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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring Trust Board Newsletter

We near the end of the Spring term and in keeping with the theme of the Billericay Music Festival, which I had the privilege of attending at the Towngate Theatre, I am going to keep to the theme of "Journeys" as we travel through the last few months at Buttsbury.

Yet again, and I doubt this will come as a surprise, it's been a busy one! Extra-curricular activities in abundance and continued hard work in the classroom from all our children.

The Spring term journey commenced with various events during January, the Careers Festival for Year 6, Cross Country across year groups, a school disco, orienteering festival, sponsored hoopla, Panathlon gala, swimming gala, and a giant sleepover for 91 Year 6 children!

We continued at the same pace into February, Kenya Day was well received by all, I think our children quickly learned how very fortunate they are for the school meals after trying the beans that Kenyan children eat. I found my own children discussing life in Kenya so I personally feel Kenya Day was impactful and raised cultural awareness which is so vital in our lives today. Year 3 visited Thorndon Park for Caveman Day, the school hosted a book fair and in the classroom there was Geography Week and Assessment Week which we know take a great deal of preparation and planning.

The speed of travel didn't slow down in March, from school trips to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village, Norsey Woods and of course Danbury (I think one of Mrs Robinson's favourites) to World Book Day (always so brilliant!), Comic Relief and film night.

During the Spring term, the sporting journey has continued, I am always astounded at the breadth of sports available at Buttsbury, children took part in basketball, tag rugby, swimming, badminton, football, netball and tennis events, festivals and tournaments, even a cup stacking tournament was thrown into the mix which was great fun.

As mentioned above, the annual Billericay Schools Music Festival at the Towngate Theatre took place last week – the music was fantastic, the children and all staff involved worked so hard. The songs demonstrated incredible journeys in our history celebrating explorers, bravery and life changing events, from Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines to It's a Long Way to Tipperary.



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I would also like to comment on the relaunch of the Sustainability Project by the Billericay Community Trust, as Trustees we undertook monitoring in the Spring term with a focus on climate change and sustainability across the school. We were very impressed by the progress that has been made and the considered approach the school applies. The Eco-Team at Buttsbury also now have lanyards to raise their profile and general awareness.

Thank you as ever to the Friends Association for all of the events they have organised during the Spring term – your continued efforts make such a difference. Thank you also to all the parents who support all such events, for attending the quiz night and also giving up your time to help run the events for the children.

We said goodbye to Jo, our catering manager and wish her luck for the future. We also pass on our congratulations to the staff who have recently announced they are expecting babies.

Thank you to everyone involved at Buttsbury Juniors – I, and all my fellow Trustees, are proud and honoured to be part of such an amazing school. Mrs Robinson, everyone can see the incredible job you do, the relentless hard work that you put into everything, our children benefit daily from your efforts. Thank you.

Good luck to our year 3 and 4 choir for their performance of Snow White on Wednesday night.

Finally, we wish you all a wonderful Easter break – the journey during Spring has been as busy as ever. My parting words are from the lyrics of Life is a Highway one of the songs from the Music Festival, “Life's like a road that you travel on” – what better road is there for our children than Buttsbury Juniors.

With regards,

Laura Irvin
Parent Trustee (on behalf of Board of Trustees)

