

As you read this newsletter, Year 4 and I will be enjoying our final activity, having had two wonderful days away from school at Danbury, taking part in an array of outdoor activities. Occasions such as these provide a life time of memories for children but they are only possible due to the parents and staff who give up their own time so generously. We are extremely grateful to work with such committed and dedicated people.
Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday!

Miss Carroll - Exciting News

I am very pleased to share with you the fantastic news that Miss Carroll is expecting her second baby towards the end of August. Miss Carroll also has a wonderful occasion to look forward to during the Easter break as she is getting married on Friday 12th April and will join us after Easter as Mrs Barnes.

We wish the future Mr and Mrs Barnes a wonderful wedding day with warmest congratulations also on their exciting baby news!

Farewell Jo!

Today, we said our final farewells to Jo, our amazing Catering Manager, who moves to the Lake District on Monday! We presented her with a lovely fleece and some garden centre vouchers - thank you for your generous donations. Jo is going to keep in touch - in fact, she's already covering the kitchen in May for a week! We can't wait to welcome her back! Good luck Jo!



Billericay Schools' Music Festival

On Tuesday and Wednesday evening, the 48 strong Year 5/6 Choir took part in the Billericay Schools' Music Festival at the Towngate Theatre. The children had worked very hard to put the show together. It was all worth it on the evening as it resulted in two fantastic evenings of entertainment. I would like to offer a special word of congratulations to Keyla Osborne, Chloe Baker and Nancy Dormer, who choreographed and performed their own dance to the Madness song 'Driving in my Car' - when I put them forward for this, I had no idea how long the song was - and it was long, very long - so, a huge challenge for the girls which they admirably rose to. I would like to thank Miss Brown for her assistance with the choir and all the adults who helped supervise the children at the rehearsals as well as at the show itself.

Leading the Year 5/6 choir is literally the highlight of each week for me and I was bursting with pride to see our children perform so confidently and happily.

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 3

Monday 25th March

- Red Rainbow reward day for any new Red Rainbows
- Year 3/4 Choir pre-dress rehearsal - costumes needed please

Tuesday 26th March

- Year 3/4 Choir dress rehearsal

Wednesday 27th March

- Year 3/4 Choir Performance of Snow White

Thursday 28th March

- Last day of the Spring Term
- Year 4 Assembly at 9.30am
- Easter Raffle

Tuesday 2nd April

- Year 6 Easter Revision Day - 9.00am - 3.00pm

Monday 15th April

- Children return to school

Year 4 Assembly - Thursday 27th March

You are warmly invited to join the Year 4 children for their assembly next Thursday at 9.30am. The theme of the assembly will be Danbury Park - please do come along and find out about the children's recent adventures! If at all possible, please arrange childcare for pre-school siblings and babies.

Snow White - Final Information

Wednesday 27th March, 2024 7.00pm

Please can children come to the Small Hall at 6.40pm - wearing their costumes, with their black plimsolls in a bag. I will send costumes and plimsolls home after the dress rehearsal so the children have them at home in readiness. Programmes are not required for entry. The show lasts for about 40 minutes and pick up will be from the Small Hall doors after the show.

The children have worked very hard and are looking forward to performing for you. Please note - as not all children have consent, photos and filming are not permitted. Thank you. There will be a collection afterwards for Cancer Research UK.

Olympic Gymnast Visit

This morning we had a very special visitor - Courtney Tulloch, an artistic gymnast who has represented Great Britain and England on numerous occasions, winning several Commonwealth medals. Courtney talked to the children about his achievements and also about his ambition and drive when he was younger. The children were in awe and posed lots of questions for Courtney.



*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Louie Omer</i>	<i>Evie Prudom</i>
<i>William Stafford</i>	<i>Mikael Ali Khan</i>
<i>Mollie Parker</i>	<i>Willow Harmer</i>
<i>Mark Bowman</i>	<i>Teddy Chapman</i>
<i>Sophia Christofi</i>	<i>Henry Glover</i>
<i>Charlie Partridge</i>	<i>Felix Duncan</i>
<i>Zachary Webster</i>	<i>Faith Fenton</i>
<i>Layla Faris</i>	<i>Felix Plummer</i>
<i>Emily O'Keefe</i>	<i>Sophia Keys</i>
<i>Ruby Price</i>	<i>Nellie Amos</i>
<i>Hetty Fearne</i>	<i>Abi Walker</i>
<i>Miller Rutledge</i>	<i>Olivia Storey</i>

Year 4 Football Festival

On Tuesday morning, we took two teams to the first Year 4 Football Festival at Mayflower. The boys were full of excitement for the morning of football ahead and they were great ambassadors for the school. Buttsbury B team finished a very respectable 5th place, winning two games and drawing another. Buttsbury A team went unbeaten, finishing 2nd place overall and were top scorers in the tournament with 16 goals. At the end of tournament there were 14 tired but smiling boys. Thank you to Mrs Williams and Mr Rowling for supporting the team and to Mr Graves and Mr Tweedie, our team managers.



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

*Isabella Davies Jonny McConnell
Rosie Hadassi George Bradley Miles Daniels
Zachary Phillips Ivy Duerden Elizabeth Moody
Well done to our writing super stars!*

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

*Sophia Buffoni Jonny McConnell Louie Omer
Rosie Hadassi Oliver Townsend
Summer Tait Andrei Aldea-Nicolaescu
Elliana Wilkins Oscar Farley*

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

*Sophia Rusu Lola Cohen Bluebell Cole
Poppy Goring Amber Jobbins Larry Mitchell
Sophia Buffoni Kayn Bowerman
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

*Amber Sargent Zachary Webster Lola Prior
Ellena Boulwood Charlie Leach Henry Dean
Anya Farley Rory Coshell Olivia Storey*

Afternoon Tea

As Year 4 were at Danbury Park this week, it was a smaller gathering than usual but the children still had a wonderful time and enjoyed sharing their work and munching on the lovely treats.



House Points

This week's winning house:

PANTHERS

Top Table

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

Leo Showell
Lola Cohen
Evie Prudom
Kayn Bowerman
Maddie Wallis



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 - 100%! Congratulations!

Year 5 Boys Brentwood School Football Tournament

Last Friday, we were invited to take part in the Brentwood School football tournament. Luckily, the weather had a change of tune and it made for great playing conditions. It was the first time that the team had played together competitively but they quickly found their stride. The team finished 4th in their group (on goal difference), winning two, drawing one and losing two (to the eventual finalists). This set the team up for a play off, which the boys were determined to win. They won their following two matches 2-0 and 3-1 to finish 5th out of 12 schools. The boys showed great team spirit, skill and work rate. The team were great ambassadors for the school. Thank you to the parents who assisted with transport and supported the boys and to Mr Graves, our team manager.



Partnership in Practice

On Monday, our Year 5 teachers visited the Year 2 classes at the infant school. It was a great opportunity for the teachers to experience life inside a KS1 classroom and, of course, a great precursor for the infant children to meet some of the teachers from the junior school!



Billericay Family CVL 3/3 Netball Tournament

On Wednesday morning, 14 of our Year 6 girls took part in the third and final CVL Netball tournament, which was held at Billericay High School. The girls thoroughly enjoyed playing against all the other schools including South Green, Stock, St Peters, Quilters and Sunnymede. This time around we finished in 2nd and 7th place which meant overall, across all three CVLs, we finished 2nd and joint 6th! Buttsbury A will be going through to the Partnership Final on the 1st May alongside Quilters.



Thank You!
Thank you very much to our Friends' Association for purchasing new dictionaries for all of our classes, They will be very useful and encourage independent learning.



We wish them the best of luck!
Thank you to Miss Pretty, Mrs Lee and Mrs Coughlan for assisting with the Girls Netball Club and for overseeing the teams at the tournament and to the parents who helped with transport.



Out of School Success

- * Well done to Austin Ellis (3BW), Luca Evans (3W) and Oliver Sutton (3W) who all represented Billericay Bees Rugby club at a festival in Westcliff this weekend, winning 5 out of their 6 matches, with all three scoring multiple tries throughout the day
- * Congratulations to Henry Dean (5R) who was selected to represent his karate academy, Yushikai, at the Legend Open tournament. Henry came 2nd in his individual kata competition, and then, along with 2 team-mates, came 3rd in the group katal!
- * Well done to Ariana Lazell (3P) and Esmee Lazell (3BW) who have completed a run of 9 shows playing orphans in The Billericay Theatre's production of Oliver!
- * Congratulations to Elliana Wilkins (5B) who has just finished a week long run appearing as an orphan and in Dodger's gang in Oliver the musical at the Billericay Theatre and was awarded "Star of the show" in the Friday evening performance.
- * Well done to Daniel Thomas (6R) who was awarded 'Player of the Week' for captaining his team of Billericay Bees at the Westcliff Rugby Festival and scoring 7 tries.



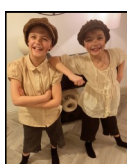
Year 6 Salsa Making

Yesterday, Year 6 had the opportunity to make dips as part of their DT project linked to South America. During the past few weeks, the children had been researching different dips (and tortillas) working out which ingredients to use in order to make the tastiest salsa! It will not surprise you to hear that they had a great time! Thank you to all the parents and staff, on hand, to enable the children to prepare and create their own masterpieces!

50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School
Congratulations to **Amber Branch** who has completed 20 things at home.

Pen Licences

Well done to **Charlie Wood**, and **Austin Ellis** who both received their Pen Licences this week.



Rainbow Awards



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

Aaron Barnes



Congratulations to our **YELLOW** award winners:

Samuel Hall

Ronnie Line

Oyenmwena Egharevba

Oghoghosa Egharevba

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

Gethin Arentsen
Sophie Moore
James Lyons

Archie Alderton
James Wright
Charlie Vail

Vince Drury
Leo McDougall
Julian Hak

Jude Goad
Eni Omopariola

Congratulations to this week's **RED** award recipients.

Elliot Bacchus
Rupert Kehoe
Amber Sargant
Freya Evans
Albert Sullivan

Avijith Kottapalli
Callum Lewis
Alex Trainer
Miles Daniels
Zachary Webster

Arun Sawhney
David McConnell
Noah Vasilou
Ruby Ellis
Zachary Phillips

Summer-Rose Smith
Scarlett Metcalfe
Ruben Skehill
Jasmine Faris

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

Danbury Park 2024



Danbury Park Residential Visit

Year 4 have had an amazing time on their residential visit to Danbury Park. The children's behaviour has been brilliant and they rose to every challenge presented! My thanks go to the members of staff and parents who accompanied the children on the visit - without such a dedicated team, the visit would simply not be possible. I suspect everyone (including me) will be rather tired when we return later today!

