

Friday 11th October, 2024

Today saw more visitors in the junior school, as we welcomed five members of the Trust Board into the school as part of their monitoring role. During the day, they joined us for assembly, visited classes, enjoyed lunch with the children, and, working alongside members of the Senior Leadership Team, undertook an English work scrutiny during the afternoon. They had a very positive day and were very impressed by everything they saw! We are very grateful to them for giving up their time to visit - one of the more exciting aspects of their role!

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday!

After-School Clubs and Inclement Weather

If the weather does take a turn for the worse, I thought it might be helpful to remind you (and reassure Year 3 parents) that we don't cancel clubs at short notice due to poor weather. We have inside alternatives which can be used such as the hall and classes.

Out of School Success

In the recent parent survey about the newsletter, it was noted by quite a few parents, that they would rather not see this included in the newsletter. Therefore, we will be making a change to the way we celebrate and share this from next week. If your child has an 'Out of School' success, please ask them to bring their certificate/trophy into school and their teacher will give them a chance to share their news with the class.

Hair Accessories

We have some rather large bows being worn in hair at present - please could children wear more discreet hair accessories and save the big bows for non-uniform days.

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 1

Other than two football tournaments - that's it for next week! Enjoy the calm!

Healthy Schools Themed Week

Week Commencing - Monday 21st October

Both Buttsbury Infant and Buttsbury Junior School will be holding an exciting Well-being Week between 21st and 25th October. Our focus this year will be on physical well-being with an emphasis on how to stay fit and healthy.

During the week, children will take part in a variety of activities including yoga, orienteering, forest school activities and inter-house cross-country. We are also pleased to share that we will be repeating a highlight from last year and revisiting Billericay Baptist Church and immersing ourselves in their reflection space. There will be a healthy tuck shop operating throughout the week where children will be able to buy items of fresh fruit priced 50p each. On Friday we will have our 'Hello Yellow' day in support of the Young Minds charity. The children are welcome to wear something yellow in return for a small voluntary donation via Parent Pay.

School Discos

Thank you very much to everyone who helped at the school discos on Friday. The children were very excited and all seemed to have a wonderful time. Thank you very much to the Friends' Association for organising the event and to all the staff and parents who helped during the evening. Overall, £1,725.42 was raised which is fantastic!



Parents to Lunch Event

This week 4M and 4LW were joined by their parents and grandparents for lunch. All of the children were so excited to spend lunch time with their family members. Thank you to everyone who could attend and thank you to our staff in the kitchen and our MDAs for facilitating the event.

*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Rainbow Awards

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

Olive Craswell
Oscar Turner
Carter Lewis
Zack Brewer
Will Williams
Lysander Goodman
Eduardo Chambers
Austin Watts
Elliot Bacchus
Emily Lycett

Leonardo Parente
Ava Meade
Alice Bennett
Brooklyn Nelson
Joe Jackson
Tommy Smith
Bobby Rowling
Cailin Mitchell
Jessica Chinnery
Rhys Povey

Matty Rose
Teddy Soar
Frankie Moughton
Grayson Kemp
Malaki Kwanzambi
Blair McFadzean
Bodhi Seabrook
Olivia Storey
Vincent Drury

Ashley McSharry
Olivia Johnson
Jack Robertson
Alfie Field
Alex Metcalfe
Zachary Mason-Bauckham
Teddy Thomas
Ben McIlquham
Peony Harlow



Cross Country

Our cross-country season began this Thursday with runners from our Year 4, 5 and 6 cross country squad competing in the first race of the Edmund Carr Cross Country Series at Hylands Park. The children were a true credit to Buttsbury and were the best cheer team by far. Mrs Lee and Mr Nation were very proud of their positive attitudes and determined mindsets. A special mention goes to Olivia Rebel - Year 4 - who won the Bronze medal! Thank you to all the staff who enabled the event to take place and to the parents and grandparents who helped with transport.



Layer Marney Tower

This week, Year 6 prepared for battle... yet quickly learnt that the day's activities were less violent, as Vikings were primarily farmers. The children learnt about the surprising daily life of a Viking, where they created their own weaving based on a common skill of 'spinning', which all Vikings completed on a daily basis. Children then attended and orchestrated their own 'Thing' (similar to that of a court case today), where pupils learnt about rules that Vikings followed. After that, children created their own long ship using clay – they loved getting their hands dirty and designing their own mainsail.

Finally, children were ecstatic to hold Viking weapons and armour, which they loved and even got to practise the skill of archery, which Viking warriors would have also perfected. Wow, we had a fantastic day which has deepened our existing learning about our history topic 'The Vikings'.



Rotakids

We were joined in our assembly this morning by Stephen King, Peter Greene and Patrick Roth from the Rotary Club. Patrick presented our new Rotakids with their badges of honour and the children recited the Rotary Club pledge. We look forward to getting started on our fundraising work.



Year 5 DT Morning - Cranes

On Monday morning, Year 5 made an excellent start to making their cranes as part of their DT project. The children have spent weeks preparing for their build by researching the different parts of a crane, prototyping suitable lengths for the boom and designing their final model. Thankfully, there were lots of parent volunteers who were able to help with measuring and sawing the wood. Every child has made an excellent first step towards completing their final design and the children should be very proud of their achievements. Thank you ever so much to our super parent helpers, your support is invaluable!



Tuesday 8th October 2024 - Billericay Family CVL 1/3 Netball Tournament

On Tuesday morning, 14 of our Year 6's took part in the first of three CVL netball tournaments, at The Billericay School. They thoroughly enjoyed playing against all the other schools including South Green, Stock, St Peter's, Quilters and Sunnymede.

It was a good experience for all of the children as this was the first time that they had played together competitively! Overall, we finished 1st and 3rd! We are all very much looking forward to the next tournament in November!

Thank you to Miss Pretty, Mrs Lee and Mrs Coughlan for assisting with the Netball Club weekly and for overseeing the teams at the tournament. A big thank you also to all our parent helpers for supporting the event with transport too.

Celebration Assembly

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

Zachary Emson	Hazel Youngs
Bailey Ramrutton	Grace Morgan
Isla Bloomfield	Jackson Rawlings
Felicity Ginn	William Rebel
Georgie Harding	Ava Meade
Zachary Mason-Bauckham	Taylor Gibson
Max Wilson	Sofia Holdgate-Lopez
Bobby Rowling	Alex Metcalfe
Seb Stephens	Tallulah Green
Olivia Brousse	Nye Arentsen
Jack Cronin	Leah Jackson
Benjamin Ferris	Michael Reason

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

Pen Licences

Well done to **Nyla Baker** and **Anjola Oladele** who both received their Pen Licences this week.

Out of School Success

- * Well done to George Day (3M) who received his Goldfish 3 certificate in swimming last week and also received a certificate for karate for outstanding dedication and hard work.
- * Congratulations to Harry Shipway (4M) who was voted 'Man of the Match' by his team, Herongate FC, for his amazing goal keeping.
- * Well done to Arabella Cranfield (4C) and Moraya Kemp (6R) who will be performing in the Nutcracker, at the London Coliseum in December.
- * Congratulations to Amber Branch (4M) who walked 100km during September and raised £630 for The Childhood Eye Cancer Trust.
- * Well done to Elliana Wilkins (6S) who has landed the lead role in the Billericay Theatre production of "Annie" taking place next Summer.



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

Karen Pinder **Elodie Greenhalgh**
Cameron McGee **Albert Amos** **Isha Sharma**
Erin Collins **Thomas Chandra** **Peony Harlow**
 Well done to our writing super stars!



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

Amelie Owen **Jasmine Pike** **Michael Reason**
Tallulah Green **Koen Stephens** **Elsie Ive**
Teddy Thomas **Charlie Saitch** **Alice Cassidy**
 Well done to our magical mathematicians!



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

Thomas Knight **Eden White** **Jude Goad**
Will Williams **Daisy Mumford** **Abi Hau**
Oliver Allchurch **Lola Obergan**
 Well done to our enthusiastic readers!

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

Thomas Knight **Alfie King** **Eduardo Chambers**
Theo Vasileiadis **Jennifer McSharry**
Thomas Laughland **Eden White**
Georgie Harding



Afternoon Tea

The children once again enjoyed sharing their favourite pieces of work and getting to know children in other year groups.

House Points

This week's winning house:

Jaguars



Top Table

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

Cooper Smith
Olivia Murley
Thomas Mason
Teddy Thomas
Jacob Ovel



This week's attendance figure is: 97.6%!

This year's attendance target is 97.0%.

A special 'Well Done' to Class 6B who had the highest attendance this week - 99.4%! Congratulations!

