls. Each runner should be very proud of themselves and look forward to representing Buttsbury Junior School in future competitions.

A very big thank you to Mr Nation who trained the cross-country teams and the staff who supported on the day (Mrs Lee, Mrs Staplehurst, Mrs Walker and Mrs Whiting).



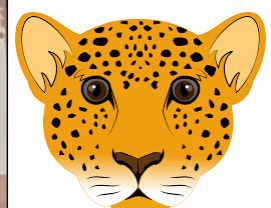
Bread making fun!

Year 4 Bread Making

Yesterday morning, Year 4 took part in their DT breadmaking morning. After 4 weeks of researching, tasting and evaluating different types of bread, the children designed their own recipes and prepared to create their final product. Lots of parent helpers were on hand to ensure everyone measured accurately, kneaded with vigour and created their dough to take home and bake. We are very grateful for their help. You can see from the photos the fun we had!

Leopards House Assembly

On Wednesday, it was the turn of the Leopards House Captains to produce and present an assembly to the whole school. Izzy and Max researched the theme of 'Parables' to inform the school about different parables, thinking about the messages from them. They included a fun True/False quiz for other members of Leopards to take part in. They both gave up their own time at lunchtimes to rehearse the assembly. Thank you to Izzy and Max for a super House Captains Assembly and to Mr Redmill for assisting them.



Rainbow Awards

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

Johnny MdQueen

Chey Henry

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

Oyenmwena Egharevba

Ronnie Line

Albert Stevenson

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

Ewan Muller
Felix Plummer
Peter Fallouh
Matthew Hughes
Grace Brockwell

Jorgie Jackson
James Bilton
Jamie Collyer
Oliver Hughes
Chloe Pickering

Sophia Keys
Sophie Sinnott
Olivia Rees
Jacob Hobden
Thomas Christie

Louie Parnell
Maxwell Green
Sienna Kareer
Poppy Higgs

Congratulations to our **YELLOW** award winners:

Emilio Gallone
Ethan Rae
Callum Lewis
Miles Daniels
Albert Sullivan
Oscar Beckwith
Zachary Webster
Emily O'Keefe
Louis Domien
Daisy Hughes
Jessica Payton

Teddy Youngs
Oliver Stephens
David McConnell
Henry Dean
Alfie Moclair
Alfie Thompson
Ivy Duerden
Archie Pearce
Christiana Christofi
Shi-Wen He
Orest Savchuk

Grayson Kemp
Ruben Skehill
Amber Sargant
Ruby Ellis
Harry Tungate
Alfie Smallman
Alice Brooks
Olivia Cullen
Arnav Gupta
Isla Kittridge
Sofia Tseng

Henry Fuller
Rupert Kehoe
Alex Trainer
Nancy Jack
Teddy Chapman
Freya Evans
Harry Ekers
Henry Buckle
Myla Hands
Zachary Mackenzie
Chloe Baker

Well done to our first **ORANGE** award winners this year:

Theo Clifford
Mollie Parker
Isla Clifford
George Bradley
David Golberg
Nifemi Oladele
Harry Shipway
Tanvi Kondapalli
Daniel Blyth-Tancock
Anna Christie
Sophie Holms
Dylan McGinness
Ollie Thorpe
Jax Evans
Joe Jackson
Jennifer McSharry
Kaydee Quirk
Asa Taylor
Austin Ellis
Vivaan Mukherji
Henry Chandra
Sam McFeely
Betsy Burcombe

Marley Dowling
Lily Woods
Violet Costello
Jemima Broom
Poppy Goring
Hope O'Sullivan
Maddie Stower
Riwaya Atapattu
Max Boulwood
Charlie Cooper
Efe Kemal
Renee Mweleka
Freya Anderson
Sophia Golberg
Evelina Kiafa
Lola Obergan
Jack Robertson
Kaiser Thorby-Mead
Amber Jobbins
Darcy Shorey
Phoenix Gough
Lavanya Soni
Sophia Anderson

Ruby Hill
Bonnie Atkinson-Lassman
Sophia Rusu
Lucas Brousse
Sophie Mackenzie
Jessica Pilka
Elodie Wang Gao
Francis Bailey
Chloe Bowdidge
Megan Forder
Isabella Magee
Annabel Reeves
Pippa Daley
Mariah Hands
Malachi Kwanzambi
Jacob Ovel
Edward Smith
Alessia Tutuianu
Esmee Lazell
Erin Bateman
James Ivimy
Ethan Tyler

Olivia Murley
Florence Barrett
Theo Barnes
Freya Dormer
Violet Mills
Kelsie Ridall
Elliot Warman
Thomas Bennett
Zach Chambers
Teddy Harding
Liam Martin
Olivia Shearwood
Patrick Dillon
Leo Hughes
Lilani Luthra
Eione Phillips
Teddy Soar
Theo Vasileiadis
Amelia Maloney
George Brooks
James Knowler
Georgie Hodges

Billericay Community Trust (BCT) Pupil Voice Sustainability Project

On Monday morning, we hosted the relaunch of BCT Pupil Voice, an opportunity for children from across the schools in Billericay to come together and work on a joint project. This time around the focus was on sustainability and how we as schools can work together to improve the green credentials of each of our schools. Abi and Violet from the Eco-Team were fantastic representatives for BJS, offering lots of ideas to the other schools and reflecting on what else we could do to be more sustainable.

