

On Monday, we hosted a writing moderation meeting for all the teachers at schools across Billericay, including some secondary school colleagues as well. It provided a wonderful opportunity for teachers to compare children's work and ensure there is consistency in judgements. On Wednesday, we welcomed a Local Authority writing moderator into school - like most of the other schools in Billericay, we had been selected for external moderation of our Year 6 writing. It was a very stressful day for the Year 6 team, ably assisted by members of the Senior Leadership Team, but, it went very well and we received very positive feedback about how well we know our children and their abilities. Well done Year 6!

Fathers' Day Sales

Thank you for supporting the sales - we are pleased to announce that we raised £992.07 which is amazing! Thank you again to the Friends' Association for organising the event and to all the parents and staff that helped on the day with the sales themselves.

Summer Bonanza

Saturday 29th June: 1pm - 3pm

This is the BIGGEST Friends' Association event of the year which is always great fun and raises a huge amount of money for the school. Please do come along on the day and be as generous as you can! The Year 6, Skittleman and I will be going into the 'deadly cage' to get pelted with buckets of very cold water so that's worth spending some money on at least — a chance for the children to take their revenge on me after all the hose attacks they have 'endured'. We also still need lots of volunteers to help on the various stalls - please contact a member of the Friends' Association if you can help -
Helenbuttsburyfa@outlook.com
clairebuttsburyfa@gmail.com or
noemibuttsburyfa@outlook.com.

Celebration Evening

Please join us for our Celebration Evening on Wednesday 3rd 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 1

Saturday 22nd June

- Strawberry Fayre - Buttsbury Infant School - 12.00pm - 2.30pm

Monday 24th June

- Year 5 parents to hand in passports - on the playground - to class teachers

Tuesday 25th June

- Year 5 day trip to France - please arrive at 6.15am and go straight to coaches, ready for a prompt departure at 6.30am

Wednesday 26th June

- Enterprise Morning

Thursday 27th June

- Mayflower Induction Day
- New Year 3 (current Year 2) to visit

Friday 28th June

- Book Fair in the Computer Suite - throughout the day and after school

Saturday 29th June

- Summer Bonanza - 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Date Reminders

- Monday 1st July - Sports Day - Year 3/4 - 9.15am; Year 5/6 - 1.15pm
- Wednesday 3rd July - Celebration Evening - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
- Tuesday 9th July - Year 6 Play - (1.45pm - Cast A) and Wednesday 10th July - (7.00pm - Cast B)
- Friday 12th July - Wacky Hair Day
- Monday 15th July - Year 6 Leavers' Disco - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
- Thursday 18th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 9.30am
- Friday 19th July - Last day of term - Year 6 Leavers' Parade at 3.30pm

Sports Day - Monday 1st 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.

Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Oliver Stephens</i>	<i>Emilio Gallone</i>
<i>Alex Pierce</i>	<i>Archie Alderton</i>
<i>Arun Sawhney</i>	<i>Daisy Mumford</i>
<i>Connie Rumsey</i>	<i>Betsy Burcombe</i>
<i>Sophia Anderson</i>	<i>Zac Eggleton</i>
<i>Eva Moughton</i>	<i>Frankie Trott</i>
<i>Callie Beadon</i>	<i>Amelie Doyle</i>
<i>Ben Ferris</i>	<i>Kaydee Quirk</i>
<i>Jack Tribe</i>	<i>Bella Salmon</i>
<i>Nathan Hawes</i>	<i>Frankie Stapleton</i>
<i>James Knowler</i>	<i>Poppy Briggs</i>
<i>Henry Chandra</i>	

Non-Uniform Day
Thank you for supporting the non-uniform day today. We amassed a huge collection of donations for the Bonanza - thank you for your generosity and continued support.



Year 4 Rapid-Fire Cricket
On Tuesday afternoon, Year 4 were able to represent the school at the Rapid-Fire Cricket tournament at Mayflower High School. The tournament is a little different to usual cricket and the children play in batting pairs to bowl and then hit 4 balls before making their runs. Our two teams started off confidently and won their opening fixtures. Both teams competed well and showed great team work. Eventually, the A team won their group and the B team came third in theirs. Following this, each team had one final fixture against teams from the other group in the same position. The B team won this and came 5th overall; the A team missed out, with the difference between the teams being the three sublime catches taken by the opposition, ending the day in second. The children represented the school wonderfully and were great ambassadors. Thanks need to be given to Mr Tweedie and Mrs Whiting for managing our teams.



This week's 'Writers of the Week' are:
Olivia Taylor Avijith Kottapalli
Riley Tear Vellita Millett Georgie Harding
Pippa Daley Efe Kemal Isabelle Warden
Well done to our writing super stars!



This week's 'Mathematicians of the Week' are:
Ava Pardoe Taylor Gibson Elsie Johnston
Henry Chandra Renee Mweleka Heath Harlow
Dhruv Patel Cameron McGee Luella Cronjaeger
Well done to our magical mathematicians!

Afternoon Tea
This week, saw the last 'official' Afternoon Tea of the year - Number 31 - as that's all the numbers drawn now. Having had to wait all year for their turn, the children were very excited to be finally getting their chance and really enjoyed sharing their work whilst tucking into tasty treats. There will be 'catch up' afternoon tea sessions, next week and the week after, if needed, for anyone who missed their slot.



This week's 'Readers of the Week' are:
Taylor Gibson Lara Austin Chloe Baker
Isla Keniry Alfie Field Leo Hughes
Teddy Harding Orest Savchuk
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!



House Points
This week's winning house:
Lions

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:
Patrick Dillon Lara Austin Maggie Ward
Daniel Thomas Jackson Tappin Leo Hughes
Sofia Holdgate-Lopez Sophie Holms
Isabel Bailey

Top Table
This week, the children chosen by the Midday Assistants to sit at the 'Top Table' were:
Henry Glover
Jake Cannon
Lauren Crook
Poppy Walsh
Sophia Rusu



This week's attendance figure is: 97.9%!
This year's attendance target is 97.0%.
A special 'Well Done' to Classes 4M and 5B who had 100% attendance this week! Congratulations!



Year 4 Portals to the Past Visit

On Tuesday, Year 4 spent the day in Ancient Greece! To bring our history topic alive, we had a visit from 'Portals To The Past'. We listened to some interesting and very entertaining talks about the geography of Ancient Greece and how Greek soldiers went into battle. During the morning, we had a rotation of activities including tackling an Archimedes puzzle; completing a quiz; playing an Ancient Greek board game; and taking part in a democratic vote! In the afternoon, we learned about how The Olympics started and took part in a Mini-Olympics challenge. The children all looked amazing in their costumes and really enjoyed wearing them for the day. Many thanks to all the parents who prepared the costumes - it really helped us immerse ourselves in the day!



Eco-Schools Green Flag

I am delighted to tell you that we have been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag with Merit in recognition of our work to support sustainability. The panel were very impressed by our application - please find some quotes below:

It is evident that young people in your school are aware of environmental issues and passionate about protecting our planet - your large Eco-Committee, totalling 16 members, clearly demonstrates this. Completing the Environmental Review allowed your Eco-Committee to recognise the positive changes that your school has already made and gain an appreciation of the future impacts that they can create.

Thank you so much for submitting such a terrific application. We have loved reading about your journey and are incredibly impressed by all you have achieved. We have no hesitation in awarding you an Eco-Schools Green Flag with Merit!

Well done to the Eco-Team and Mr Graves on all your amazing work - now we need to keep up the good work!



Year 3 visit to the Mandir Temple

On Wednesday, our enthusiastic Year 3 students visited the Mandir Temple in Neasden, London, to explore a real-life place of worship and apply their learning from their Hinduism topic. The children had an amazing day and were in awe of the magnificent carved marble temple. We concluded the visit by enjoying our lunch in the sunshine. A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped out; this visit wouldn't have been possible without you. Additional thanks go to our Year 3 team, both teachers and teaching assistants, for organising and supporting the children during the visit. Lastly, we extend our gratitude to Neasden Temple for welcoming us and giving us a day to remember!



Chrissie Sains - Author Visit

It was an exciting day on Monday when we welcomed the author Chrissie Sains to our school once again. She grew up in Billericay and, incredibly, explained to us that she was a reluctant reader when she was in the infants. She described her inspiring journey to becoming the author of 'The Alien in The Jam Factory' series. We learned about her special treasure chest full of magical and mysterious objects that she uses to stimulate her imagination. Afterwards, some children were lucky enough to receive signed copies of her books. Thank you for visiting us Chrissie, and we hope to see you again soon!



School Photos

We had rather a busy day yesterday due to the school photographers being with us, literally from 7am! As well as all the class photos, a multitude of other group photos were also taken which included the choir, the News Team, School Council and countless sports teams! The Year 6 children also had extra photos taken for their commemorative packs. As you can imagine, a lot of organisation was needed and I would like to thank all the staff for their assistance, particularly in the run up to the day itself as lots of names and lists had to be created! I would also like to thank the staff and children for their co-operation during the day itself as it was quite frantic at times! The whole day was scheduled and overseen by Mrs Paige - I would like to thank her for all the time she devoted to this - it is appreciated. Details of how to order photos will follow shortly.



Creative Arts Evening

This year, the evening was organised slightly differently in order for us to be able to showcase the talents of an increased number of children so, as well as children who had passed Grade 1 or above in an instrument, we also invited Grade 3 + dancers and some children who show particular talent in acting, to recite some poems. The standard of performance was absolutely incredible and what also impressed me was the variety of instruments that the children played, the different styles of dancing and also the vast range of music that we heard. It really was a fabulous evening and a wonderful opportunity for the children to share their talents. If your child would like to perform next year, all children who play an instrument, Grade 1 or above, are welcome to take part, regardless of where they have their lessons. Children who have passed Grade 3 + in dancing are also invited to perform.

Enterprise Morning

Wednesday 26th June will be our annual Enterprise Morning. Enterprise morning sees the children turn into entrepreneurs as each class competes against each other to earn the most money for our chosen charity, Cancer Research UK. All children will be involved in setting up and running their own games, competitions and craft stalls. If your child would like to take part in the fun of visiting other stalls, please allow them to bring in some money. We would recommend no more than £5 - ideally in coins rather than a note.

Out of School Success

- * Well done to Henry Dean (5R) who won two silver medals at the JKA National Championships, for both individual and team kata in karate, on Sunday.
- * Congratulations to Ruby Ellis (5R) who has written - and had published - a story about friendship. As part of National Writing Day, Ruby popped over to the infant school, to read her story to some of the children there.
- * Well done to Jorgie Jackson (5T) whose football team won the National Championships at St. George's Park, Burton Upon Trent, on Sunday.
- * Well done to Rory Atkinson (3P) who was awarded the Chief Scout's Bronze Award, the highest award a Beaver can earn.
- * Congratulations to Holly Lague (5B) who won a bronze medal for her Kumite at the JKA England National Karate Championship on Saturday.
- * Well done to Evie Smith (4C) who passed her 'Rise Explore Skills Level 2' at Celebrate Gymnastics during the weekend..
- * Congratulations to Oliver Wilson (3BW) who passed his Leve 4 Swimming Award at Elites Swim



Parents to Lunch

On Monday, we welcomed the parents and grandparents of 5R into school for lunch. We also welcomed PCSO Lauren Bryant and PC Olivia Curtis! Everyone seemed to really enjoy their lunch and also the opportunity to experience a school lunchtime. Thank you very much to everyone who enabled these events to happen.



Pen Licences

Well done to Amelia Gabriel West, Lizzy Sheehan, Sophie Moore, Jude Goad, Oscar Beckwith, Harvey-Thomas Perry and Lysander Goodman who all received their Pen Licences this week.



Rainbow Awards

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

Emily Lycett

Callum Horton

Thomas Christie

They have earned themselves a Non-Uniform Day on **Friday 28th June**

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

**Francis Hoile
Chloe Pickering
Layla Foley**

**Moudi Tarraf
Orest Savchuk
Layla Neale**

**James Bilton
Zachary Mackenzie
Rory Atkinson**

**Sienna Kareer
Phoenix Gough
Oyenwenosa Egharevba**

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

**Blake Silvester
Rhys Povey
Sophie Sinnott
Charlie Jennings
Kaua Ferreira-Melo
Adam Sargood
Miller Rutledge
Olivia Tait**

**Michael Reason
Esmay Ramrutton
Olivia Rees
Ivy-May King
Luella Cronjaeger
Amy Clarke
Cameron Grindrod
Thomas Dyer**

**Preston Mills-Martin
Jorgie Jackson
Rupert Kehoe
Eddie Nunny
Zac Eggleton
Alex Drew
Nancy Jack
Teddy Amos**

**Ava Pardoe
Felix Plummer
Sophia Rusu
Liam Simms
Oliver Munro
Louie Garwood
James Ivimy**

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:

**Rory Coshell
Iris Balkwill
Reggie Murray
Alex Metcalfe
Evie Smith
George White
Jessica Chinnery
Felicity Ginn
Mollie Hughes
Patrick Dillon
Sophia Golberg
Leo Hughes
Lilani Luthra
Lola Obergan
Kaydee Quirk
Frederick Solomons
Alessia Tutuianu
Ellena Boulwood
Vivaan Mukherji
Dominic Senior**

**Elliana Wilkins
Rory Buckley
Finley Paton
Harvey-Thomas Perry
Tommy Smith
Harrison Wooder
Amelie Doyle
Lysander Goodman
Elsie Ive
Leif Emanuel-Francis
Mariah Hands
Joe Jackson
Harry Mann
Jacob Ovel
Jack Robertson
Asa Taylor
Theo Vasileiadis
Austin Ellis
Lola Prior
Poppy Walsh**

**Andrei Aldea-Nicolaescu
Jake Cannon
Alfie Thompson
Bobby Rowling
Ella Tennet
Callie Beadon
Mariia Federova
Sofia Gross
Freya Anderson
Jax Evans
Sofia Holdgate Lopez
Evelina Kiafa
Jennifer McSharry
Dhruv Patel
Edward Smith
Kaiser Thorby-Mead
Ruby Warren-Gunn
Leya Isikgun
Olivia Rebel
Jamie Baker**

**Oliver Baker
Felix Halder
Connie Rumsey
Hannah Sijo
Theo Vinicombe
Eduardo Chambers
Alfie Field
Georgie Harding
Pippa Daley
Ben Ferris
Amelia Hudson
Malachi Kwanzambi
Alfie Moclair
Eione Phillips
Teddy Soar
Jack Tribe
Amelia Walton
Amelia Maloney
Darcy Shorey
Emel Enver**



Buttsbury Rotakids - Presidential Citation
I am delighted to share with you the exciting news that Buttsbury RotaKids have been awarded a **THIRD** Presidential Citation by the President of Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland. These awards are not commonplace and are made in recognition of outstanding achievement in the last year. On Wednesday, David Willis, who is the Rotary District Governor, and Patrick Rethon, Roger Kettle, Peter Greene, Rev Fowler and Mike Sinclair from Billericay Rotary Club, attended our assembly to present this very special award. We were incredibly proud of the work of our amazing children.

