

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Exciting news in terms of Buttsbury Primary School - the new website is almost ready to be launched! I did hope it would be ready today but there's a slight delay sadly. Thank you very much to Mrs Byfield, Office Manager, junior site, who has spent hours uploading the new content as it couldn't all transferred across and to the admin team members who assisted. We hope you like the new site - hopefully, you'll get to see it next week! There are still some areas we need to merge, e.g. the curriculum documents but we want to do this progressively so the documents are accurate and truly reflective of our practice. This week, all the teachers attended a Science moderation meeting at Brightside Primary School, alongside teachers from the other schools in Billericay. It was great for them to be able to network with colleagues and also share good practice and pick up a few tips at the same time! As you'll see from this newsletter, the children in all key stages have been very busy - it's good job it's the weekend and time to relax!



**Mock SATs Week 1**

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.

**Out of School Success  
EYFS and Key Stage 1**

We have changed the day of the infant Celebration Assembly to Thursdays for logistical reasons. If your child has an 'Out of School Success' that they would like to celebrate, please can you send in medals, certificates etc, on Thursdays rather than Fridays.

**Key Stage 2**

Please send me a short email with the email header - 'Out of School Success - Child's Name - Class' and a photo if you would like one included. My email address is: head@buttsbury-jun.essex.sch.uk Please can I have emails by 1.00pm on Thursdays.

**Parent Workshop - White Rose Maths**

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us on Wednesday evening - it was great to see so many of you! I hope that you found the information that was shared to be helpful and that it has given you some ideas to try out at home. Thank you to all the teachers who assisted with the planning and delivery of the workshop. If you were unable to join us, the slides are on the school's website, in the 'Handouts' section.

**Next Week's Diary Dates**

School Dinners - Week 2

Assessment Week for Years 3, 4 and 5

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January

- Willow Sharing Assembly at 9.00am

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January

- Elm Sharing Assembly at 9.00am
- SEND Drop Ins - 2.30pm onwards - infant site - please call 01277 622821 or email Mrs Tracey tracey@buttsbury-inf.essex.sch.uk to book

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

- Oak Sharing Assembly at 9.00am
- Bingo Night - Junior School site - 7.00pm for 7.30pm start
- Year 4 Bread Making morning - 9.00am start

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January

- Birch Sharing Assembly at 9.00am

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January

- Year 6 Giant Sleepover - 7.00pm drop off; 9.30am collection on Saturday

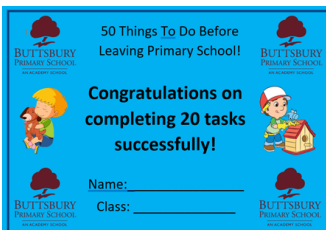
**Parents and Friends Association (PFA)**

Ahead of a formal amalgamation, the Parents Association (infant school) and the Friends Association (junior school) have informally joined to create the Parents and Friends Association (PFA). They hope to combine officially in September. All of the events for the children will still go ahead but we are making one change - in the summer, we are only going to have one fete - which will be the Bonanza on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June, from 12.00pm - 3.00pm, on the junior site. Therefore, the Strawberry Fayre which was planned for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June won't take place. However, fear not, as more fun is planned, as we hope to hold an inflatables event on the infant site, for all the children and parents, in early June. Details to follow!

**50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School Launch**

We are about to launch an exciting activity booklet for every child to complete as they progress through primary school. The junior children have been doing this for some time; now it's time to invite the infant children to take part too. The booklet contains 50 activities that the children can complete either in or out of school. These tasks may be easy and some maybe a little more challenging. When the children have completed each task they must provide photo evidence to show their class teacher. The class teacher will then sign and date the booklet and award the child with a gold star. There will be coloured certificates awarded for every 10, 20, 30 and 40 stars earned. If the child completes ALL 50 tasks then they will earn themselves a GOLD certificate and a non-uniform day for themselves and a friend!!

We look forward to seeing who can achieve all 50 challenges! Good luck everyone!

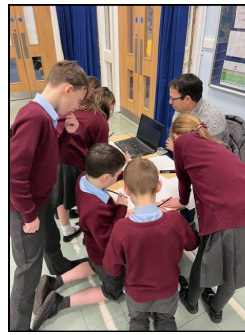


*'Maximum Effort for  
Maximum Achievement'*



### **School Discos**

Thank you very much to the parents and staff who helped at the school discos on Friday - they were great fun and the Skittleman, as ever, ensured that everyone had a wonderful time. We raised £1,375.23 which is amazing!



### **Careers Festival**

On Tuesday afternoon, we hosted our annual Careers Festival where we invited parents and members of the local community in to school to share with Year 6 some of the opportunities that are available to them in the world of work.

The children were inspired and had a fantastic afternoon visiting the range of different stalls that were on offer to them. Something that was really encouraging to see was the children's ability to link what they've learnt in school, such as ratios and how sound travels, to the different professions. Thank you to all of the volunteers for making the event so successful.



### **Chocolate Tub Recycling for Macmillan Cancer Support**

Thank you for sending in your empty chocolate tubs - our School Councils have managed to collect 192 tubs which is amazing! Well done and thank you to Mrs Wilson for organising the collection.



### **International Schools' Award**

On Monday afternoon, Mr Graves and Miss Hall had the exciting opportunity of representing the school at the Houses of Parliament. The school was invited to attend the British Council's International Schools Award ceremony after being awarded the Accredited International Schools' Award in recognition of the opportunities and education that our children receive in relation to global education. Whilst at the ceremony, Mr Graves and Miss Hall were congratulated by Richard Holden, MP for Basildon and Billericay, who was very keen to find out about our work, particularly our links with Ciamanda School, Kenya.

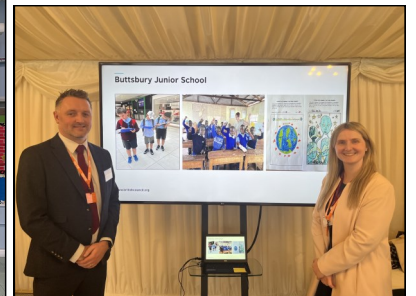


### **Buddy Boot Camp**

This afternoon, Year 4 were lucky enough to take part in Buddy Boot Camp sessions. Each class needed to listen carefully to instructions, work well as a team and communicate effectively. The tasks were lots of fun and everyone had a great time! Our boot camp leader was particularly encouraging and supportive to all our children and everyone felt like they had really achieved something.

### **Billericay Community Trust (BCT) Pupil Voice Sustainability Project**

On Monday morning, we hosted the BCT Pupil Voice event, an opportunity for children from across the schools in Billericay to come together and work on a joint project. This time around the focus was on sustainability and how we as schools can work together to improve the green credentials of each of our schools. We were represented by two of our Year 5 children alongside two of our children from Year 2. The children offered lots of ideas to the other schools and reflected on what else we could do to be more sustainable.



### **Special Lunchtime Visitors**

On Monday, we were joined for lunch by PCSO Lauren Bryant and PCSO Mark Webster. Mark and Lauren join us for lunch every few weeks as part of their community support work; they then listen to some children read. The children love their visits from the police - their next visit is scheduled for the infant site - I am sure the younger children will be just as excited to spend time with police officers as their slightly-older peers.





## EYFS/Key Stage 1 Celebrations



Year 2  
'Stars of the Week'  
Left



Reception  
'Stars of the Week'  
Below



Year 1  
'Stars of the Week'  
Above

Out of School Success -  
above  
Good Manners Award - right



**Thank you!**  
Thank you very much to the Parents' Association for kindly providing the funds for new horseshoe tables in EYFS. The new tables make it much easier to deliver the adult-led activities within the classroom.



**Reception coastguard visit**  
In Reception this half term, the children are finding out about the superheroes that live in their local community. In order to bring the learning to life they have been having visits from a range of 'superheroes' starting this Friday with a visit from a coastguard from Southend. Terry told the children about why the coastguard service began and shared some of the adventures he has had whilst supporting this vital emergency service.  
The children enjoyed listening and asking him a range of questions. There are also plans for visits from a firefighter, a paramedic and a pharmacist!



# Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Sophia Christofi</i>	<i>Amber Jobbins</i>
<i>Darcy Shorey</i>	<i>Violet Costello</i>
<i>Callum Horton</i>	<i>Amber Sargant</i>
<i>Chloe Pickering</i>	<i>Sophia Keys</i>
<i>Amelie Moore</i>	<i>Abi Walker</i>
<i>Anna Weddell</i>	<i>Felix Duncan</i>
<i>Noah Dias</i>	<i>Joey Purkiss</i>
<i>Vivaan Mukherji</i>	<i>Emel Enver</i>
<i>Alfie Asfour</i>	<i>Jemima Broom</i>
<i>Henry Glover</i>	<i>Albie McCarthy</i>
<i>Harry Baker</i>	<i>Samuel Watson</i>
<i>Lauren Crook</i>	

50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School  
 Congratulations to **Vihaan Aggarwal** and **Rory Hearmon** who have completed **10** things!  
 A very special 'Well Done' to **Archie Cooto** who has completed **20** things at home!

Pen Licences  
 Well done to **Lydia Rhobat, Amelie Dorman, Jonny McConnell, Theo Barnes, Luke Pickering, Alfie Smallman, Vira Fedorova** and **Isabel Shearwood** who all received their Pen Licences this week.



Out of School Success

- \* Well done to **Olivia Mallett (3BW)** who competed in her second dance competition last weekend and came **3<sup>rd</sup>** place in her solo tap dance and **2<sup>nd</sup>** place in her solo lyrical dance.
- \* Congratulations to **Zachary Webster (4LW)** who was awarded Man of the Match on Sunday by his manager at Pery Street Blacks.
- \* Well done to **George Day (3M)** who was awarded the Player of the Match on Saturday after his team won 3-0.
- \* Congratulations to **Leah Jackson (3BW)** who has passed Stage 7 in her swimming with Elites, and has now moved up to the Bronze Pre-Club level.



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

*Jude Phillips Elliana Wilkins Jack Campkin  
 Sophia Buffoni Miller Rutledge Hetty Fearn  
 Marley Dowling Oscar Beckwith  
 Well done to our writing super stars!*



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

*George Bradley Amy Clarke Ayda Kemal  
 Isabella Davies Felix Plummer  
 Chloe Pickering Amelia Mangan  
 Jemima Broom Ruby Warren-Gunn  
 Well done to our magical mathematicians!*



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

*Mollie Parker Florence Barrett Nellie Amos  
 Masooma Ibrahimí Ben McIlquham  
 Summer Tait Rory Buckley Teddy Chapman  
 Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

*This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:*

*Elliot Warman Louie Garwood Louie Parnell  
 Felix Duncan Archie Thomas  
 Amelie Moore Henry Dean*



Afternoon Tea

The children excitedly made their way to the Staff Room for this week's afternoon tea and eagerly tucked into their treats of mini-doughnuts, muffins and chocolate biscuits.

## 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:

**Luke Pickering  
 Vinny Cater  
 Lola Prior  
 Sophie Moore  
 Jasmine Pike**



*This week's attendance figure is: 96.7 %!*

*This year's attendance target is 97.0%.*

A special 'Well Done' to Class 3BW who had the highest attendance this week - 99.4%! Congratulations!





# Rainbow Awards



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

Clodagh O'Hara      Yasmin Salter      Bobbi Atkinson

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

Matty Rose      Masooma Ibrahimji      Leif Emanuel-Francis      Vince Drury      Albie Rangecroft      Jacob Ovel  
Ziah Hernandez      Josh Hale

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

Sophie Warden Zachary Webster Emily Wilkinson Ryan Challand Violet Toll Ewan Muller Harry Brooks Louie Dixon Jacqueline Fulker Arlo Spencer-Nimmo	Isla Bloomfield Elodie Greenhalgh Lola Hurry Arabella Cranfield Rory Buckley Ava Pardoe Vihaan Aggarwal Oliver Allchurch Vira Fedorova Isobel James	Ella Tennet Callie Beadon Summer-Rose Smith Olivia Taylor Erin Collins Ethan Rae Lara Austin Mollie Hughes Grace Ivimy Hannah Sijo	Lucas Brousse Austin Ellis Layla Faris Violet Mills Olivia Murley Elliot Bacchus Peony Harlow Emily Lycett Olivia Mallett Daisy Moughton	Jasper Jenkins Isabelle Neathercoat Ariana Lazell Isabel Shearwood Amy Wells George Willis Zach Wooder Edward Turner Harry Mann Sophie Sinnott	Harry Ekers Peter Fallouh Maxwell Green Jorgie Jackson Sienna Kareer Sophia Keys Jamie Rocks Emily O'Keefe Louie Parnell
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## Edmund Carr Cross Country



### Cross-Country Report

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, runners from our Year 4, 5 and 6 cross country squad competed in the third league race of the Edmund Carr Cross Country series at Hylands Park. Heavy rain and cold weather created our toughest conditions yet this season. However, our squad rallied round and didn't let the rain dampen their spirits! Each runner showed great teamwork and perseverance. Top 10 individual successes came from Jude Philips (placing an impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> place again to secure a bronze medal in the Yr 4 Boys, Eloise Mills (4<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Girls) and Elizabeth Moody (7<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Girls). Every member of the team were a true credit to the school as always and both Mr Nation and Mrs Lee were very proud of them. The Year 4 girls deserve a special mention for showing true resilience after an eventful start! Well done team!

Hopefully our next race will be in more favourable conditions.

A very big thank you to Mrs Lee, Mr Nation and Mrs Paton for their support with the cross-country team. Last, but not least, a very big thank you to the parents who helped with transport and cheered our runners on in the rain.