

Friday 1st July 2022

A quiet week - only three pages to the newsletter! The introduction of Studybugs has been very successful and is definitely saving time for our Admin Team. Please can we remind you to report absences using Studybugs rather than phoning (if possible). Details of how to download the app are on the front page of our website. See you tomorrow at the Bonanza!

Wacky Hair Day - Friday 8th July

For a suggested donation of £1, the children may come to school wearing their hair in a 'wacky' style! Coloured hair spray is permitted but please be sensible as it tends to leave marks if children lean on things! Please note that, if it is a hot day, the hairspray can tend to 'drip' if the children sweat! Also, please be aware that it needs to be temporary and all trace needs to be gone by Monday. All the money raised is for the Friends' Association. Donations can be made via ParentPay or in cash.

Sports Day - Monday 4th July

Years 3 & 4 - 9.15am, Years 5 & 6 - 1.15pm

Children should come to school in their normal uniform - they will change into their PE kit at school. The children will need to bring a named water bottle and a sunhat to wear please. Please apply sun cream before school. Parents, friends and family are invited to come along and watch. Please could we ask you to stay outside of the track and avoid the temptation to cross it when moving from station to station. If you would like to sit down, please feel free to bring along a folding chair which you can take from base-to-base with you.

Please note that, for safeguarding reasons, photography and/or filming are not permitted at either event.

Celebration Evening

Please join us for our Celebration Evening on Wednesday 6th July. The evening will be informal and you are welcome to join us at any time between 6pm and 8pm. Each of the classrooms will have a range of children's work on display with a focus on celebrating - so there will be lots of art and craft work as well as the children's topic books. The children's maths and literacy books will not be available but the children will be bringing them home towards the end of term so you will be able to look at them at your leisure! Please feel free to visit all our classrooms and see what the children have been doing. Class teachers will be based in their own rooms and will be happy to chat informally. The evening will also provide a great opportunity for you to meet you child's new teacher and visit their new classroom. We hope that you will be able to join us and find the evening both helpful and enjoyable. Please note that this event is within the school building - children should not be playing on the field or adventure playground - even if you are supervising them. Unfortunately, Miss Derrick (6D) will not be with us on 6th July as she will be attending her sister's wedding. The children's work will still be set out in the classroom so please do feel free to pop into the room.

Diary Dates for Next Week

School Dinners - Week 2

Monday 4th July

- Sports Day - Year 3/4 @ 9.15am; Year 5/6 @ 1.15pm

Wednesday 6th July

- County Cricket Final for Girls' Cricket Team
- Enterprise Day
- Year 6 Play - Dress Rehearsal to Year 5
- Celebration Evening: 6pm - 8pm

Thursday 7th July

- Informal coffee morning at 9.30am - 10.30am for parents of children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) or anyone who is concerned that their children may have SEND.

- County Cricket final for Mixed Cricket Team

Friday 8th July

- Wacky Hair Day
- 'Meet the Teacher' transition, 11.00am - 12.00pm
- Annual Reports sent home today
- Ice cream Friday

SUMMER BONANZA: TOMORROW: 2pm - 4pm

Don't forget to come along to the Bonanza tomorrow! The fun starts at 2pm with literally something for everyone! This is the biggest event of the year for our Friends' Association so please come along and be as generous as you can! Every penny raised will go straight back to the children at Buttsbury Junior School! If you can help with the setting up or clearing away that would be wonderful as many hands make light work! If any children wish to exact revenge on me for various water pistol attacks throughout the year, I will be going into the infamous cage during the latter part of the afternoon! See you then!

All Change!

Yesterday morning, 76 of our Year 6 children went to visit Mayflower High School and our new 'Year 3' children came to visit in their place! It was lovely to 'officially' welcome our new Year 3 children for the first time - we are looking forward to them joining us in September - but it was also sad that our Year 6 weren't with us although they had a very exciting time at Mayflower and came back today full of excitement!

Come and Join Our Team!

Vacancies for Learning Support Assistants

We are looking to appoint caring, kind and patient Learning Support Assistants to support children who are joining us in Year 3 with Special Educational Needs. The roles are for mornings or afternoons or could be both! Please contact Mrs Byfield, in the School Office, for further information.

*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Henry Buckle</i>	<i>Lucas Armsden</i>
<i>Isabel Bailey</i>	<i>Oliver Munro</i>
<i>Henry Chandra</i>	<i>Christiana Christofi</i>
<i>Sky Greenan</i>	<i>Will Hughes</i>
<i>Maisie Burcombe</i>	<i>Esmae Baker</i>
<i>Sam McFeely</i>	<i>Luana Wenborn</i>
<i>Gabriel Bowers</i>	<i>Jacob Norrington</i>
<i>Isabelle Warden</i>	<i>Zack Briggs</i>
<i>David Malakauskas</i>	<i>Amelia Johnson</i>
<i>Henry Webb</i>	<i>Amy Tear</i>
<i>Louise Crook</i>	<i>Jack Cook</i>
<i>Sam Torrens</i>	<i>Freya Spencer</i>

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

*Eddie Nunney Sophie Holms Isla Kittridge
Georgina Nunney Charlie Cooper Kobe Keily
Archie Moore Emily Jackson-Bridge
Well done to our writing super stars!*

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

*Elsie Johnston Frankie Stapleton Izzy Henderson
Amelie Rippon Rosa Stafford Louis Domien
Olivia Tappin Lily Parker-Compton Josh Harrington
Well done to our magical mathematicians!*

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

*Clark Williams Maggie Ward Tommy Cripps
Millie Stack Isaac Harding Jash Dalal
Anna Bowden Sebastien De Gray Birch
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

Debbie Bailey - Friends' Association Secretary

Sadly, Debbie will be stepping down at the end of the academic year, having been an outstanding secretary for five years! We would like to thank her for hard work and dedication. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Debbie, please feel free to do so via ParentPay. Thank you.

Clubs

The recent Parent Questionnaire mentioned that it would be good to have more clubs that are not sport related. We do have lots of clubs like this already but I wondered if you were aware of them all - we have Book Clubs, Art Club, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Choirs, Gardening Club and Creative Thinking (Year 5). These are all free. We also have Cookery Club and Drama Clubs, although these do need to be paid for. Nevertheless, we will look into further clubs for the Autumn Term to expand our non-sport offer.

School Development Plan 2022/2023

On Wednesday the Trust Board, members of the Friends' Association and staff spent the evening working together to reflect on our progress as a school since September 2021. We also used the time to consider areas to develop which will be included in our new School Development Plan. We have also incorporated the main ideas suggested by children and parents via the recent questionnaires. It was a very positive evening and I now have plenty of ideas to include in our new School Development Plan. Once it is written, I will send you a summary of the key areas which we will be focusing on. Sadly, we have, again, not been able to incorporate one of the top suggestions from the children - a swimming pool - due to issues of space and funding! As always, we welcome and value your thoughts and ideas so please do feel free to let me know if you have other suggestions - either chat to me at the gate or drop me an email - head@buttsbury-jun.essex.sch.uk. Thank you for your continued support.

Enterprise Morning

Wednesday 6th July will see the return of Buttsbury Junior School's Enterprise Morning. Enterprise involves each class competing against each other to raise as much money as possible for our chosen charity of the year, Guide Dogs UK. Each class will choose and run their own money-making initiatives such as games, competitions, and craft activities. If you would like your child to take part in these activities and raise money for charity, please send them in with some money (£3 will be more than enough for them to take part in multiple activities).



Afternoon Tea

Having had to wait almost a whole year, this year's children arrived very promptly with enthusiastic smiles! Their long wait also meant that they had a wealth of work to choose from so we saw a wonderful variety. We had a lovely Afternoon Tea, with everyone brimming with pride. Next week, we will begin 'Catch Up' Afternoon Teas for anyone who has missed out on this treat,



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:

Gabriel Tanner

Darcey Lister

Daniel Tinworth

Ember Wood

Isabelle Neathercoat



This week's attendance figure is: 96.3%

This year's attendance target is 97.2%

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



Rainbow Awards

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

Joshua Gabriel-West Jake Sunderland

Congratulations to our **YELLOW** award winner:

Hesme Muller

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

Thomas Wright
Elsie Orchard
Matilda Chaplin
Tilly Lashmar

Isabella Hadassi
Abigail Huggett
Lewis La-Rocque

Jessica Shelley
Isla Swift
Beau Cunningham

Arya Sudheer
Zac Berry
George Murphy

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

Thomas Christie
Austin Fearne
Alexander Guthrie-Blunkell
Jessica Payton
William Barrett
Beau Cunningham
Finlay Cannon

Heath Harlow
Daniel McGibbon
Esmee Baker
Jacob Norrington
Maisie Anderson
George Murphy

Sophie Holms
Archie Doyle
Liam Martin
Isabelle Sargant
Tom Carter
Bibi Tarraf

Oliver Munro
Leo Meza-Bullock
Alexa Maxwell-Smith
Ethan Aarons
Eva Barnes
Lucas Young

Well done to this week's **BRONZE** Pot of Gold recipients:

Frankie Trott
Holly Ward
Felicity Chiappe
Russell Salvatore
Ben Pentecost
Ruby Edwards
Finley Barber
Judah Savage

Nathan Hawes
James Ivimy
Alfie Gray
Daisy Thompson
Florence Brooks
Emily Crowe
Zara Foulser

Louie Garwood
Christiana Christofi
Alfie Hodges
Amaya Weeks
Jessica Park
Shreyan Raval
Sam McFeely

Sophia Keys
Hana Carter
Will Hughes
Abigail Small
Elsa Reason
Edie McLellan
Keyla Osborne

The next non-uniform day for new **RED** award winners is Friday 8th July

Pen Licence

Well done to **Isabella Westoby** who received her Pen Licence this week.



Gateway Radio

This morning, our Year 6 News Team visited Gateway Radio at the Eastgate Centre in Basildon. During their visit, the children had a tour of the radio station and then set to work, creating their broadcasts which focused on road safety and safety in the home.

The children then shared their presentations live on the radio, which they were a bit nervous about, but once they were on air they came into their own. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to take part in this event and they really enjoyed themselves. As usual the children behaved impeccably and were a joy to take. The staff at Gateway Radio were very impressed. Thank you to Mrs Sherwood, Mrs Rivas and Mrs Hall for accompanying the children.

Out of School Success

- * Well done to **Jonathan Warhurst (5UF)** who passed his **Blue belt** in karate on Saturday.
- * Congratulations to **Poppy Dackombe (6R)** Poppy has been awarded 'Most Improved Player of the Year' for the Under 11 Billericay Town Girls Red Team.
- * Well done to **Leo Showell (3F)** who has earned his **Chief Scout's Bronze Award**.
- * Congratulations to **Anastasia Markelova (3F)** who competed in the London Rhythmic Gymnastics Championship on Saturday and took a silver medal. It is one of the biggest competitions in Britain.
- * Congratulations to **Jamie Rocks (3M)** who was awarded the 'Players' Player of the Year' trophy for his Hannakins Farm football team.
- * At the weekend, **Riley Tear, Liam Martin and Jack Hyatt (all Year 4)** competed in the Redwing tournament for Billericay Town and won the U9 age group.

