

Friday 17th January 2025

We are getting into the swing of saying 'Buttsbury Primary School' and continuing to work behind the scenes to consolidate all the school systems. The Admin Teams across both sites continue to work exceptionally hard to enable this to happen and, as mentioned before, please bear with us during this transitional time.

Last Friday, my husband mentioned that he'd read our first combined newsletter. I asked him what he thought and he said he enjoyed reading it but I needed to make sure there was an equal balance of infant and junior articles. His comment got me thinking as, whilst he is right, due to the junior school children being older, they get the chance to take part in a lot more things so there will always be a Key Stage 2 bias; however, we will work on this over the next few months and look at ways to introduce some of the things we do in Key Stage 2 into EYFS/Key Stage 1, where appropriate, of course! And, naturally, the newsletter does also give you a taste of things to come!

This week, some of the trustees went on a tour of the opposite school site to the one they are familiar with; the others will be touring next week. They thoroughly enjoyed their tours (always a favourite part of their role) and were incredibly impressed by everything they saw - especially the children's behaviour.

Have a lovely weekend - forecast to be milder than last week's - thankfully!



6S Parents to Lunch Event

On Wednesday, the parents of children in 6M joined us for lunch. It was a great and everyone seemed to really enjoy their lunch. Thank you to our catering team, our midday assistants and Mrs Hall, in the School Office, for organising the event.

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 1

Year 6 Mock SATs Week (1)

Tuesday 21st January

- Careers Fayre for Year 6 (pm)

Wednesday 22nd January

- Parent Workshop - Focus - Strategies to support your child at home in Maths - open to all parents - from EYFS to Year 6 - 7pm - **infant site**

Friday 24th January

- Final payment for Year 4 residential visit to Danbury Park (£71.30) due today please

Key Stage 2 Discos

Don't forget we have our January discos tonight -

Year 3/4: 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Year 5/6: 6.50pm - 8.20pm

Just a reminder that there are refreshments on sale and lots of glow stick goodies too.

Please can I urge you to park on the playground or in the surrounding streets to avoid issues at the front of the school between the two discos. Please also make sure your child knows who they are going home with.

Please make sure children leave mobile phones at home. Thank you.

Before School Clubs - Junior Site

Please can I remind you that clubs start at 7.40am - we have a number of children dropped off every day at 7.30am which is too early. Equally, we have children arrive as late as 8.00am; this is then disruptive for the club leader. Please can I ask you to drop off at 7.40am to ensure the clubs run as smoothly as possible. Thank you.

First Aid Parents' Workshop

The parent workshop on Tuesday evening was a great success with everyone attending finding the session to be very helpful (as well as good fun). Jenni (Safe Hands First Aid) is a brilliant instructor so I was not surprised by the excellent feedback. We also raised £70 for the Parents/Friends Association which is a nice addition to their pot!



Litter Pickers - Key Stage 1

We are very excited to introduce our new Litter Picking Team. The team will work on a rotational basis with an adult to keep our school grounds clear of rubbish, working as a team and promoting the importance of respecting our surroundings. We have been very impressed with their enthusiasm so far.

*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

AIM High Writing Day

On Tuesday, four lucky Year 6 children were invited to attend the AIM High writing day at Brentwood School. The session was led by popular children's author Margaret Bateson-Hill and the children were given a brief to write their own fantasy story. They were then guided by Margaret on how to write a captivating build up to their story concentrating on body actions and senses. The children also had the opportunity to hear about Margaret'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.



St. Luke's Hospice Assembly

On Wednesday, Emily Cox, from St. Luke's Hospice, led an assembly for the children in Key Stage 2, to tell them more about St. Luke's Hospice, the children's chosen charity for 2024/2025. The children listened with great interest and, as usual, had a plentiful supply of questions. So far this academic year, the elf run has raised £2,581 (please don't forget to collect up sponsor money if you have any outstanding) and the Year 5 choir raised £73.99 by carol singing outside the St. Luke's shop in the High Street. A great start to the fundraising year!

Year 5 Road Safety

This week, all of our Year 5 children took part in a Road Safety afternoon, led by Sally Bennett, from Essex Highways. The children went out of school in small groups and along the roads nearby to talk through the dangers and hazards out on the road. It was a really informative session and helped the children to identify the potential hazards, particularly thinking about things that may distract them when walking to or from school, such as music and their mobile phones. Back in class, they also took part in a Road Safety Quiz and Sally led a presentation helping to draw everything from the afternoon together.



Dance in a Day

Today, a group of talented dancers from Year 6 took part in a 'Dance in a Day' workshop. The children worked throughout the day on various dances and then (with a bit of help) created a 'Wicked' themed dance which they performed to Year 5 and 6 as well as their parents at the end of the day. It was a fantastic day, enjoyed by all of the children who took part. A huge 'thank you' goes to Amanda Colbecki, Principal of Bailar Dance, for running the day with her usual amazing enthusiasm and also to the support staff who assisted with supervision during the day.

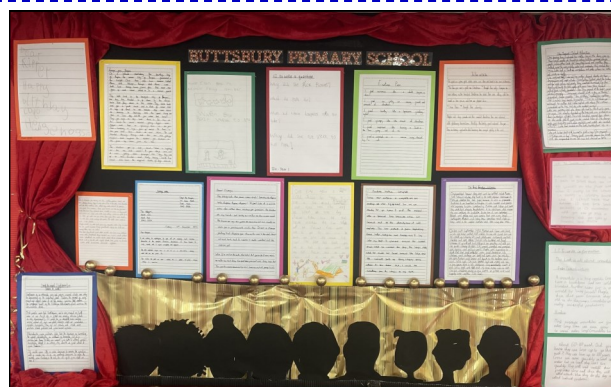
Uniform Reminders

A few uniform reminders for you -

- Footwear - only black shoes are permitted please. During the past two weeks, I've noticed lots of children wearing boots which is not in line with our uniform policy.
- Nail polish is not permitted.
- Hair cuts - these should not be shorter than a Number 2
- Hair accessories - please can they be small and discreet - we seem to have a bit of a fashion for large bows at present - could these be saved for non-uniform days and discos please.

Humankind Café

Some of the Year 6 School Councillors visited the Humankind Café on Tuesday morning to help support the Memory Café which is hosted there on Tuesdays. The children enjoyed interacting with the customers and chatting with lots of different people. I know that they really lifted the spirits of everyone there which is wonderful to hear. Thank you to Mrs Willis and Mrs Felton for taking the children and well done to the children for being such fantastic ambassadors for our school.



Billericay Library Display

I don't think this picture does it justice so you need to go and look in person at this wonderful display of children's work which is in Billericay Library. The display has writing from across the whole age range of Buttsbury Primary School and was created by Mrs Webb and Ms Tutton, the librarians who work in the junior school library. Thank you to Mrs Webb and Ms Tutton for their hard work and to Miss Woollard and Mrs Cattini to for collating the writing.

EYFS/Key Stage 1 Celebrations



Stars of the Week



Out of School Success



Good Manners

PE days next week:

Reception - Tuesday

Year 1 - Wednesday and Friday

Year 2 - Monday and Thursday

Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Albert Amos</i>	<i>Logan Mariner</i>
<i>George Morgan</i>	<i>Diego Tyler-Garcia</i>
<i>Thomas Chandra</i>	<i>Amelia Gabriel West</i>
<i>Frankie Moughton</i>	<i>Summer-Rose Smith</i>
<i>Blair McFadzean</i>	<i>Cody Windsor</i>
<i>Jamie McSharry</i>	<i>Matty Rose</i>
<i>Rhys Povey</i>	<i>Albie Rangecroft</i>
<i>Elizabeth Sheehan</i>	<i>Ziah Hernandez</i>
<i>Chloe McGibbon</i>	<i>Gethin Arentsen</i>
<i>Bobbi Atkinson</i>	<i>Noah Webb</i>
<i>Chloe Pierce</i>	<i>Zachary Arnold</i>
<i>Emily Porter</i>	<i>Maisie Wallis</i>

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

*Emma Booth Teddy Youngs William Astridge
Tommy Smith Mine Emosivbe
Blake Silvester Kaydee Quirk Darcy Baglin
Well done to our writing super stars!*

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

*Zehra Korkmaz Erin Collins Ethan Feeney
Amelie Dorman Ava Meade Joshua Morton
Pippa Daley Leonardo Parente
Well done to our magical mathematicians!*

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

*Aron Cuka Alex Fryd Ella Tennet
Rhian Powell Ava Pardoe
Leah Jackson Harriet Rocks
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

*Archie Coote Patrick Dillon Emily Cullen
Kaiser Thorby-Mead Amy Wells Jasmine Pike
Teddy Soar Ella Tennet Mine Emosivbe*



50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School
Congratulations to **Zach Wooder and Archie Coote** who have completed 10 things!
A very special 'Well Done' to **Amy Wells** who has completed 30 things at home!

Pen Licences

Well done to **Thomas Mason and Leo Campbell** who all received their Pen Licences this week.



Out of School Success

* Well done to Erin Collins (5T) who grew her hair and then donated several centimetres to the Princess Trust to make wigs for children who, sadly, might need one.



* Congratulations to Freya Evans (4H) who passed her primary tap exam with distinction.



* Well done to Kelsie Ridall (4C) who passed her Grade 2 ballet and tap exams with Merit.



Afternoon Tea

This week's afternoon tea was once again a great success. It was great to see the children so proud of their excellent achievements.



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:

**Sophie Warden
Alex Fryd
Dexter Broom
Tanvi Kondapalli**

Tag Rugby

The Year 4 rugby team had the opportunity to represent the school at the Mayflower tournament on Thursday morning. Although this tournament wasn't competitive and was focused on learning and enjoying the sport, the standard was exceptional and there was brilliant play demonstrated by all of the children. Thursday afternoon saw the Year 5 and 6 rugby team take to the field. As with the morning, there was a wonderful demonstration of rugby from all of the Buttsbury children. Our teams came third and fifth respectively and were unlucky to miss out on qualification to the next round by a single point. The teams should be really proud of their effort just as Mr Tweedie is with the performance of both teams. We would like to thank Mrs Lobb, Ms Carson and Mr Nation for supporting the children and, of course, Mr Tweedie, our coach!



This week's attendance figure is: 97.4%!

This year's attendance target is 97.0%.

A special 'Well Done' to Badgers, Kestrels and 6S who all had 100% attendance this week! Congratulations!



Rainbow Awards

Congratulations to this week's **INDIGO** and **BLUE** award recipients:

Preston Mills-Martin

Dara Omosebi

Congratulations to this week's **GREEN** award recipients:

Rory Buckle
Jude Cavanagh
Noah Dias
Harry Tungate

Ava Meade
Teddy Soar
Alfie Field
Malachi Kwanzambi

Alfie Moclair
Dhruv Patel
Rhys Povey
Frederick Solomons

Jack Campkin
Teddy Chapman
Ruben Skehill
Violet Costello

Zachary Mason-
Bauckham
Blair McFadzean

Leonardo Parente
Bradley Bloomfield

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

Summer Aronson
Maisie Doyle
Rosie Hadassi
Joseph Borg
Jamie Holmes
Eloise Mills
Elizabeth Moody
James Natusch
Felix Plummer
Miller Rutledge
Ember Wood
Jamie Baker
Theo Barnes
Ellena Boulwood
Amber Branch
Sophia Christofi
Theo Clifford
Lola Cohen
Austin Ellis
Leya Isikgun
Amber Jobbins
Thomas Mason
Jonny McConnell
Mollie Parker
Jude Phillips
Zach Phillips
Harry Shipway
Darcy Shorey

Eduardo Chambers
Thomas Chandra
Fred Cronjaeger
Alexander Fryd
Sophie Moore
George Morgan
Eione Phillips
Alex Pierce
James Rowley
Bobby Rowling
Bodhi Seabrook
Teddy Thomas
Max Wilson
Teddy Youngs
Bonnie Atkinson-
Lassman
Rory Coshell
Mahi Dalal
Jacob Dyer
David McConnell
Evie Prudom
Sophia Rusu
Amber Sargant
William Stafford
George Boyer
Marcel Hernandez
Amelia Hewitt
Jamie McSharry

Nellie Amos
Harry Baker
Aaron Barnes
Laurel Beaumont
Freddie Beckwith
Alannah Cronin
Miles Daniels
Henry Dean
Ruby Ellis
Jasmine Faris
Hetty Fearn
Cameron Grindrod
Oliver Mumford
Georgina Mason
Eloise Higdon
Nancy Jack
James Lyons
Ryan Martin
Johnny McQueen
Ruby Price
Albert Sullivan
Oliver Townsend
Charlie Vail
Samuel Watson
Zara Wakerly
Amelia Walton
Darcy Baglin
Chloe Berry

Poppy Bolt-
Emerson
Ben Ferris
Henry Fuller
Mariah Hands
Amelia Hudson
Elsie Ive
Avijith Kottapalli
April Marsh
Lola Obergan
Finley Pike
Rhian Powell
Michael Reason
Blake Silvester
Jack Tribe
Alessia Tutuianu
Harrison Wooder
Taylor Gibson
Kaiser Thorby-
Mead
Elizabeth Sheehan
Isla Sanders
Alfie Smallman
David Timperon
Conchobhar Veats
Poppy Walsh
Heath Tanner
Rosie Taylor

Oliver Baker
Jemima Broom
Flo Cable
Jake Cannon
Mia Dixon
Freya Evans
Faith Fenton
Henry Glover
Willow Harmer
Ayda Kemal
Sophie Mackenzie
Amelia Maloney
Albie McCarthy
Finley Paton
Jessica Pilka
Olivia Tait
Archie Thomas
Alfie Thompson
Elliot Warman
Scarlett Welch
Charlie Wood
Thea Robbshaw
Blaine Mountford
Maggie Dear
Henry Smith
Maddie Wallis
Callum Ovel

Mikael Ali Khan
Alfie Asfour
Rory Atkinson
Iris Balkwill
Oscar Beckwith
Rhys Carey
Vinnny Cater
Bluebell Cole
Florence Costello
Freya Dormer
Emel Enver
Anyia Farley
Julio Ferreira Melo
Elodie Wang Gao
Poppy Goring
Benedict Iweka
Dougie Kerr
Esmee Lazell
Amelia Mangan
Joshua McCarthy
Vivaan Mukherji
Eni Omopariola
Hope O'Sullivan
Lola Prior
Jessica Reeves
Kelsie Ridall
Maddie Stower

Girls' Football

Brentwood Prep 0 - 3 Buttsbury Primary School

On Thursday afternoon, the girls' football team competed in the quarter finals of the Essex Under 11's Cup. The game started off in frantic fashion with both teams zipping the ball around and fully committing to tackles but it didn't take long before Buttsbury found a breakthrough when Alannah scored her first. This kicked the girls on further to keep attacking, resulting in Ella scoring a Thierry Henry style goal, coming in off the left wing to curl the ball into the bottom right-hand corner. During the second half, the intensity did calm down, but Buttsbury were always in control with multiple chances whistling past the post. The game was finally put to bed when Alannah scored her second of the game. It was another fantastic performance from the girls and progression in the cup.

Thank you parents for your continued support!



Sports Equipment Donation from Douglas Allen

We recently submitted a bid to Douglas Allen estate agents, as part of their 'Get Moving' campaign. I am delighted to share the news that we were awarded £750 to spend on sports equipment across the two sites. We had great fun choosing all the equipment, which was presented today by Rob Wade, Assistant Operations Manager and Bradley Hanness, manager of the Billericay Branch of Douglas Allen. Needless to say, the children were very excited to see all the new equipment and can't wait to try it out! Thank you to Douglas Allen for this generous donation.



Reading Challenges - Key Stage 2

We would love every child at Buttsbury to attempt their reading challenges over the course of this year.

In order to receive their award, the children need to read books from each genre - one from each for Bronze, two for Silver and three for Gold. We also have a special Platinum Award for children who read five books in each genre.

These lists are frequently updated by the Book Trust and below are links that match our reading challenge themes to help you pick new stories to begin!

Animals:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/a/animal-stories-for-older-readers-childrens/>

Mystery:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/d/detectives-childrens/>

Adventure/Action:

Year 3/4 - <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/a/adventure-books-5-8/>

Year 5/6 <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/a/adventure-books-9-12/>

Stories with a hero/heroine:

Year 3/4 - <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/s/superhero5-8/>

Year 5/6 - <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/s/superhero-9-12/>

Historical:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/bookfinder-results/#!?cat=2576,71827&sortOption=Relevance&pageNo=1&pageSize=8>

Fantasy:

Year 3/4 - <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/m/magic-bc-5-8/>

Year 5/6 - <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/m/magic-bc-9-12/>

Humour:

Year 3/4 - <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/f/funny-books-childrens-book-trust/>

Year 5/6 - <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/f/funny-book-older-children/>

The children's Reading Challenge sheet is at the back of their English Homework Book.

