

On Wednesday, some of our Trustees spent time monitoring aspects of our school development plan, with a particular focus on climate change/sustainability and core knowledge/vocabulary. The Trustees were very impressed by everything they saw which included statistical savings in both energy and water usage, evidence of recycling across the school (they even checked the bins) and a real 'feel' for the importance of sustainability. They praised the Eco-Team for driving this initiative. The Trustees also noted the consistency that they saw across the school, particularly with regards to the core knowledge that was being taught in different classrooms as well as the vocabulary that was being used across all subjects. We are grateful to our trustees for giving up their time.

### **Sponsored Hoopla**

Please can any remaining sponsor money be handed in by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February so we can organise a date for David, Cancer Research UK, to come in so we can present him with a cheque for our donation. Thank you

### **Mrs Nicola Robinson - Inclusion Manager/SENCO**

Please can we remind you that Mrs N Robinson does not work on Fridays. Her usual days at Buttsbury Junior School are Monday and Thursday but she can equally be contacted at Buttsbury Infant School on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thank you.

### **Jo Head - Catering Manager**

It is with a very heart that I have to share the news that Jo will be leaving us at the end of March, Having worked with Jo for the whole of my 18 years of headship (Jo came with me from my previous school) I simply cannot imagine our school kitchen without Jo in it - and, I know, I am not alone! Jo is highly regarded by both children, parents and staff - probably a better word would be 'loved' but I am not sure how professional that is! She brings our kitchen to life and nothing is ever too much trouble. To say we will miss her, is probably one of the biggest understatements I have ever written.

I think Jo is equally sad to be leaving us but she has an exciting new chapter of her life about to open as she is relocating to The Lake District, where her, soon to be married, daughter lives. Given this wonderful opportunity, I think we can forgive Jo for leaving us behind! We wish her lots of wonderful new experiences, many of which, I am sure, will include exploring the Lakes! If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Jo, you can do this via Parent Pay.

### **Arrival at School**

Please can I remind you that school starts at 8.40am. We have a lot of children late each day which means they are missing valuable learning and their late arrival also disturbs other children. Realistically, children need to be through the school gates at 8.35am to be in class by 8.40am.

### **Next Week's Diary Dates**

**School Dinners - Week 3**  
**Geography Themed Week**

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February

- 6R 'Parents to Lunch' event at 12.20pm

#### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

- Parents' Evening: 3.30pm – 6.30pm\*

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

- Year 5/6 Music Festival tickets on sale from The Towngate Theatre at 10.00am - online or phone
- Meeting for Year 4 parents re: residential visit: 5.30pm – Zoom

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February

- **Kenya Day** - children are invited to dress in the colours of the Kenyan flag (red, black, green) - donations can be made via ParentPay
- Parents' Evening: 3.30pm – 6.30pm\*
- Last day of half-term

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

- School closed for staff training  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February (inc) Half-Term**

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

- Children return to school

### Pen Licences

Well done to **Fred Cronjaeger, Amelie Doyle and Vivaan Mukherji** who all received their Pen Licences this week.

### **Parents' Evening**

Children are encouraged to join you for this term's meetings but please be aware that they should stay with you rather than wander on their own. The bell will ring every ten minutes to help teachers keep to time as this has proved to be very successful in the past. Mrs N. Robinson (our Inclusion Manager) will be available without appointment during both evenings - she will be based in her office which is through the double doors at the back of the hall (it will be signposted). I will also be available, without appointment, to discuss any issues, concerns or queries that you might have. Just a reminder that Miss Roe will be based in the library and Miss Carroll will be seeing parents on Wednesday instead of Thursday.

### **World Book Day - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book (not a film please) on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. During the day, there will be a number of activities which all relate to books; including 'Drop Everything And Read' and lots of opportunities to share books with others. There will also be a special themed lunch (menu to follow).

*'Maximum Effort for  
Maximum Achievement'*

# Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Daisy Mumford</i>	<i>Perdie Noble</i>
<i>Koen Stephens</i>	<i>Emilio Gallone</i>
<i>April Marsh</i>	<i>Ethan Rae</i>
<i>Connie Rumsey</i>	<i>Chloe Baker</i>
<i>Annabelle Wilks</i>	<i>Sam Sinclair</i>
<i>Zac Eggleton</i>	<i>Chanelle Asubiaro</i>
<i>Riwaya Atapattu</i>	<i>Bella Salmon</i>
<i>Esmae Baker</i>	<i>Georgie Harding</i>
<i>Harvey Thomas Perry</i>	<i>Elsie Ive</i>
<i>Theo Vasileiadis</i>	<i>Frederick Solomons</i>
<i>Dhruv Patel</i>	<i>Thomas Christie</i>
<i>Christiana Cristofi</i>	<i>Layla Foley</i>

## A.I.M (Achieve, Inspire, Master) Writing

On Monday, four children from Year 5 were selected to attend a special writing workshop at Brentwood Preparatory School along with five other schools. The day was hosted by Coral Rumble, a well-renowned poet. The day consisted of a variety of fun activities which really helped expand the children's poetry writing skills. It was wonderful to see how the children rose to the challenges and learnt some great tips how to improve their poetry skills going forward. Thank you to Mrs Cattini for facilitating the event and to Mrs Rivas, for transporting and accompanying the children.



## Move With Us

Some of the children in Year 3 participated in the 'Move With Us' event at Mayflower on Tuesday. They joined in with fun activities of running games and skipping during the morning. The children learnt all about healthy eating and how to look after their mind and body. They had a great time and enjoyed the opportunity to visit another school and also learn new skills. Thank you to Mrs Willis and Mrs Staplehurst for accompanying the children.

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

*Frankie Moughton Teddy Youngs  
Ben McCreery Daniel Thomas Sam McFeely  
Sophie Holms Zack Brewer Ben Ferris  
Well done to our writing super stars!*

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

*Zack Brewer Taylor Gibson Clark Williams  
Chanelle Asubiaro Oliver Bowie Ben Ferris  
Perdie Noble Zaiden Baker Isla Kittridge  
Well done to our magical mathematicians!*

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

*Bradley Bloomfield Henry Fuller  
Izzy Hadassi Freya Childs Harry Mann  
Jackson Tappin Evie Smith George Brooks  
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

*This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:*

*Alice Bennett Peony Harlow Zac Eggleton  
Henry Buckle Leo Hughes Adam Sargood  
Olivia Johnson Liam Martin Lucas Armsden*

## Afternoon Tea

We had another lovely gathering on Thursday afternoon - this time it was our Number 11s! The children really enjoyed sharing their own work and also looking at other children's and passing on words of congratulation to their peers. Of course, the cakes and chocolate biscuits went down a treat too!



## House Points

This week's winning house:

**Leopards**



## Top Table

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

**Dylan McGinness  
April Marsh  
Aflie Moclair  
Sophie Mackenzie  
David McConnell**



*This week's attendance figure is: 96.9%!*

*This year's attendance target is 97.0%.*

*A special 'Well Done' to Class 6R who had the highest attendance this week - 99.7%! Congratulations!*





### Year 3 Caveman Visit

Year 3 had an exciting Caveman Day this week at Thorndon Park to wrap up their learning about the Stone Age. We are now experienced Stone Age den builders, mammoth hunters and cave artists. Wednesday was a cold day and Thursday was very wet but we still managed to have fun with lots of exciting activities to take our minds off the inclement weather! The children really enjoyed this fantastic experience and we thank all of the staff at Thorndon Park, the wonderful Buttsbury staff and parent helpers for making this possible.



### Headteacher's Awards

Headteacher's Awards are the highest accolade achievable and are awarded to children who 'demonstrate exceptional commitment to a cause or activity showing the child has gone above and beyond normal expectations'. This half-term, Headteacher's Awards have been presented to:

Harry Shipway	Olivia Taylor	Alice Brooks
Olivia Cullen	Finley Pike	Lola Obergan
Marley Dowling	Sophia Gross	Noah Gazzard
Ollie Thorpe	Florence Barrett	Violet Toll
Dexter Broom	Jenson Wallis	Ruby Price
Georgina Mason	Orest Savchuk	

Congratulations on achieving this coveted award.



### Reading Awards

Well done to:

Ayda Kemal	Ruby Hill	Sophie Warden
Vivaan Mukherji	Thomas Dyer	Jemima Broom
Oscar Beckwith	Jessica Reeves	Harrison Wooder
George White	Erin Collins	Asa Taylor
Amelia Gabriel-West		Max Barford
Olivia Johnson	Taylor Gibson	George Morgan
Grayson Kemp	Henry Fuller	Violet Costello
Kimberley Brathwaite		Luke Richardson
Ruby Ellis	Isabelle Warden	Poppy Briggs
Henry Chandra	Chloe Baker	Keyla Osborne
Sophia Anderson	Millie Stack	Ted Gort
Daniel Thomas	Bella Salmon	Teddy Youngs

who all managed to read a book from each genre in our Reading Reward charts and were presented with their **Bronze** Reading badge today in recognition of their commitment to reading.

A very special 'Well Done' to:

Jessica Reeves	Lysander Goodman	Evie Smith
Daniel Thomas	Nellie Amos	Ted Gort
Eliana Wilkins	Alannah Cronin	Max Barford
Emily O'Keefe	Poppy Briggs	Isabel Bailey
Sophia Anderson	Kaitlyn Charles Pradeep	
Bradley Bloomfield		

who all read two books from each genre and received their **Silver** Reading Award today.

A super huge 'Well Done' to:

Amber Branch	Lysander Goodman	Sophia Rusu
Chloe Hayes	Ivy Duerden	Ted Gort
Daniel Thomas	Emily O'Keefe	
Ashley McSharry	Kaitlyn Charles Pradeep	
Bradley Bloomfield	Amelia Hudson	

who all received their **Gold** reading award today, having read three books from each genre.

Extra special congratulations to Marley Dowling Callie Beadon and Laurel Beaumont who received their **Platinum** Reading Award today, having read five books in each category.



### Out of School Success

- \* Well done to Isla Sanders (3P) who passed her Stage 3 swimming with Elites.
- \* Congratulations to Oliver Wilson (3BW) who achieved his Marathon wristband at the Billericay Park Run. He has been working really hard to get his wristband and managed to achieve his best PB at the weekend.
- \* Well done to Grace Ivimy (4M) who has moved up to Pre-Club Bronze at Elites Swim School.
- \* Congratulations to Mollie Parker (3P) who achieved her Level 6 gymnastics award with South Essex Gymnastics Club last week.





### **Safer Internet Day**

Tuesday saw us take part in Safer Internet Day, an international day that raises awareness of how to make the online world a better, safer place for all. We started the day with an assembly where we explored how we use the internet and the way in which we can be influenced by the digital world. Children started to recognise that not all influencers are portraying a positive message and that we need to take this into consideration when consuming their output. The children followed up the assembly with a lesson introducing them to concept of AI (artificial intelligence) and how this is being used to influence us when online. The children enjoyed engaging in discussions and debating opinions.



### **Sports Hall Athletics**

On Wednesday, 18 of our talented Year 5/6 athletes went to The Billericay School to compete in the Sports Hall Athletics competition. We took part in different events across the morning, including javelin, standing long jump, vertical jump, standing triple jump, speed bounce, chest push and, of course, the relay races against four other primary school across Billericay.

The team showed a high level of enthusiasm and commitment to their events and produced some great results! Buttsbury finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. Unfortunately, we narrowly missed out on the next round as only the top two teams qualified!

The following children finished in the top three within their events:

- Megan Forder – 1<sup>st</sup> in the Triple Jump
- Rosa Stafford – 1<sup>st</sup> in the Vertical Jump
- Camden Mares O'Connor – 1<sup>st</sup> in the Standing Long Jump
- Isabella Magee, Annabel Reeves, Georgie Hodges & Megan Forder - 1<sup>st</sup> in the Girls Relay
- Georgie Hodges – 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Long Jump
- Isabella Magee – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Vertical Jump
- Megan Forder – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Long Jump

Well done to all of the children that took part. A huge thank you to Ms Atkinson, Mrs Rumsey, Mrs Williams and Mrs Crook for helping with transport. A big thank you to Miss Carroll, Miss Pretty, Mr Nation and Mrs Whiting for their assistance with the event. A special thanks goes to Mr Nation who helped coach the team prior to the event.



### **The Great Buttsbury Spelling Bee**

For the last two weeks, each class has been battling it out to find their Spelling Bee champions. The spellings tested included every single homework spelling since the beginning of September. All classes declared their C1, C2 and C3 winners on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Each of these class champions received a well deserved winner's certificate.

Today, we held the inaugural Year Group Spelling Bee Championship where each class champion competed against each other to find the year group champions. The competition was fierce and the standard exceptionally high. After some long battles, we are delighted to announce our overall gold medal winners.

**Year 3 champions: Rhys Carey and Marley Dowling**

**Year 4 champions: Taylor Gibson and Kaitlyn Charles Pradeep**

**Year 5 champions: Amelie Moore and Henry Dean**

**Year 6 champions: Jack Hyatt and Teddy Harding**

This was an exciting new spelling initiative, and we are looking forward to our next spelling bee later in the year when we test every single homework spelling for the whole year! Thank you to Mrs Cattini for organising this exciting event.



### **Year 3 Science Practical Lessons –**

#### **Making Fossils and Identifying the layers of soil**

This week, our Year 3 children had an extremely fun Science lesson learning all about fossilisation and identifying the different layers of soil. The children used Plaster of Paris and play dough to create their fossils which will be displayed at Celebration Evening later this year! They are now currently drying in their classrooms and the results will be revealed next week!

The children also had a great time identifying the different layers of soil, using coco pops for the bedrock, chocolate mousse for the subsoil, crushed bourbons for the top soil and spinach and strawberry lace wriggly worms for the organic matter. You can see from the pictures that the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves!



## Rainbow Awards

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

Leo Showell

Freya Childs

Oghoghosa Egharevba

Chey Henry

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

Louie Omer  
Jasper Wood  
Samuel Watson

Oliver Hughes  
Harry Baker  
Luana Wenborn

Francis Hoile  
Oliver Townsend  
Albert Stevenson

Moudi Tarraf  
Zara Wakerly  
Layla Neale

Congratulations to our **YELLOW** award winners:

Elliot Bacchus  
Megan Shipton  
Alice Bennett  
Olivia Johnson  
Blair McFadzean  
Rhys Povey  
Max Wilson  
Will McLellan  
Oliver Mumford  
Faith Fenton

Sophie Moore  
Summer-Rose Smith  
Alex Fryd  
Zehra Korkmaz  
Ashley McSharry  
Esmay Ramrutton  
Summer Tait  
Olivia Rees  
Heath Harlow  
Olivia Tait

Albie Rangepcroft  
Avijith Kottapalli  
Joshua Hale  
Carter Lewis  
George Morgan  
Coraline Riches  
Archie Williams  
Grace Brockwell  
Lucas Armsden

Arun Sawhney  
Zachary Bauckham  
Peony Harlow  
April Marsh  
Alex Pierce  
Will Williams  
Jorgie Jackson  
Sophia Buffoni  
Leon Whitby

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

Lara Austin  
Amelia Gabriel-West  
Daisy Mumford  
Blake Silvester  
Maisie Doyle  
Ayda Kemal  
Conchobar Veats  
Jacob Dyer  
Alannah Cronin  
Ruby Price  
Jessica Cambridge  
Luella Cronjaeger  
Harry Goodacre  
Elsie Johnston  
Vellita Millett  
Jessica Rendell  
Millie Stack  
Maggie Ward  
Eduardo Chambers  
Felicity Ginn  
Mollie Hughes  
Alex Metcalfe  
Evie Smith  
George White  
Ava Catchpole  
Louie Garwood  
Harley Phillips  
Abi Walker  
Henry Buckle  
Myla Hands  
Camden Mares O'Connor  
Rory Buckley  
Thomas Mason  
Amber Branch  
Thea Jones  
Anya Farley  
Olivia Rebel

Thomas Chandra  
Grace Ivimy  
Perdie Noble  
Koen Stephens  
Avi Ghosh  
Ariana Lazell  
Sophie Warden  
Elliana Wilkins  
Hetty Fearne  
Annabelle Wilks  
Ayra Ahmed  
Zac Eggleton  
Ted Gort  
Isla Keniry  
Eva Moughton  
Adam Sargood  
Daniel Thomas  
Callie Beadon  
Amelie Doyle  
Lysander Goodman  
Elsie Ive  
Harvey Thomas Perry  
Tommy Smith  
Harrison Wooder  
Ryan Challand  
Jamie Holmes  
Zac Russell  
Anna Weddell  
Louis Domien  
Shi Wen He  
Jessica Nash  
Noah Gazzard  
Vinny Cater  
Iris Balkwill  
Jessica Reeves  
Leya Isikgun  
Dominic Senior

Kaitlyn Charles Pradeep  
Frankie Moughton  
Michael Reason  
Mikael Ali Khan  
Willow Harmer  
Archie Thomas  
Emily Wilkinson  
Laurel Beaumont  
Chloe Hayes  
Izzy Hadassi  
Chanelle Asubiaro  
Jasmine Faraday  
Daniel Henry  
Thomas Lovell  
Oliver Munro  
Sam Sinclair  
Frankie Trott  
Poppy Bolt Emerson  
Mariia Federova  
Sofia Gross  
Cameron McGee  
Bobby Rowling  
Ella Tennet  
Joseph Borg  
Isla Craswell  
Moraya Kemp  
Miller Rutledge  
Jack Wilkinson  
Layla Foley  
Isla Kittridge  
Jessica Payton  
Charlie Wood  
Sophia Christofi  
Maddie Wallis  
Rosie Taylor  
Charlie Leach  
Poppy Walsh

Erin Collins  
Finley Pike  
Elizabeth Sheehan  
Jamie Baker  
Francesca Howe  
Jonny McConnell  
Rory Coshell  
Lauren Crook  
Georgina Mason  
Nancy Dormer  
Isabel Bailey  
Joshua Gabriel-West  
Jack Hyatt  
Maisie McCarthy  
Milla Poulter  
Jasper Smith  
Jenson Wallis  
Zack Brewer  
Alfie Field  
Georgie Harding  
Ava Meade  
Hannah Sijo  
Theo Vinicombe  
Dexter Broom  
Harry Fensome  
Amelie Moore  
Violet Toll  
Ember Wood  
Arnav Gupta  
Zachary Mackenzie  
Mark Bowman  
Ralph Pocklington  
Arabella Cranfield  
Rosie Hadassi  
Ellena Boulwood  
Lola Prior  
Oliver Wilson