

Welcome back to school. I hope that you had a lovely break and the gloomy weather didn't spoil your plans. We have an incredibly busy few weeks ahead of us - I know I say this a lot but even I had to take a sharp intake of breath when I looked through the forthcoming diary events, which include: performances for both choirs; a residential for Year 4; a visit for Year 5; Film Night; World Book Day; Comic Relief; numerous sporting events and the list goes on! Busy, but exciting and fun!

### Year 5/6 Music Festival Rehearsal

On Tuesday, we hosted the second choir rehearsal for the Year 5/6 Music Festival which is on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March. This meant welcoming 200 children to the school as well as 30 additional staff members. As you can imagine, this was an operation which required military precision. But, in typical Buttsbury style, everyone stepped up to help, and it was a great success. I would like to thank all the staff for their assistance and congratulate our choir members on their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm.

### Comic Relief - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Children are invited to come to school wearing red clothes or something red with non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1 for Comic Relief. Donations can be made in cash or via Parent Pay. We will also be selling red noses during the week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March - cost is £2 per nose.

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

Don't forget that we are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book (not a film please). During the day, we have lots of exciting events planned, such as Drop Everything And Read (DEAR), paired reading across different classes (with Year 6 visiting the infants to read with the children there), an inter-house book quiz, themed lunch (see flyer attached) and lots of other book-related activities too! We also hope to have Dad sharing a book with the children at the end of the day too.



### Basildon Youth Theatre

Yesterday the children had a very exciting and fun-filled time when they had the opportunity to work with Lesley Williams again. They thoroughly enjoyed the drama activities and joined in with the dancing and singing with great enthusiasm. All the workshops were focused on developing this term's PSHE topics in a very lively and thought-provoking way.

### Next Week's Diary Dates

#### **School Dinners - Week 3**

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

- Maths Set 'Drop In' meetings - 3.30pm - 5.00pm (A reminder that if you arrive at 4.50pm, you probably will not be seen as the meetings close at 5.00pm)

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

- Kung Fu Workshops during the day - Year 3 and Year 5
- Mothers' Day Sale - Year 3 and Year 5

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

- Year 5 visit to West Stow - arrive at school at 7.45am; return at 4.30pm (approx.). Wear school uniform and trainers (if preferred). Bring a packed lunch, water bottle and a piece of fresh fruit or veg for morning snack
- Coffee Morning at Buttsbury Infant School for parents with children on the SEND register, 10.00am - 11.00am
- Kung Fu Workshops during the day - Year 4 and Year 6
- 6S 'Parents to Lunch' event at 12.20pm
- Year 3 'Open Door' event at 2.15pm - 3.00pm

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

- World Book Day
- Mothers' Day Sale - Year 4 and Year 6

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

- 'Catch up' Mothers' Day sale - limited stock

### Film Night - tonight!

'Trolls Band Together' is coming to Buttsbury tonight!

**5.30pm - 7.30pm, £6 entry**

(which includes refreshments)

**Please only bring SMALL pillows and cushions**

Please park on the playground to avoid congestion at the front of the school. Thank you.

### Year 3 'Open Door' Afternoon

If you have a child in Year 3, you are very warmly invited to join them in their classroom on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 2.15pm - 3.00pm. You will have a chance to experience life inside a Year 3 classroom and get a flavour of some of their recent activities - you may even have the opportunity to join in! Please could we ask that you don't bring pre-school children/babies along as the classrooms will be very full and just one family member per child too please - for the same reason. Please could you come in via the side gate and sign in once in the classrooms.

Thank you and we hope you can join us!

### Thank you!

Thank you very much to our Friends' Association who recently provided the funds for us to replace all the Year 3 laptops. At the same time, we were able to re-distribute some of the existing laptops from Year 3 into other years.

*'Maximum Effort for  
Maximum Achievement'*

# Celebration Assembly

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

Alice Brooks	Anya Farley
Maxwell Green	Jacob Hobden
Joey Purkiss	Kelsie Ridall
David Golberg	Harry Baker
Henry Dean	Miles Daniels
Alex Drew	Ewan Muller
Noah Cannon	Heath Tanner
Conchobhar Veats	Olivia Murley
Vinny Cater	Iris Balkwill
Layla Neale	Julio Ferreira Melo
David McConnell	Isla Clifford
Jasper Jenkins	

## Indoor Athletics

Well done to **Bonnie Atkinson-Lassman (5B)** and **Rosa Stafford (6S)** who won the sprint relay at the indoor athletics event before half-term but were, unfortunately, missed out of the newsletter - so - belated congratulations to Bonnie and Rosa and apologies for the late newsletter mention.



## Kenya Day

Thank you again for supporting this special day - we raised £676.67 which is fantastic and will be used entirely to provide resources for the children who attend Ciamanda School, in Kenya.



## Buddhist Day

Year six had an exciting beginning to their half-term on Monday, when they were immersed into the Buddhist faith within a Buddhist workshop. Children explored a range of artefacts, key faith teachings and explored Buddhist clothing and how this varies for monks. Children were also able to have their face painted, discovering how this symbolises the Buddhist faith.



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

*Isabelle Oldland Amelia Maloney  
Henry Glover Aaron Barnes Archie Thomas  
James Natusch Scarlett Metcalfe Jake Cannon  
Well done to our writing super stars!*

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

*Harry Shipway Rory Buckle Jack Campkin  
Louie Parnell Charlie Leach Jasper Jenkins  
Peter Fallouh Moudi Tarraf Julio Ferreira Melo  
Well done to our magical mathematicians!*

## Afternoon Tea

This week we were joined by 'Number 7' on the class registers for our afternoon tea! As ever, the children were very excited to make their way into the staff room (usually off-limits) and take their places on the comfy staff chairs! Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the sweet treats as well as sharing one another's work.



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

*Peter Fallouh Ember Wood Austin Ellis  
Elodie Wang Gao Cameron Grindrod  
Rory Coshell Lily Woods Emilia Escudero Bradshaw  
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

## House Points

This week's winning house:

**Jaguars**

## Top Table

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

**Charlie Jennings  
Mollie Hughes  
Flo James  
Samuel Hall  
Zachary Baukham**

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

*Oscar Beckwith Rory Coshell Emel Enver  
Hope O'Sullivan Louie Omer Callum Horton  
Harry Ekers Olivia Tait Alfie Asfour*

*This week's attendance figure is: 96.4%*

*This year's attendance target is 97.0%*

A special 'Well Done' to Classes 5T and 6R who had the highest attendance this week - 99.6%! Congratulations!

## Rainbow Awards

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

Johnny McQueen  
Oliver Hughes  
Emelia Giddings  
Oyenmwensa Egharevba

Jamie Rocks  
Emily Legon  
David McConnell  
Francis Hoile

Edie Buick  
Ronnie Line  
Isla Clifford  
Oghoghosa Egharevba

Jasper Wood  
Ben McIlquham  
Jasper Jenkins

Congratulations to our **YELLOW** award winners:

Peter Fallouh  
Sophie Sinnott  
Jude Cavanagh  
Larry Mitchell  
Eni Omopariola

Sophia Keys  
Isabelle Oldland  
Luca Evans  
Jasper Jenkins

Louie Parnell  
Chloe Pickering  
Anastasia Markelova  
Luke Richardson

Felix Plummer  
Jack Campkin  
Ewan Muller  
Leo McDougall

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

Evan Aarons  
Kelsie Ridall  
Jasmine Faris  
Isobelle Sanders  
Olivia Storey  
Isabella Davies  
William Stafford  
Amber Sargant  
Ruben Skehill  
Zaiden Baker  
Alfie Smallman  
Freya Evans

Francesca Brown  
Miles Daniels  
Nancy Jack  
Harry Tungate  
Eloise Mills  
Holly Lague  
Rupert Kehoe  
Alex Trainer  
David Timperon  
Nathan Hawes  
Oscar Beckwith

Noah Dias  
Henry Dean  
Albert Sullivan  
Alex Drew  
Kimberley Brathwaite  
Scarlett Metcalfe  
Callum Lewis  
Noah Vasiliou  
Christiana Christofi  
Bella Salmon  
Teddy Chapman

Joey Purkiss  
Ruby Ellis  
Elizabeth Moody  
James Natusch,  
Mahi Dalal  
Evie Prudom  
David McConnell  
Rhys Carey  
Talia De Gray Birch  
Scarlett Stone  
Zachary Webster

Well done to this year's first **RED** award recipients who have been on the Recognition Board every single week since September! They have earned themselves a Non-Uniform Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. They now start working on their Pots of Gold - which are more challenging to achieve as they need 6 stickers instead of 3!

Theo Barnes  
Poppy Goring  
Hope O'Sullivan  
Elodie Wang Gao  
Florence Barrett  
Freya Anderson  
Jax Evans  
Sofia Holdgate Lopez  
Evelina Kiafa  
Jennifer McSharry  
Dhruv Patel  
Edward Smith  
Kaiser Thorby-Mead  
Theo Clifford  
Olivia Murley  
George Brooks  
James Knowler  
Isabelle Warden  
Max Boulwood  
Teddy Harding  
Annabel Reeves  
Esmee Lazell  
Oliver Wilson

Jemima Broom  
Sophie Mackenzie  
Jessica Pilka  
Elliot Warman  
Isla Clifford  
Pippa Daley  
Benjamin Ferris  
Amelia Hudson  
Malachi Kwanzambi  
Alfie Moclair  
Eione Phillips  
Teddy Soar  
Jack Tribe  
Marley Dowling  
Mollie Parker  
Henry Chandra  
Sam McFeely  
Riwaya Atapattu  
Chloe Bowdidge  
Sophie Holms  
Olivia Shearwood  
Amelia Maloney

Freya Dormer  
Violet Mills  
Harry Shipway  
Tanvi Kondapalli  
Violet Costello  
Patrick Dillon  
Sophia Golberg  
Leo Hughes  
Lilani Luthra  
Lola Obergan  
Kaydee Quirk  
Frederick Solomons  
Alessia Tutuianu  
Emel Enver  
Lily Woods  
Phoenix Gough  
Lavanya Soni  
Esmee Baker  
Anna Christie  
Efe Kemal  
Austin Ellis  
Vivaan Mukherji

David Golberg  
Nifemi Oladele  
Maddie Stower  
Bonnie Atkinson-Lassman  
Sophia Rusu  
Leif Emanuel-Francis  
Mariah Hands  
Joe Jackson  
Harry Mann  
Jacob Ovel  
Jack Robertson  
Asa Taylor  
Theo Vasileiadis  
Ruby Hill  
Erin Bateman  
James Ivimy  
Ethan Tyler  
Daniel Blyth-Tancock  
Megan Forder  
Dylan McGinness  
Amber Jobbins  
Darcy Shorey

### Out of School Success

Well done to Bella Salmon (6S) whose team came 1<sup>st</sup> place on Saturday at her cheer competition in Guildford with Black Ice Academy.

Congratulations to Asa Taylor(4H) who has achieved her South Essex Gymnastics Award Women's Artistic Level 2.

Well done to Nathan Hawes (6S) who obtained his Blue & Black Sash on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Congratulations to Bonnie Atkinson-Lassman (5B) who had had 13 inches taken off to send to The Princess Trust who make wigs for Children who are losing or have lost their hair.

Well done to Ruby Warren-Gunn (5R) and Amelie Moore (5C) who represented West Ham against Tottenham, Crystal Palace and Leyton Orient. They are standing by the Premier League trophy.

Congratulations to Holly Lague (5B) who passed her Grade 2 tap exam with distinction and also passed her karate grading - she is now a Purple belt!

### Pen Licences

Well done to Alex Fryd, Emilio Gallone, Taylor Gibson, Kaydee Quirk, Jack Robertson, Kaiser Thorby-Mead, Darcy Shorey, Olivia Rebel, Jude Philips and Alex Metcalfe who all received their Pen Licences this week.

### 50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School

Congratulations to Alessia Tutuianu who has completed 20 things!  
A very special 'Well Done' to Evie Smith who has completed 30 things at home!

