

Friday 26th April 2024

It's been another busy week at Buttsbury with St George's Day celebrations, Year 3 assembly, tennis tournaments, Year 4 Tips to Abberton Reservoir, Maths and Move With Us visits all taking place.

Lots of you will have noticed that the new additions on Mill Hill Drive this week. The hatchings have been installed to create a pathway for children and their families to walk down the driveway with greater ease at pick up time. Early signs are showing that these are working effectively.

St. George's Day

It was lovely to see the children who are members of uniformed organisations looking very smart and proud in their respective uniforms on Tuesday as we commemorated St. George's Day.



Lunchtime Visitors

On Wednesday, we welcomed back PC Curtis and PCSO Bryant. The two officers took up the opportunity to have a school lunch with the children and they then went on to spend time talking and playing with the children on the playground during our lunch break.



Dementia Friendly School

This morning we welcomed Maureen Lee from Dementia Friends into our Friday Celebration Assembly where the Core 5 presented her with homemade Forget Me Knots. The knots, which will offer comfort and tactile stimulation for people living with dementia, were gratefully received. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making them and for supporting us in being a Dementia Friendly School.

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 3 - New Menu

Monday 29th April

- Year 4 Bikeability - Group 1 & 3 am; Group 2 & 4 pm

Tuesday 30th April

- Year 4 Bikeability - Group 1 & 3 am; Group 2 & 4 pm

Wednesday 1st May

- SEND Coffee Morning - 10:00am - 11:00am - BJS Main Hall - Year 5/6 Transition

Thursday 2nd May

- Year 5 Assembly - 9:30am

Friday 3rd May

- School Discos: Year 3/4 - 5:00pm - 6:30pm; Year 5/6 - 6:50pm - 8:20pm

Year 5 Assembly - Thursday 2nd May

You are warmly invited to join the Year 5 children for their assembly next Thursday at 9.30am - do come along and find out about the children's recent activities and learning. If you can avoid bringing toddlers and babies, that would be most appreciated please as they can be a distraction to our children. Thank you.

Year 3 Assembly

Yesterday morning the parents of children in Year 3 were treated to a fabulous assembly which focused on the children's most recent history topic 'From the Stone Age to the Iron Age'. The children thoroughly entertained us all with lots of lively jokes and funny scenes. They spoke with great confidence and we were all very impressed by how many lines they had memorised. Well done to all our Year 3 children - you were absolute stars - and thank you to the Year 3 staff team for preparing the children so well.



*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Mia Dixon</i>	<i>Oscar Beckwith</i>
<i>Rhys Carey</i>	<i>Rosie Taylor</i>
<i>David Timperon</i>	<i>Bluebell Cole</i>
<i>Oliver Sutton</i>	<i>Eni Omopariola</i>
<i>Elodie Wang Gao</i>	<i>Olivia Tait</i>
<i>Tanvi Kondapalli</i>	<i>Vivaan Mukherji</i>
<i>Rupert Kehoe</i>	<i>Olivia Storey</i>
<i>Callum Lewis</i>	<i>Alex Drew</i>
<i>Amber Sargent</i>	<i>Noah Cannon</i>
<i>Edie Buick</i>	<i>Olivia Mumford</i>
<i>Sienna Kareer</i>	<i>Ronnie Line</i>
<i>Matthew Hughes</i>	<i>Hetty Fearne</i>

Terrific Tennis

Our Year 3 and 4 tennis teams took part in a series of matches at Mayflower on Tuesday evening. They played brilliantly and fought hard against the other schools cheering each other on and despite the cold, their spirit never waned! This resulted in 3 of our 4 teams making it through to the final in May! Buttsbury A finished joint 1st in the Cup competition and Buttsbury A and B finishing 1st and 2nd in the Plate competition. Well done to all involved and thank you to Mrs Webb, Mrs Hennessey and Mr Mynard for coaching and accompanying the children.



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

*Francesca Howe Joey Purkiss Austin Ellis
Bonnie Atkinson-Lassman Olivia Rees
Rory Buckley Anastasia Markelova
Ruby Warren-Gunn*

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

*Willow Harmer Evan Aarons Sophia Rusu
Jemima Broom Sophia Keys Mollie Smith
Lewis Eggleton Holly Lague
Oliver Townsend*

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

*Charlie Partridge Leo McDougall
Jorgie Jackson Noah Gazzard Esmee Lazell
Moraya Kemp James Lyons Emel Enver*

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

*Elliot Warman Benedict Iweka Oliver Wilson
Archie Williams Anna Weddell Jack Campkin
Jamie Collyer Ember Wood*

Afternoon Tea

The children excitedly made their way to the staffroom to enjoy the delights of Afternoon Tea! Everyone had a lovely time and it was great to see the children so interested to hear about other children's successes. The children's table manners were also impeccable - I think they are ready for The Ritz!



House Points

This week's winning house:

Lions

Top Table

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

Nancy Dormer
Isobelle Sanders
Francesca Howe
Olivia Tait
Iris Balkwill

This week's attendance figure is: 97.8 %!

This year's attendance target is 97.0%.

A special 'Well Done' to 3M, 4M, 5T and 6R who had the highest attendances this week - 99.1%! Congratulations!



Year 4 trip to Abberton Reservoir

This week, Year 4 classes visited Abberton Reservoir on a field trip to support our topic "Animals and their habitats". We caught newts whilst pond dipping and used identification charts to work out the other types of amphibians we found.

Also, we used identification charts to find the names of different meadow flowers. We looked at the colours, petals, leaves and stems to identify them. The mini beast hunt was interesting with worms, spiders, woodlice and centipedes being found and identified by the children. The highlight for many was the dissection of owl pellets to discover the skeletons of the many small creatures eaten by the resident Barn Owls!

Thank you as always to all the parents who gave up their time to accompany us on the trip. We all had a great time and look forward to using this experience to draw on throughout the rest of our topic.

AIM Maths Day

Monday 22nd April 2024, four children from Year 5 were selected to attend a maths workshop at Brentwood Prep School along with 5 other schools. The day was hosted by Mrs Large, a retired teacher. The day started with card tricks and code breaking activities using algebra. The children were engaged immediately and loved all the challenges set for them. During the day they were introduced to the 24 Game and went on to use tangrams to make different squares. Perseverance was key! It was wonderful to see how the children rose to the challenges and enjoyed their day thoroughly. Thank you to Mrs Rivas for transporting and spending the day with the children.



Move With Us

Sixteen Year 3 children had an exciting morning visiting Mayflower High School for the Move With Us event led by the Sports Partnership. The children participated in fun games and skipping. They learnt about making healthy choices relating food, drink and exercise. Thank you to Mrs Willis and Mrs Staplehurst for taking the children.

Out of School Success

- * Zehra has completed stage 5 and moved up to 6 which means now she can swim 25m getting closer to competition level when she finishes stage 6 and 7 hopefully.
- * During the Easter holidays Emily O'Keefe (5T) performed in her first concert with the Essex Young People's Orchestra, playing different percussion instruments. It was a wonderful evening and the orchestra played very well.
- * Congratulations to Austin Ellis, Zachary Webster and Luca Evan's who took part in the final rugby festival of the season in Chelmsford this weekend. All making numerous tag-tackles and scoring multiple tries!
- * Jasper who received U10's Coaches Player of the Year award at Billericay Bees Rugby Club end of season presentation on Sunday.



Reading Awards

Well done to Ivy Duerden (5T) who should have received her Platinum reading awards at the end of term but was accidentally missed off the list. Apologies - and belated congratulations - to Ivy.



Rainbow Awards

Congratulations to our **YELLOW** award winners:

Dougie Kerr

Freya Childs

Benedict Iweka

Chey Henry

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

Oyemwenosa Egharevba
Ronnie Line

Louis Omer
Harry Baker

Freya Childs
Samuel Watson

Samuel Hall

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

David Timperon
Kaua Ferreira-Melo
Liam Simms
Sam Sinclair
Jackson Tappin
Kayn Bowerman

Oliver Sutton
Heath Harlow
Clark Williams
Nathan Hawes
Liam Martin
James Lyons

Charlie Partridge
Charlie Jennings
Leo McDougall
Bella Salmon
Eni Omopariola
Charlie Vail

Teddy Amos
Ivy-May King
Lucas Armsden
Frankie Stapleton
Anastasia Markelova
Zara Wakerly

They have earned themselves a Non-Uniform Day on **Friday 3rd May**

We also have our third **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.

Mikael Ali Kahn
Isla Sanders
Archie Thomas
Betsy Burcombe
Perdie Noble
Arun Sawhney
Koen Stephens
Evie Prudom
Luella Cronjaeger
Harry Goodacre
Elsie Johnston
Vellita Millett
Adam Sargood
Frankie Trott
Thomas Bennett
Rosa Stafford
Eduardo Chambers
Elsie Ive
Theo Vinicombe
Oliver Baker
Amber Branch
Teddy Chapman
Arabella Cranfield
Rosie Hadassi
Amelia Mangan
Ralph Pocklington
Alfie Thompson
Layla Faris
James Natusch
Ruby Warren-Gunn
Jasmine Faris
oshua Gabriel-West

Lola Cohen
Heath Tanner
George Bradley
Nancy Dormer
Finley Pike
Elizabeth Sheehan
Mahi Dalal
Ayra Ahmed
Zac Eggleton
Ted Gort
Isla Keniry
Oliver Munro
Jasper Smith
Jenson Wallis
Max Boulwood
Scarlett Stone
Amelie Doyle
Hannah Sijo
George White
Iris Balkwill
Rory Buckley
Sophia Christofi
Noah Gazzard
Felix Halder
Thomas Mason
Jessica Reeves
Maddison Wallis
Jude Phillips
Elizabeth Moody
Amelia Walton
Albert Sullivan
Emilia Escudero-Bradshaw

Maisie Doyle
Myla Hands
Evan Aarons
Dylan Knowler
Albie Rangelcroft
Megan Shipton
Isabella Davies
Chanelle Asubiaro
Jasmine Faraday
Daniel Henry
Thomas Lovell
Milla Poulter
Millie Stack
Maggie Ward
Zach Chambers
Callie Beadon
Sofia Gross
Evie Smith
Alfie Asfour
Oscar Beckwith
Jake Cannon
Bluebell Cole
Isla Kittridge
Thea Jones
Finley Paton
Alfie Smallman
Charlie Wood
Mollie Smith
Eloise Mills
Miles Daniels
Poppy Briggs
Andrei Aldea-Nicolaescu

Albie McCarthy
Shi Wen He
Francesca Brown
Keyla Osborne
Michael Reason
Blake Silvester
Holly Lague
Isabel Bailey
Daisy Hughes
Jack Hyatt
Maisie McCarthy
Jessica Rendell
Daniel Thomas
Zaiden Baker
Charlie Cooper
Zack Brewer
Arnav Gupta
Ella Tenny
Jessica Nash
Mark Bowman
Vincent Cater
Florence Costello
Isabelle Warden
Hannah Lister
Henry Chandra
Rosie Taylor
Florence Cable
Ava Catchpole
Zac Russell
Ruby Ellis
Henry Buckle
Summer Aronson McMahon

