

I think the highlight of the week had to be our Enterprise Morning! The children had spent a lot of time planning their games and activities and, I could tell how excited they were to get started as half the school was lined up on the playground, ready to lead in, five minutes before the end of break! The whole school was a hive of activity - The Apprentice, eat your heart out - and the buzz of excitement literally filled the school! What a super event!

### School Games Platinum Mark

Yesterday, we received some very exciting news - our application for the School Games Platinum Mark has been approved so we have been awarded the prestigious **PLATINUM MARK** for the **FOURTH** time! The award not only reflects our success competitively but also focuses heavily on participation in sport, particularly in extra-curricular clubs. I would like to congratulate our children on their wonderful commitment to sport, whether that be during PE lessons, whilst attending a club or as a member of a school team or House team. I would also like to thank our parents for encouraging their children to get involved in the sporting side of school life and the teachers and sports coaches for organising competitions, cheering on our teams and leading clubs.

### Staff Vacancies - Buttsbury Infant School

Buttsbury Infant School has a vacancy for a part-time Teaching Assistant, based in Early Years Foundation Stage, initially. The role is Wednesday - Friday, 8.30am - 3.20pm with one hour for lunch.

There is also a vacancy for an Assistant Cook at Buttsbury Infant School, Monday - Friday, 9.15am - 2.00pm

If you are interested in either role, please contact the Infant School Office - 01277 622821 or [admin@buttsbury-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@buttsbury-inf.essex.sch.uk) for further details. Both roles are from September.

### Celebration Evening

Please join us for our Celebration Evening on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 your 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.

### Next Week's Diary Dates

#### School Dinners - Week 2

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July

- Sports Day - Year 3/4 - 9.15am; Year 5/6 - 1.15pm
- County Cricket finals

#### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

- District Sports at Billericay School
- Celebration Evening - 6pm - 8pm

#### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

- Reserve Sports Day
- County Swimming Finals pm - Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 teams competing

#### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

- Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 meet their new teacher - 11.00am - 12.00pm

### Date Reminders

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Play - (1.45pm - Cast A) and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July - (7.00pm - Cast B)
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July - Wacky Hair Day
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers' Disco - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 9.30am
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term - Year 6 Leavers' Parade at 3.30pm

### Sports Day - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July

#### Years 3 and 4 - 9.15am start

#### Years 5 and 6 - 1.15pm start

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. If the weather is likely to be hot, it is advisable to apply sun cream before school. Parents, friends and family are invited to come along and watch. 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 stay OUTSIDE the track throughout the events.**

**Please note that, for safeguarding reasons, photography is not permitted at either event.**

Please also note that, if you need to leave early, you will need to contact a member of staff as all the gates will be locked. Thank you.

### All Change!

Yesterday morning, 96 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!

*'Maximum Effort for  
Maximum Achievement'*

# Celebration Assembly

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

Jeremiah Hernandez	Ruby Hill
Isla Sanders	Luke Richardson
Bonnie Atkinson-Lassman	Jacob Dyer
Jasper Wood	Harry Ekers
Edie Buick	Bluebell Cole
Alfie Asfour	Thea Jones
Joey Purkiss	Violet Mills
Elliot Warman	Florence Cable
Amelia Maloney	Eni Omopariola
James Lyons	Samuel Hall
Oliver Mumford	Dexter Broom
Ember Wood	Amy Clarke

## Schools Ministry Assembly

On Monday, we welcomed Sally and Sue from Schools' Ministry, who led us in an assembly all about trust. They started by setting up an obstacle course at the front of the hall and, after blindfolding one volunteer, asked another to then guide them through the course.

They then followed with the story of Abraham and his wife Sarah, from the Old Testament, and how Abraham put his trust in God when instructed to leave his home and travel to Canaan, the Promised Land.

We finished by also thinking about trusting ourselves and others when making big changes, such as moving into our new classes or onto our new schools.

Thank you to Sally and Sue for leading us in such a thoughtful assembly



## Lost Property

Sadly, the pile is still growing - PE tops have been the main addition this week which could prove problematic for Sports Day on Monday!

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

Rory Atkinson Callum Horton Violet Toll  
Harry Shipway Oliver Wilson  
Felix Halder Archie Williams

*Well done to our writing super stars!*



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

Albie McCarthy Cameron Grindrod Miles Daniels  
James Lyons Freya Dormer Ayda Kemal  
Arabella Cranfield Lucas Brousse Nancy Jack

*Well done to our magical mathematicians!*

## Afternoon Tea

Our final afternoon tea of 2023/2024 was today and we welcomed children who had missed out on their slot, for various reasons. It was a lovely way to end the week as we had a super mix of children who were confident in sharing their work and enjoyed chatting away too!

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

Conchobar Veats Callum Lewis Rosie Taylor  
William McLellan Noah Dias Freya Evans  
Albert Sullivan Ava Catchpole

*Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

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

Alfie Smallman Georgina Mason Anna Weddell  
Oscar Farley Francesca Brown  
Sophie Mackenzie Poppy Goring  
Jorgie Jackson Samuel Hall

## 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:

Chloe McGibbon  
Callum Lewis  
Matthew Hughes  
Oliver Hughes  
Summer McMahon Aronson



*This week's attendance figure is: 97.5 %!*

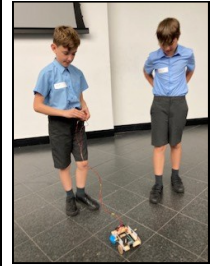
*This year's attendance target is 97.0%.*

A special 'Well Done' to Class 5T who had the highest attendance this week - 99.1%! Congratulations!



### Pupil Voice Event

On Monday morning, Laurel Beaumont and Abi Walker, from our Eco Team, were representatives for Buttsbury Junior School at the BCT Sustainability Pupil Voice Event which was attended by nine schools from across Bllericay. The aim of the event was to use the power of pupil voice to develop and improve our green practices, making our schools as sustainable as possible. The girls shared our achievements so far and started to magpie ideas from the other schools about actions we could implement in the future. The girls were fabulous ambassadors for BJS and can't wait to share their new ideas with the rest of the Eco-Team.



### Ford Engineering Project

On Tuesday, Daniel Thomas, Sam McFeely, Joe Hussey and Zach Chambers attended the Ford Primary Engineering Project in which many schools participated. Mr Tweedie had helped to prepare them, in order to design and make a buggy that travelled in a straight line and up and down a ramp. The children designed, tested and evaluated their buggy ready for the day. The team demonstrated excellent communication and teamwork - listening and talking with each other about their ideas. We were very proud of how they worked and how they represented Buttsbury Junior School. We would like to thank Mr Bickerstaff who accompanied us and arranged a Ford vehicle for our transport. Thank you also to Mr Redmill who accompanied the children, stepping in for Mr Tweedie, who was in France with Year 5.

### Book Fair

We were lucky enough to have had an extremely good value book fair at school today. Phil Isles works hard to secure a wonderful variety of books to offer for sale at very reasonable prices. It was lovely to see our children take their time selecting books they are interested in reading. In addition, as a result of today's purchases, the commission has allowed us to replenish a fantastic number of books in our class libraries.

Thank you so much to everyone who sent money in with their children to purchase books for them to enjoy reading, you have also contributed to the reading opportunities we offer the children in our school. The Book Fair is on after school today too if you'd like to pop in. We look forward to welcoming the book fair back again next academic year! Thank you to Mrs Cattini for organising the fair.



### Euro 2024 Fantasy Football

Football fever has gripped the upper school with the children in Year 5 and 6 battling it out to be top of the pile in the BJS Euro 2024 Fantasy Football. Working within a budget, children had to pick a team from each group to support and try and accumulate points for them. Children score points for a win, draw and per goal they score; points are lost for losses, goals conceded and red cards. A lot of children put their hopes and dreams in the hands of the home nations; at this point, it doesn't look likely that they will be bringing it home!

At the end of the group stages the top 3 are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Ryan Martin (5R) - 106 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ruby Warren-Gunn (5R) - 101 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Bonnie Atkinson-Lassman (5B) - 93 points

The children are excitedly looking forward to the next stages.



### Girls' Cricket

Thursday evening and the sun slowly baked the fields of Buttsbury for our Girls' Dynamos Cricket match against South Green. The girls had worked really hard in trials and training and showed great enthusiasm for a sport relatively new to most. Buttsbury won the toss and elected to bat first. Our opening pair started with great vim and vigour, trying to score runs quickly by taking to the fielders. This set the tone and the following pairs tried really hard to keep this pace up and protect their wickets, with the last over producing some wonderfully strong hitting. In reply, all our girls bowled really well, showing great control of over-arm bowling.

Unfortunately, they had a couple of big hitters and we couldn't take the wickets needed to restrict them. Despite the result, our team played fantastically and showed wonderful determination and resilience.



### Modroc

On Thursday morning, Year 5 spent the morning in the hall working on their modroc sculptures. The children have been learning about Edgar Degas, a French Impressionist artist, who was famous for his sculpture of ballerinas in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The children have designed their own sculptures in a position linked to a sport that is significant to them, such as gymnastics, football and swimming. We look forward to sharing our final outcomes with you at Celebration Evening.

## Rainbow Awards

Congratulations to this week's **BLUE** award recipient:

Mia Dixon

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

James Wright

Benedict Iweka

Chey Henry

They have earned themselves a Non-Uniform Day on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** -

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

Sophie Moore  
Bella Salmon

Chloe McGibbon  
Frankie Stapleton

Rhys Carey  
Lewis Eggleton

Francis Bailey  
Oliver Sutton

Congratulations to this week's **SILVER Pot of Gold** winners:

Summer-Rose Smith  
Noah Dias  
Daniel Blyth-Tancock  
Charlie Cooper  
Scarlett Welch  
Larry Mitchell

Thomas Chandra  
Kelsie Ridall  
Max Boulwood  
Rosa Stafford  
Amy Clarke  
Miller Rutledge

Joey Purkiss  
Zaiden Baker  
Chloe Bowdidge  
Scarlett Stone  
Alex Drew  
Phoenix Gough

Hope O'Sullivan  
Thomas Bennett  
Zach Chambers  
Oliver Thorpe  
Louie Garwood  
Isabelle Warden

A super HUGE 'Well Done' to this week's **GOLD Pot of Gold** recipients who have successfully navigated their way through the whole rainbow to reach the final Pot of Gold:

Lara Austin  
Grace Ivimy  
Megan Shipton  
Theo Clifford  
Jonny McConnell  
Heath Tanner  
Archie Thomas  
Dylan Knowler  
Holly Lague  
Florence Cable  
Ryan Challand  
Amelie Moore  
Jack Wilkinson

Elliot Bacchus  
Perdie Noble  
Blake Silvester  
Francesca Howe  
Summer McMahon Aronson  
Emily Wilkinson  
Nancy Dormer  
Grace Pierce  
Alfie Smallman  
Jude Phillips  
Isla Craswell  
Harley Phillips  
Ember Wood

Amelia Gabriel West  
Finley Pike  
Koen Stephens  
Ayda Kemal  
Sophie Warden  
Izzy Hadassi  
William Smith  
Oscar Beckwith  
Joseph Borg  
Jamie Holmes  
Abi Walker  
James Ivimy

Avijith Kottapalli  
Lizzy Sheehan  
Mikael Ali Khan  
Ariana Lazell  
Isla Sanders  
Conchobar Veats  
Joe Hussey  
Sofia Tseng  
Alfie Asfour  
Dexter Broom  
Elizabeth Moody  
Anna Weddell  
Sam McFeely



### Enterprise Morning

On Wednesday, we held our annual enterprise morning where the children turned into entrepreneurs to try and generate money from a £5 start up. This year, all classes had a similar trail of thought and it felt as though the whole school had been converted into a funfair: there were Nerf gun shooting alleys, hook-a-duck, hoopla, bowling, crazy golf, cup pong, guess the name of the teddy and what's in the box to name just a few of the games. Smiles and laughter filled the corridors as the children went from class to class with handfuls of prizes. This year we raised a massive £1,712! The top 3 individual classes were 4M with £143.27, 4LM £190.20 and 6P with £256.30.

Thank you for your support. All of the money generated will be donated to the children's chosen charity of Cancer Research UK.



### School Development Plan 2024/2025

On Wednesday, the staff from Buttsbury Infant School and Buttsbury Junior School spent the evening, alongside the Trustees/Governors of each school, working together to reflect on progress, across both schools, since September 2023. It was the first time the two schools have worked together in this way but, with the schools so closely aligned and an amalgamation proposed, it felt the natural thing to do. It was wonderful to see so many stakeholders working together, chatting informally about what's good about our schools and how we can make them even better!

During the evening, we considered areas to develop which will be included in our new, joint School Development Plan.

We have also incorporated the main ideas suggested by children, parents and staff, 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, once again, not been able to incorporate the top suggestion from the children - a swimming pool - due to issues of space and funding! However, with it being an increasingly popular suggestion (50 children this year) and me being a keen swimmer, I am going to explore this - it could be a Robinson legacy - as you know, I do like a challenge!

I would like to say a special word of thanks to Helen Little (our Catering Manager) and Tracy Burrett (BIS Catering Manager) for preparing the delicious refreshments. 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.

### Une journée en France

On Tuesday, our Year 5 children went to France for the day to embed their linguistic skills, experience the French culture first-hand and have a lovely time at Blériot Beach, just outside Calais. It was an amazing day which definitely made the early start (we left at 6.15am) worthwhile. The children had a wonderful time chatting to shopkeepers in Cité Europe and getting to grips with using euros when purchasing bits and pieces to either bring home or enjoy with their lunch.

The weather was amazing too - bright sunshine - so much so, that we really did not want to come home - it was quite a challenge to get all the children (and adults) to come in from paddling!

Thank you very much to all the staff and parent helpers who came on the visit and I would also like to thank my husband for chauffeuring me on the pre-visit in April - the weather was bleak and cold - and it was not much fun! Thankfully, we had a magnificent day this week so it was all worthwhile!



### Out of School Success

- \* Well done to Willow Harmer (3P) who won a medal at her Brownies' Olympic Day, for the best flip flop throwing.
- \* Congratulations to all the girls who took part in the Bailar Dance Show last weekend - I was lucky enough to be able to attend on Saturday evening (with Mrs Cheesman) - we were so impressed by the amazing dancing that we saw. As a complete non-dancer, I was also astounded by how the children remembered all the different moves in so many varied numbers! Awesome!
- \* Well done to Ruby Warren-Gunn (5R) whose U10 football team FC Evolution won the Intersport U10 tournament on Sunday.
- \* Well done to Will Williams, Carter Lewis, Henry Fuller, George Morgan and Max Wilson (all Year 4) who won their football tournament on Sunday at Billericay FC.
- \* Congratulations to Dominic Senior (3BW) who has achieved his water skills Level 6 badge in swimming.
- \* A particular 'well done' to Ruben Skehill (3P) who won the ADCC English Jiu-Jitsu championships during the weekend, submitting all his opponents which is an outstanding achievement on such a high platform. Ruben is becoming very well-known across the country and known for representing children with ADHD and Autism. We hope Ruben's success will encourage other children with disabilities, hidden disabilities or not.
- \* Congratulations to Lewis Eggleton (3W) got through to the semi-finals with his football team in his first-ever tournament last weekend.
- \* Well done to Kelsie Ridall (3W) who recently passed exams in - ballet, acro, musical theatre, freestyle and modern theatre!



### Pen Licences

Well done to Jennifer McSharry who received her Pen Licence this week.

