

Thursday 28th March 2024

It has been a very busy, but successful term, and I know that the staff are looking forward to the break as much as the children!

Today was a big day for both Buttsbury Infant and Buttsbury Junior School as our business case for the proposed amalgamation of the two schools was being presented to the Department for Education. We hope to hear the outcome during the Easter break and should soon be able to tell you whether we are able to go to formal consultation or not.

This week, you will have all received 'The Buttsbury Bulletin' written by our industrious News Team, ably supported by Mrs Sherwood, who has the challenging job of editing the Bulletin, prior to publication. I would like to thank Mrs Sherwood and her intrepid team of budding journalists for producing such an amazing publication.

You will also have received the Trustees' Termly Newsletter, which was written once again by Ms Laura Irvin, one of our Parent Trustees. This is also a very informative publication which I would encourage you to read. My thanks go to Laura for giving up additional time to produce the Trustees' Newsletter.

On behalf of the staff, children and trustees, I would like to wish you all a lovely, peaceful Easter holiday!



Year 3/4 Choir

On Wednesday, the Year 3/4 choir performed their concert 'Snow White' to their parents and relatives. The children had worked exceptionally hard throughout the term, practising and preparing for the concert, with all but the final few rehearsals being held during their lunch break. The children sang, acted and danced with great confidence, truly captivating the audience. I would like to congratulate the children on their high-quality performance - I was immensely proud of them. I would like to thank Mrs Strickland for her assistance with the music and props; Mrs Dean for making the amazing props; Mrs Branch for assisting with the final rehearsals and Miss Renee and her senior dancers for creating the lovely dances, not forgetting the children's parents for providing the entrancing costumes. It was a great team effort.

Forthcoming Diary Dates

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April (inc.)
Easter Holidays

Tuesday 2nd April

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

Monday 15th April

- Children return to school - Summer Term begins
- School Dinners - Week 1 - new menu

Wednesday 17th April

- Isle of Wight meeting - Main Hall - 7.00pm - for Year 6 children and parents; meeting afterwards for parent helpers

Friday 19th April

- Non-Uniform Day for Year 5 - for raising the most money at the Easter raffle



*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Easter Raffle and Competition

The hall was literally alive with excitement this morning when we drew the tickets for our Easter raffle. As well as the main prizes, we also had 68 Easter eggs and a basket full of crême eggs as prizes which had all been donated by members of staff. I would like to thank the staff for rising to (and exceeding) the challenge set for them of managing to collect 60 eggs!

To add to the fun and competitive nature of the raffle, the year group which raised the most money also earned themselves a non-uniform day on Friday 19th April.

The results are as follows:



Year 3 - £189.00
Year 4 - £183.50
Year 5 - £297.20
Year 6 - £261.20



So, congratulations to Year 5 on earning their non-uniform day and thank you to all the children who helped sell tickets. Overall, our Easter fun has raised £930.30 for the Friends' Association! Thank you for supporting our raffles!

Mrs Morris

Mrs Morris starts her maternity leave today so we passed on our best wishes and gifts to her during our assembly this morning. Her baby is literally due any day so we wish her a few days of rest and recovery before the little one makes an appearance! We look forward to having exciting news to share when we return from the Easter break.

Wedding Bells

During the Easter break, Miss Carroll and her fiancé will be getting married! We wish them a wonderful wedding day and many years of wedded bliss. We look forward to welcoming Miss Carroll back to school as Mrs Barnes.



Out of School Success

- * Well done to Freya Dormer (3W) who recently completed a run in the Billericay Theatre Company's production of Oliver! She was also awarded "Star of the Show" on opening night.
- * Congratulations to Thomas Christie (6M) who achieved his Yellow/Orange sash with Meridian Kung Fu at his recent grading test.
- * Well done to Teddy Harding (6S) who has achieved his Orange/Green belt in Kung Fu.
- * Congratulations to James Ivimy (6M) who passed his karate grading on Sunday and got his brown/white stripe belt.
- * Well done to Sofia Gross (4C) who performed in two dances (Modern and Commercial) at the Towngate Theatre on Saturday and Sunday.
- * Congratulations to Willow Harmer (3P) who gained a certificate in football for her super kicking skills.
- * Well done to Oliver Mumford (5R) and Daisy Mumford (4M) who have both achieved a swimming award this week - Oliver 1,000m and Daisy 100m.
- * Congratulations to Kayn Bowerman (5R) who passed his karate to earn his purple-stripe belt.
- * Well done to Evie Smith (4C) who took part in the Dance Steps Academy Bi-Annual show at the Towngate Theatre. Evie performed Tap, Modern & Commercial.

Headteacher's Awards

Well done to the following children who have all been awarded Headteacher's Awards this half-term:

Jacob Dyer, Jonny McConnell, Summer Rose Smith, Emillo Gallone, Violet Mills, Oliver Wilson, Freya Anderson, Nancy Dormer, Georgie Harding, Ayra Ahmed, Maddie Wallis and Esmae Baker

This is the highest accolade that can be achieved so very special congratulations to these children.



Year 4 Assembly

After an action-packed week at Danbury, Year 4 were hard at work this week rehearsing their assembly for parents. On Thursday, the parents were invited in to share in some of the children's best experiences from the trip. The parents were treated to the children's acrostic poems about the activities, drama sketches to relive their best parts and numerous memories from their trip.

Well done to all the children in Year 4 for entertaining their parents so confidently and in such a fun manner!



Reading Award Winners



Lost Property

Please can I ask you to check that all items of uniform are named - especially school jumpers and cardigans. Thank you.

100% Attendance

This term we had an astounding **215** children with **100% attendance!** A magnificent number! Well done to all these children who managed to dodge the bugs and viruses this term - they have been presented with special certificates! Keeping to the theme of attendance, please can I urge you not to book holidays in term time as they almost certainly cannot be authorised. Please refer to the School's Attendance Policy (on the website) for further details. Thank you.

Tuesday 23rd April - St. George's Day Commemorations

To commemorate St. George's Day, if your child is a member of a uniformed organisation, e.g. brownies, cubs, guides, scouts, girls' brigade, boys' brigade, then they may wear their organisation's uniform instead of their school uniform, if they wish. Please note that this is not a non-uniform day; all other children should wear their school uniform. We will also have a special themed lunch to commemorate the day - details to follow.

Cancer Research UK Collection

Thank you for your generous donations after the performance of Snow White - we raised £219 which is fab!
We also had 72 20p collection tubes returned altogether and raised £657 which is fantastic! Thank you to everyone who returned their tube.



Reading Rewards

Well done to the following children who all managed to read a book from each genre in our Reading Reward charts and were presented with their **BRONZE** Reading badge this week in recognition of their commitment to reading.

Amelia Maloney
Finley Paton
Ethan Rae
Zachary Bauckham
Bonnie Atkinson-Lassman

David Timperon
Brooklyn Nelson
Peony Harlow
Alex Fryd
Fraser Loudon

Rosie Taylor
Joe Jackson
Blair McFadzean
Scarlett Metcalfe
Dominic Senior

Maddie Wallis
Alice Bennett
Ava Pardoe
Thomas Wright

Well done to the following children who all managed to read two books from each genre in our Reading Reward charts and were presented with their **SILVER** Reading badge in recognition of their commitment to reading.

Sophie Warden
Thomas Chandra
Keyla Osborne

Sophie Mackenzie
James Wright
Thomas Wright

Maddie Wallis
Rhys Povey
Fraser Loudon

George White
Violet Costello
Freya Evans

Well done to the following children who all managed to read three books from each genre in our Reading Reward charts and were presented with their **GOLD** Reading badge in recognition of their commitment to reading.

Rhys Carey
Ben Ferris
Oliver Wilson

Jessica Reeves
Oliver Stephens

Summer-Rose Smith
Chloe Hayes

James Wright
Thomas Wright

A very special 'Well Done' to the following children who have achieved their **PLATINUM** Reading Award, having read 5 books in each genre.

Kaitlyn Charles Pradeep
Holly Lague

Bradley Bloomfield
Rhys Carey

Jax Evans

Ashley McSharry



Afternoon Tea

Whilst the children clearly enjoy the lovely refreshments provided, it's always a treat for me to listen to the children talk with pride about their work and also to hear the excellent questions that the other children pose. Just in case anyone is worried, we organise 'Catch Up' afternoon tea in July for anyone who has missed out.

Schools Ministry Assembly

On Monday, we were fortunate to have our assembly led by Sally Grimes, from the School's Ministry Team. With us approaching the Easter holidays, it was an opportunity to reflect on the story of Easter, with an interesting chocolate spin! No School's Ministry Assembly is ever complete without active audience participation and as ever the children duly obliged.



House Points



This week's winning house:

Leopards

The winning house for this half-term is:

Panthers

They will enjoy 20 minutes extra lunch break on Friday 19th April.



This year's attendance figure so far is: 96.6%!



This year's attendance target is 97.0%.

A special 'Well Done' to Class 4H who have the highest attendance this year so far - 97.9%! Congratulations!

Rainbow Awards



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

Emily Lycett **Aaron Barnes**



Congratulations to our **YELLOW** award winners:

Taylor Gibson **Ben McIlquham** **Oliver Townsend** **Oghoghosa Egharevba**

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

Anastasia Markelova **Ewan Muller** **Luca Evans** **Jude Cavanagh**
Rory Buckle **Oscar Farley** **Jack Campkin** **Nellie Amos**
Zara Wakerly

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

Rory Atkinson Fred Cronjaeger Joshua Hale Zehra Korkmaz Ashley McSharry Rhian Powell Harry Tungate Teddy Youngs Oliver Mumford Olivia Tait	Max Barford Alex Fryd Peony Harlow Carter Lewis George Morgan Ethan Rae Oliver Stephens Ella Goodenough Ruby Warren-Gunn	Zachary Bauckham Henry Fuller Olivia Johnson April Marsh Alex Pierce Esmay Ramrutton Will Williams Henry Dean Amelia Walton	Alice Bennett Emilio Gallone Grayson Kemp Blair McFadzean Rhys Povey Coraline Riches Max Wilson Nancy Jack Orest Savchuk
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They have earned themselves a Non-Uniform Day on **Thursday 18th April**.

We also have our very first **Bronze Pot of Gold** recipients this week. To earn their Bronze Pot of Gold, children need to earn **FOUR** Rainbow Awards after receiving their **RED** award.

Bonnie Atkinson-Lassman Sophia Rusu Hetty Fearn Austin Ellis Vivaan Mukherji	Florence Barrett Laurel Beaumont Chloe Hayes Amber Jobbins Darcy Shorey	Isla Clifford Lauren Crook Georgina Mason Esmae Lazell Oliver Wilson	Violet Costello Alannah Cronin Ruby Price Amelia Maloney
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County Cross Country Finals

On Wednesday 27th March, members of our cross-country squad competed in the Essex Schools Cross Country Championships at Garons Park, Southend. The standard was extremely high and the competition was strong but each of our Buttsbury runners gave their all. Outstanding top 10 performances came from Olivia Rebel (8th Year 3 girls) and Scarlett Metcalfe (8th Year 5 girls). Further individual successes came from Jude Phillips (26th Year 3 boys), Zack Brewer (77th Year 4 boys) and Vince Drury (85th Year 4 boys).

Exceptional team success came once again from our Year 5 girls who were runners up this year, placing second overall. Scarlett Metcalfe led the team home in 8th place followed by Alannah Cronin (37th), Abi Walker (48th), Moraya Kemp (49th), Lauren Crook (51st) and Hetty Fearn (85th).

Thank you to Mrs Lee and Mr Nation for organising and training the squad and an extra special thank you to the parents who helped with transportation.

Here's to the next cross-country season!

