

Friday 15th March 2024

It has been a week of partnership working for us! On Wednesday, the teachers from Buttsbury Junior School and Buttsbury Infant School headed to Sunnymede Primary School to undertake joint maths moderation. On Thursday, Mr Wade (headteacher of Quilters) and Mrs Parker (headteacher of St. Peter's) undertook a peer review - it was a very positive visit - lots of excellent practice and some tips for improvement too. Today, we hosted children from schools across the partnership, for a cup stacking competition, whilst also welcoming all the headteachers (including our secondary colleagues) from the Billericay Community Trust, for their termly headteachers' meeting.
I think this could be described as a busy week!

Year 6 Mock SATS Week

A big well done to all our Year 6 pupils this week as they tackled their last mock test week before the SATS week in May. The children all appeared well prepared and confidently worked through the Maths and English papers. Thank you to Mrs Morris for organising the complex timetable for the week.

Comic Relief

Thank you for supporting our Comic Relief Charity Day. It was great to see the wash of red that swept through the hall I am delighted to inform you that, including money raised from selling Red Noses, we raised £314.80 which is fabulous!

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 2

Tuesday 19th March

- Year 5/6 choir rehearsal at The Towngate Theatre all day - children need to come to school for 8.20am; snack and packed lunch needed
- Music Festival at The Towngate Theatre - children need to arrive at the theatre at 6.30pm - **BACK STAGE DOOR**

Wednesday 20th March

- Music Festival at The Towngate Theatre - children need to arrive at the theatre at 6.30pm - **BACK STAGE DOOR**

Thursday 21st March

- Year 4 residential visit to Danbury Park

Friday 22nd March

- Year 4 due back from Danbury at 4.00pm - please do not park on the yellow lines or hatching as this obstructs the coaches.

Year 5 'Open Door'

It was lovely to welcome our Year 5 parents to their 'Open Door' event on Wednesday. It looked like everyone had a great time building Anglo-Saxon houses out of sticks and string.



World Book Day Quiz

The children had a great time taking part in the inter-house quiz on World Book Day. The results were:

Year 3 - **Jaguars** and **Lions**
Year 4 - **Panthers**
Year 5 - **Lions**
Year 6 - **Lions**
Overall - **Lions**

Well done to everyone who took part, especially those in the winning house, **Lions**, who dominated the competition.

Hair Cuts

Please can I remind you that hair cuts should not be shorter than a Number 2. Thank you.



Parking on Yellow Lines, Hatching and in the bus stop

Unfortunately, parents and grandparents, are still parking on the yellow lines at the front of both the infant and junior schools and on the corners of junctions. We still also have cars parked on the yellow hatching in the bus stops. Whenever I approach people, they say 'I didn't know' ... yet, this is almost a standing item in our newsletter and there is also clear street signage. We have also had complaints about parents making it difficult for residents to access their driveways on Tylers Avenue and then being rude to residents who ask them to move. Please can I ask everyone to park in a safe and legal place and to be respectful of our neighbours.

*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Preston Mills-Martin</i>	<i>Oliver Stephens</i>
<i>Olivia Johnson</i>	<i>Lara-Mae Austin</i>
<i>Thomas Chandra</i>	<i>Elliot Bacchus</i>
<i>Thomas Bennett</i>	<i>Anna Christie</i>
<i>Megan Forder</i>	<i>Maisie McCarthy</i>
<i>Leon Whitby</i>	<i>James Huskie</i>
<i>Malachi Kwanzambi</i>	<i>Teddy Soar</i>
<i>Jack Tribe</i>	<i>Callie Beadon</i>
<i>Sofia Gross</i>	<i>Cameron Mc Gee</i>
<i>Daisy Hughes</i>	<i>Arnav Gupta</i>
<i>Louis Domien</i>	<i>Nancy Dormer</i>
<i>Charlie Jennings</i>	<i>Teddy Amos</i>

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Badminton Competition

The Buttsbury badminton team played an outstanding round of games on Wednesday during the partnership competition held at William De Ferrers. Team A brought home Gold medals after earning joint first place and Team B came joint 5th!

It was a fast-paced tournament yet all participated with determination and a fabulous team spirit which shone through in the doubles matches. Their early morning practices clearly paid off! A big 'Thank You' to Mr Nation for coaching the team and to the parents and Mrs Webb who helped with transport and support.

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

Grayson Kemp Vince Drury Izzy Hadassi
Max Boulwood Isabel Bailey
Hannah Sijo Henry Chandra
Well done to our writing super stars!

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

Jack Tribe Ethan Rae Teddy Harding
Ethan Tyler Amelia Gabriel-West
Liam Martin Vellita Millett Esmee Baker
Well done to our magical mathematicians!

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

Blair McFadzean Chloe McGibbon
Danny Sullivan Oliver Munro Pippa Daley
Amelie Doyle Jessica Payton Dylan Knowler
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

Theo Vinicombe Lysander Goodman Jasper Smith
Thomas Bennett Freya Childs Eione Phillips
Joe Jackson Francis Bailey Daisy Hughes



Afternoon Tea

Yesterday another 16 excited children arrived at the Staff Room, clutching their favourite piece of work so far this year! Whilst the children clearly enjoy the lovely refreshments provided, it's always a treat for us to listen to the children talk with pride about their work and also to hear the excellent questions that the other children pose.

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:

Elsie Johnston
Grayson Kemp
Noah Gazzard
Ethan Rae
Oyenmewnsao Egharevba



This week's attendance figure is: 97.0%

This year's attendance target is 97.0%

A special 'Well Done' to Class 4M who had 100% attendance this week! Congratulations!



Cup Stacking

This morning, we hosted a cup stacking competition for some of our Year 4 children, alongside children from other local schools. The competition was organised by some of our Year 5 children who did a great job. Well done to everyone who took part. Thank you to Mrs Mellor for assisting with the event.



Cross Country

Well done to our **Year 5 Girls' Cross Country Team** who won the Chelmsford Schools League! They have also qualified for the Essex County Cross Country finals - a very prestigious event! Well done also to **Olivia Rebel, Jude Phillips, Vince Drury and Zack Brewer** who also qualified for the County Finals, as individual runners. We wish them all luck at the prestigious event!



Mothers' Day Sales

Thank you, once again, for supporting our special Mothers' Day sales. I hope you liked your gifts! I think I need to send my 26 year old son next year; he told me his 'presence' was better than 'presents'. We raised £775.21 altogether which is fabulous!



Out of School Success

- * Well done to **Hannah Sijo (4C)** who recently won the **Fusion Singing Award**.
- * Congratulations to **Esmae Baker (6S)** and **Leonie Fairhead (6P)** who performed in four productions of **Frozen**, at **The Brentwood Theatre**; both had speaking parts, singing parts and dancing parts!
- * Well done to **Keyla Osborne (6P)** who passed her **Grade 1 Guitar exam with Merit**.
- * Congratulations to **Emily O'Keefe (5T)** who entered the **Lake Meadows Photography competition** and her photo was 'highly commended' by the judges in the junior category.
- * Well done to **Lysander Goodman (4C)** who was awarded his **Siu Lum Tao (7th Grade) Junior Assessment in Wing Chun Kung Fu** yesterday afternoon.

Jaguars House Assembly

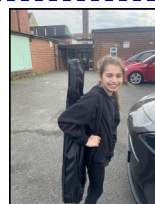
On Wednesday, it was the turn of the Jaguars House Captains to present an assembly to the school. Rosa and Harry were given the theme of 'Commonwealth Day' to speak about. They carried out their own research and produced a wonderful PowerPoint. As well as telling us about Commonwealth Day, they produced a quiz for some Jaguar volunteers to take part in. It was both a very interesting and enjoyable assembly which they presented with confidence. Well done Rosa and Harry!

50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School

Congratulations to **Heath Tanner** who has completed **10 things!**
A very special 'Well Done' to **Oliver Wilson** who has completed **20 things** at home!

Pen Licences

Well done to **Bobby Rowling, Elliot Warman and Luca Evans** who all received their Pen Licences this week.



Rainbow Awards

Well done to this week's GREEN award winners:

Dougie Kerr

Benedict Iweka

Congratulations to our YELLOW award winners:

Emelia Giddings
Moudi Tarraf

Louie Omer
Francis Hoile

Chloe Pickering
Julio Ferreira Melo

James Bilton

Well done to this week's ORANGE award winners:

Preston Mills Martin
Noah Cannon
William Stafford
Grace Brockwell
Sophie Sinnott
Kaua Ferreria-Melo
Ivy-May King
Phoenix Wood

Ava Pardoe
Larry Mitchell
Archie Williams
Jorgie Jackson
Peter Fallouh
Liam Simms
Alex Marsh
Scarlett Welch

Summer Tait
Jasper Jenkins
Will McLellan
Louie Parnell
Jacob Hobden
Teddy Amos
Danny Sullivan

Amy Clarke
Luke Richardson
Olivia Rees
Felix Plummer
Sophia Buffoni
Charlie Jennings
Jackson Tappin

Congratulations to this week's RED award recipients.

Lola Cohen
Jude Phillips
Ryan Challand
Jamie Holmes
Isobelle Sanders
Isabella Davies
Talia De Gray Birch
Oscar Beckwith
Harry Ekers
Chloe Baker
Thomas Wright
Georgie Hodges
Leonie Fairhead
Florence Cable
Summer McMahon Aronson

Maisie Doyle
Mollie Smith
Isla Craswell,
Ember Wood
Olivia Storey
Holly Lague
Lavanya Soni
Teddy Chapman
Emily O'Keefe
Jessica Cambridge
Annabelle Wilks
Connie Rumsey
Isabella Magee
Thomas Dyer

Albie McCarthy
Isla Sanders
James Natusch
Louie Garwood
Kimberley Brathwaite
Evie Prudom
Alfie Thompson
Ivy Duerden
Archie Pearce
Oliver Bowie
Izzy Hadassi
Keyla Osborne
Scarlett Stone
Layla Faris

Heath Tanner
Elizabeth Moody
Ava Catchpole
Zac Russell
Mahi Dalal
Christiana Cristofi
Alfie Smallman
Alice Brooks
Olivia Cullen
Jack Tyler
Joe Hussey
William Smith
Maggie Ward
Joshua McCarthy

They have earned themselves a Non-Uniform Day on Monday 25th March.



Norsey Woods Visit

On Thursday, our Year 3 classes went on a fantastic adventure to Norsey Woods! The children thoroughly enjoyed putting their skills to the test completing a range of outdoor Stone Age activities, including building their own miniature den, becoming Neolithic hunters creating their own tracking signs as well as building a stone age tool from natural resources! A trip highlight was the eagerly anticipated Sabre-Toothed Tiger hunt! Luckily, no children were harmed and we made it back in one piece! We would like to thank all the teaching assistants and teachers who accompanied the children on the visit. A special thank you also to all the parent helpers who had given up their time to support the children with this enjoyable morning!

Tiger Hunting!