

Friday 14th June 2024

Gosh, it has felt like winter this week! This time last year, it was very warm and the hose had it's first outing - roll on Summer! The newsletter is jam-packed again - lots going on - I have also included a summary of all the dates between now and the end of term for you as it's busy, busy, busy!
Have a lovely weekend - let's hope it's mild and dry at least!

Happy Fathers' Day

Acting Assistant Headteacher

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Cattini, has been appointed as Acting Assistant Headteacher whilst Mrs Barnes is on maternity leave. Mrs Cattini will undertake this role alongside her role as Year 4 Leader.
Well done to Mrs Cattini on this well-deserved promotion.

Wednesday 19th June, is National Writing Day!

The National Literacy Trust champions writing for enjoyment as a key part of supporting children's writing attainment. Writing for enjoyment supports mental well-being, inspires creativity and helps children to express their thoughts and feelings whilst also improving writing skills.
On Wednesday 19th June, both the Infant and Junior schools will be focusing on writing creatively and imaginatively in their literacy lessons and we can't wait to see the writing that will be produced!

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Well done to all the children in Year 4 who completed the **statutory** Multiplication Tables Check this week. They all rose to the challenge and almost seemed to enjoy their on-line tasks! Thank you to all the staff who assisted with the administration of the tests.
The results will be shared with the children's annual report but, please be aware, there is no pass/fail mark.

Friday 21st June - Non-Uniform Day

Children are invited to bring in an item for our Summer Year Group Tombolas as detailed below. Each year group will be in control of their own tombola stall and the year group that makes the most money will win their own non-uniform day before the end of term.

Year 3 - Red
Year 4 - Green
Year 5 - Blue
Year 6 - Yellow

Tombola items could include holiday items, beach toys, sweets (NO CHOCOLATE), gifts, toiletries, stationery, Pringle pots etc. Any items will be gratefully received; however, we would ask that items donated be new or unopened.

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 3

Monday 17th June

- Chrissie Sains - author visit - in school
- 5R Parents to Lunch event - 1.20pm

Tuesday 18th June

- Year 4 Portals to the Past - Ancient Greek Day - in school - please dress up accordingly

Wednesday 19th June

- Year 3 visit to Hindu temple - come to school at 8.00am, school uniform, packed lunch and snack, water bottle, up to £5 for the shop (if you want)
- Creative Arts Evening - Grade 1+ musicians and Grade 3+ dancers - (letters sent home already) @ 7.00pm, Main Hall

Thursday 20th June

- Class/Group Photos

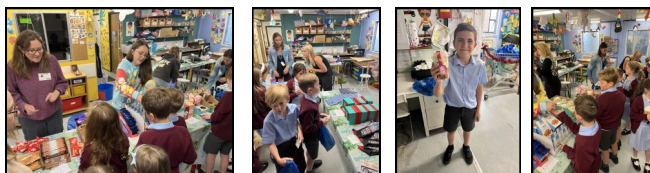
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- Non-Uniform Day for the Summer Bonanza

Class and Group Photos

Thursday 20th June

On Thursday 20th June, the school photographers will be with us all day, taking photos of our classes and a variety of groups. Please can you make sure that your child is looking especially smart on Thursday. Also, if they have represented the school this year in sport can you also make sure that they have their PE kit/cricket whites as appropriate. Thank you.



Fathers' Day Sales

Thank you very much for supporting the Fathers' Day sales this week. It was lovely to be able to run the event as normal and allow the children to choose their own gifts, as this is very much part of the fun!

Thank you to Helen, Clare and Noemi for organising the event and to all the parents who assisted with the sale. We hope you like your gifts.

*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Celebration Assembly

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

Dougie Kerr	Mollie Parker
Rory Atkinson	Harry Ekers
Poppy Higgs	Olivia Cullen
Kimberley Brathwaite	Hetty Fearne
Isabelle Neathercoat	Scarlett Metcalfe
Jessica Reeves	Amber Branch
Ralph Pocklington	Jude Cavanagh
David Golberg	Jessica Pilka
Jamie Holmes	Ewan Muller
Ryan Challand	Benedict Iweka
Scarlett Welch	Anya Farley
Laurel Beaumont	Freddie Beckwith



Year 6 Work Experience

Over the next few weeks, all the children in Year 6 will have the chance to take part in some work experience, either at Buttsbury Infant School, Buttsbury Pre-School or Noah's Ark Pre-School. The first groups of children visited their respective locations this week and, as you can see from the photos, they had a great time. Thank you very much to Mrs Dean who spent many hours organising the timetables and also to Buttsbury Infant School, Buttsbury Pre-School and Noah's Ark Pre-School for enabling our children to visit. Thank you also to the staff who are getting their steps up each day by walking the children to and from their work experience.

PE Kit

Unfortunately, we still have some children without black shorts for PE lessons - at some point, it will warm up, and tracksuit bottoms are not going to be very pleasant to exercise in!



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

Mia Dixon Ivy Duerden Charlie Wood
 Florence Barrett Lucas Brousse
 Larry Mitchell Jude Phillips Chloe Hayes
 Well done to our writing super stars!



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

Heath Tanner Bonnie Atkinson-Lassman
 Sienna Kareer Conchobar Veats Noah Vasiliou
 Ariana Lazell Vivaan Mukherji
 Ruby Price Ruben Skehill



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

Olivia Murley Jasper Wood Amelia Mangan
 David McConnell Oscar Farley Violet Toll
 Julio Ferreira Melo Jasmine Faris
 Well done to our enthusiastic readers!

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

Jude Cavanagh Abi Walker Layla Neale
 George Bradley Finley Paton Alice Brooks
 Amelia Mangan Louie Omer



Afternoon Tea

Having had to wait almost a whole year, this week's children arrived very promptly with enthusiastic smiles! Their long wait also meant that they had a wealth of work to choose from so we saw a wonderful variety. We had a lovely Afternoon Tea, with everyone brimming with pride.



House Points

This week's winning house:

Leopards



Top Table

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

Jacob Ovel
 Miles Daniels
 Rosie Taylor
 Callie Beadon
 Mariia Fedorova



This week's attendance figure is: 97.5%!

This year's attendance target is 97.0%.



A special 'Well Done' to Classes 6S, 5B and 3P who had the highest attendance this week - 99.4%! Congratulations!



Transition Programme

On Monday and Wednesday, Miss Pretty, Miss Watson, Miss Murfitt, Mrs Barker and Mrs Wilson visited the Infant School to meet their new classes and teach some of the lessons during the two days. The visits went very well and, as you can see from the photos, the children seem to be every excited about meeting their new teachers and joining the Junior School.



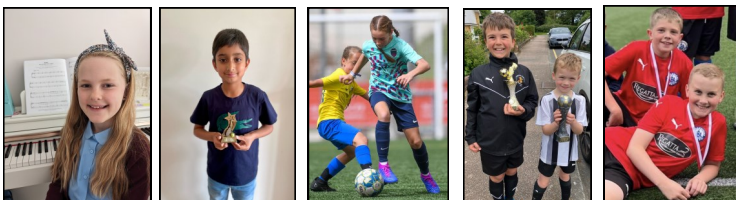
Basildon Youth Theatre Visit

The children had a very exciting and fun-filled day on Wednesday when they had the opportunity to work with Lesley Williams again. They thoroughly enjoyed the drama activities and joined in with the dancing and singing with great enthusiasm. All the workshops were focused on developing this term's PSHE topics in a very lively and thought-provoking way.



Out of School Success

- * Well done to Florence Barrett (5B) who passed her Grade 1 piano exam with Merit.
- * Congratulations to Vivaan Mukherji (3BW) who won Stock Tennis Club's 2024 (orange ball) Parent/Child competition on Saturday.
- * Well done to Ruby Warren-Gunn (5R) who took part in a football tournament in the Barcelona Girls Cup 2024 for her team FC Evolution and finished in third place overall.
- * Congratulations to Jamie Baker and Dougie Kerr (both 3P) who represented their football team, Stones, on Sunday, winning 5-0, with Jamie being awarded Player of the Match and Dougie scooping Parents' Player of the Match.
- * Well done to Riley Tear (6P) and Jack Hyatt (6R) who won the Bowers and Pitsea U11 football tournament with their team, Billericay Town Colts.



Date Reminders

- Saturday 29th June- Summer Bonanza - 1pm - 3pm
- 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



Parents to Lunch

On Thursday, we were joined for lunch by the parents of children in 5B. Everyone seemed to have a lovely time and enjoy their delicious meal. Thank you to all the staff who helped to facilitate this event.



Festival of Sport

On Tuesday, 39 children from across Year 3 and Year 4 took part in a Festival of Sport at Mayflower High School. They enjoyed taking part in lots of different activities as well as visiting the 'big' school! They were a credit to our school in terms of behaviour and their enthusiasm. Thank you to the staff that accompanied the children to this exciting event.

Pen Licences

Well done to Leo Hughes, Harry Mann, Thomas Dyer, Julio Ferreira Melo, Eni Omopariola, Esmee Lazell and Faith Fenton, who all received their Pen Licences this week.

Rainbow Awards

Well done to this week's **INDIGO**, **GREEN** and **ORANGE** award recipients:

Jeremiah Hernandez

Bobby Taylor

Leo Showell

Ewan Muller

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

Oghoghosa Egharevba

Oghoghosa has earned herself a Non-Uniform Day on **Friday 21st June**.

Well done to this week's **Bronze Pot of Gold** recipients:

Sophie Moore
Luca Evans
Faith Fenton

Jasper Jenkins
Jude Cavanagh

Luke Richardson
Joey Purkiss

Jack Campkin
Julio Ferreira Melo

Congratulations to this week's **Silver Pot of Gold** recipients:

Max Barford
Alex Fryd
Peony Harlow
Carter Lewis
George Morgan
Coraline Riches
Max Wilson
Albie Rangecroft
Sophia Anderson
Ben McCreery
Freya Evans

Alice Bennett
Henry Fuller
Olivia Johnson
April Marsh
Alex Pierce
Oliver Stephens
Teddy Youngs
Callum Lewis
Chloe Baker
Riley Tear
Myla Hands

Fred Cronjaeger
Emilio Gallone
Grayson Kemp
Blair McFadzean
Rhian Powell
Olivia Taylor
Elliot Bacchus
Evie Prudom
Oliver Bowie
Daniel Tinworth
Louis Domien

Zachary Mason-Bauchham
Joshua Hale
Zehra Korkmaz
Ashley McSharry
Ethan Rae
Will Williams
Koen Stephens
Harry Tungate
Fraser Loudon
Clark Williams
Henry Chandra

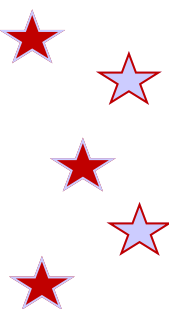
And - very special congratulations to our first **Gold Pot of Gold** who have been on the Recognition Board every week since September - that's pretty impressive!

Marley Dowling
Mark Bowman
Thomas Mason
Amber Branch
Thea Jones
Florence Costello
Emilia Escudero Bradshaw
Freya Dormer
Violet Mills
Maddie Stower
Amber Jobbins
Lauren Crook
Georgina Mason

Florence Barrett
Noah Gazzard
Vinnny Cater
Iris Balkwill
Jessica Reeves
Rosie Hadassi
Theo Barnes
David Golberg
Nifemi Oladele
Elodie Wang Gao
Esmae Lazell
Alannah Cronin
Ruby Price

Violet Costello
Charlie Wood
Sophia Christofi
Maddie Wallis
Rosie Taylor
Hannah Lister
Jemima Broom
Poppy Goring
Jessica Pilka
Elliot Warman
Oliver Wilson
Hetty Fearne

Bonnie Atkinson-Lassman
Ralph Pocklington
Arabella Cranfield
Rosie Hadassi
Bluebell Cole
Amelia Mangan
Lucas Brousse
Sophie Mackenzie
Harry Shipway
Tanvi Kondapalli
Laurel Beaumont
Chloe Hayes



Swimming Gala - Partnership Final at William de Ferrers

Yesterday, our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Swimming Teams competed in the Partnership Final at William de Ferrers School. The teams had been eagerly training for the event (which they qualified for in January) at Mayflower High School and it certainly paid off! Our swimmers swam with great determination and we won a good proportion of the individual events as well as most of the twelve relays! I was incredibly proud to see the true grit which they showed as some of the races were won in the final few metres. The overall results showed that our Year 3/4 team finished in second place overall and our Year 5/6 team won their competition, gaining a place in the County finals on Thursday 4th July. Year 3/4 may still qualify as runners-up - we are waiting to find out!

Well done to all the swimmers for their commitment and determination. Thank you also to Alex and Will (Elites Swimming) for assisting with the training and to all the staff who supported the team by either supervising at the training sessions or at the gala itself.