

Friday 4th October 2024

As an academy, we are (quite rightly) subject to a high level of scrutiny regarding our finances. Last week, we had our annual full audit (a whole week long) undertaken by Edmund Carr accountants. I am pleased to say that the visit went very well and we had no action points at all - pretty much unheard of! This reflects the extremely conscientious and robust work of our Finance Officer, Mrs Gilchrist. I would like to thank her for the excellent work she undertakes and also thank the Admin Team for supporting her within her role.

On Sunday, our Year 4 choir sang at the Civic Service, Emmanuel Church, along with four of our Year 5s. This was a very prestigious occasion with lots of dignitaries from across the town in attendance so we were very honoured to have been invited to take part. Our Core 5 from 2023-2024 also attended and gave a presentation about their work as Rotakids. The Buttsbury children - past and present - were amazing and definitely impressed all those in attendance - and, naturally, I was incredibly proud. Well done to our wonderful children and thank you to their parents for taking time out of the weekend to bring them along.



Basildon Youth Theatre

Year 3 had an exciting morning on Tuesday when they had their first visit from Lesley from the Basildon Youth Theatre. Lesley focused on the importance of friendship, teamwork and trying your best. The children were able to share with Lesley all the exciting things they have learnt so far and how they have settled into the Junior School. During the workshop they learnt different sign language actions whilst listening to stories and dancing. The children really enjoyed learning how it was important to respect each other and have fun as a team.



Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 3

Monday 7th October

- Year 5 DT morning - in classes
- 4LW 'Parents to Lunch' at 12.00pm

Wednesday 9th October

- Year 6 visit to Layer Marney Tower - normal school timings; please dress as a Viking, bring a packed lunch, healthy snack and drink
- 4M 'Parents to Lunch' at 12.00pm

School Discos

Don't forget to come along to the discos tonight -

Year 3/4: 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Year 5/6: 6.50pm - 8.20pm

The information sheet regarding the discos is also attached with this newsletter - please do try to find time to read it before your child comes to the disco.

Assessment Week

Well done to all the children in Year 6 who admirably rose to the challenge of the various tests they faced this week. We were very proud of their positivity and commitment.

4H School Councillors

Apologies to [Felix Halder](#) and [Jessica Pilka](#), the 4H School Councillors whose names were left out of the newsletter last week - well done for being elected to represent your class.

Panathlon - Ten Pin Bowling

On Tuesday, 12 children from Year 4 had the opportunity to go to a ten pin bowling event at Hollywood Bowl, alongside children from other local schools. They had an amazing time and there were strikes and spares galore! A special 'well done' to Joey Purkiss who was the overall champion of the tournament! Thank you to the staff who accompanied the children.



*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Amy Clarke</i>	<i>Amelie Moore</i>
<i>Ava Catchpole</i>	<i>Thomas Mason</i>
<i>Jude Phillips</i>	<i>Mollie Smith</i>
<i>Emily Wilkinson</i>	<i>Dom Senior</i>
<i>Nifemi Oladele</i>	<i>Hetty Fearne</i>
<i>Charlie Vail</i>	<i>Laurel Beaumont</i>
<i>Mikael Ali Khan</i>	<i>Bluebell Cole</i>
<i>Rory Atkinson</i>	<i>Masooma Ibrahimi</i>
<i>Sophia Buffoni</i>	<i>Archie Williams</i>
<i>Jack Campkin</i>	<i>Amelia Maloney</i>
<i>Charlie Wood</i>	<i>Rory Coshell</i>
<i>Callum Horton</i>	<i>Amber Sargant</i>

Schools Ministry Billericay Assembly

On Monday, we were joined for our assembly by Ruth and Melissa, from the School's Ministry Billericay team. They led a lovely, interactive assembly, which used different fruits and vegetables - in a very clever way - to help us reflect on how we can be kind and thoughtful towards others.



Billericay Foodbank Collection

On Monday, all our Harvest gifts were taken to the Billericay Foodbank. We had managed to amass quite a selection that took a while for Mr Tweedie, our Year 5 helpers and me, to load in to the van! Thank you again for your generous donations.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoe boxes are now available at Christ Church - please feel free to pop in to the church and collect one.

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

*Dexter Broom Sophia Christofi Ariana Lazell
Tanvi Kondapalli Freddie Beckwith
Joshua McCarthy Olivia Cullen Florence Barrett
Well done to our writing super stars!*

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

*Olivia Cullen Tanvi Kondapalli Flo Cable
Callum Lewis Harley Phillips Jamie Baker
Albert Sullivan Violet Mills Freddie Beckwith
Well done to our magical mathematicians!*

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

*Felix Plummer Amber Branch Jude Cavanagh
Ryan Martin Emel Enver Peter Fallouh
Scarlett Welch Violet Costello
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

*Jamie Rocks Elliot Warman Peter Fallouh
Isla Sanders Matthew Hughes Felix Duncan
Emelia Giddings Summer Aronson Eloise Mills
Well done to our Times Table super stars!*



Afternoon Tea

Another successful afternoon tea took place yesterday. It's lovely to see the children share their best piece of work and listen to others ask thoughtful questions. We were very impressed by the way the children spoke so confidently and knowledgeably about their work.

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:

**Jamie McSharry
Joe Stone
Olivia Cullen
Johnny McQueen
Jack Campkin**



This week's attendance figure is: 97.6%

This year's provisional attendance target is 97.0%

A special 'Well Done' to Class 3M who had 100% attendance this week! Congratulations!



Rainbow Awards

Congratulations to this week's **VIOLET** award winners -

Rory Buckle
Gethin Arentsen
Cameron McGee
Louie Garwood
Emily Porter
Blaine Mountford
Nyla Baker
Harrison Wooder
Louie Omer

Noah Dias
Bradley Bloomfield
Chloe McGibbon
Isobelle Sanders
Maggie Dear
Thomas Knight
Evan Aarons
Isabel Shearwood
Leo Showell

Summer Aronson
Leif Emanuel-Francis
William Rebel
Ewan Muller
Annabel Guy
George Day
Nancy Jack
Noah Webb

Summer Tait
Mariia Fedorova
Jackson Rawlings
Darcy Baglin
Chloe Berry
Luke Pickering
Rhys Povey
Leo McDougall

Out of School Success

- * Well done to Hannah Sijo (5T) who passed her LAMDA Grade 1 in solo singing with distinction.
- * Congratulations to Grace Brockwell (6R) who passed her Grade 1 ballet exam and Ruby Brockwell (3W) who passed her primary tap exam.
- * Well done to Moraya Kemp (6B) who won a gold in her ballet trio and a gold in her ballet solo at the East Hertfordshire festival.
- * Congratulations to Cody Windsor (3P) who was awarded 'Player of the Match' for his team, Perry Street FC and also scored a goal!
- * Well done to Ariella Osborne (3P) who has been promoted to Secunder at Brownies and has moved up to Hammerhead swimming classes.
- * Congratulations to Rory Atkinson (4C) who has been invested into the 3rd Billericay Cub pack.
- * Well done to Jasmine Faris (6P) and her Year 6 friends who all passed their ballet exams.

50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School

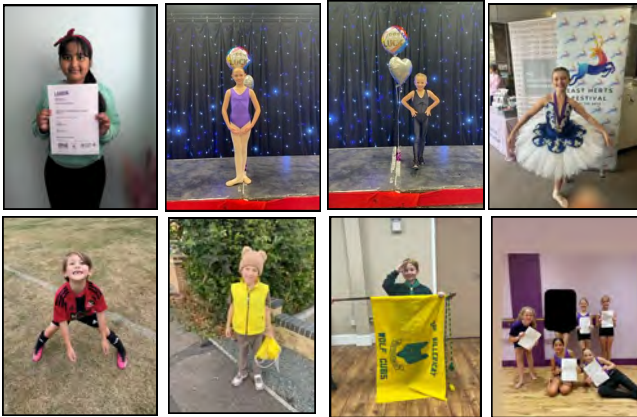
Congratulations to **Amy Wells** who has completed 10 things!
A very special 'Well Done' to **Harrison Wooder** who has completed 30 things at home!

Pen Licences

Well done to: **Grace Morgan, Cooper Smith, Amelia-Rose Hewitt, George Day, Joshua Small and David Timperon** who all received their Pen Licences this week.

Year 6 Football CVL

Thursday morning saw a break in the rain for the Year 6 7-a-side football season to start at Mayflower High School. Buttsbury took two teams who were both determined to do well and progress through to the next round. It was a morning of competitive football with most matches being decided by a single goal. Buttsbury B (Burgundy) finished 7th on the day and Buttsbury A (Blue) finishing 2nd. With a second placed finish and only conceding a single goal in 6 games, Buttsbury A progressed through to the partnership final later in the month. The boys were great ambassadors for the school; they played with flair, aggression and sportsmanship. Thank you to the parents who escorted and supported the boys.



AIM High Writing Day

On Thursday, 4 lucky Year 5 children were invited to attend the AIM High writing day at Brentwood School. The session was led by popular children's author Colin R Parsons and the children were given a brief to write their own adventure story. They were then guided by Colin on how to write a captivating opening and how to use the senses to engage the reader. The children also had the opportunity to hear about Colin's life and career and got to ask their own questions. The children had a fantastic time and were overwhelmingly positive about the day when they returned to school. Thank you very much to Mrs Walker who accompanied the children on the visit.



Adventure Playground

When you next go onto the field, you might notice that the Adventure Playground behind the fenced off area has been taken away. We haven't used this area in over 13 years as the equipment wasn't age-appropriate (it was installed many years ago) so we decided it was time to remove it and re-instate the area as grass for the children to play on. Whilst it is always a shame to take provision away, paying for an area that isn't used, to be serviced each year, is a waste of money. Hopefully, when Summer is next here, the children will enjoy a bit more field space.