

Friday 7th June 2024

Welcome back to school for the final half-term of the year! It was great to start with our special themed week - 'Our World, Our Future' - the children thoroughly enjoyed all the activities and it also served to sharpen everyone's minds about sustainability and climate change.

The next few weeks will be extremely busy, due to lots of exciting events such as Sports Day, the District Sports, our Creative Arts Evening, the Summer Bonanza and the Year 6 play. Do keep an eye on the newsletter and the website to make sure that you don't miss out on an event.

This week, we sent out our Annual Parents' Questionnaire; please do try to take a few moments to complete it as we would really like to be able to include your thoughts and suggestions in our new School Development Plan.

Thank you.

Health and Safety Procedure

Unfortunately, the world in which our children are growing up is quite different to the one in which you and I grew up and we now face more and more challenges in order to ensure our children are safe from harm.

We have a procedure in place - called 'Lock Down' which ensures the children are safe within the building should there be a reason to seal off the school. All staff are aware of the procedure but we have not tested it since last year so in order to be effective, we need to practise it. Next week, we will be talking to the children about our procedures for sealing off the school if needed and then, at some point during the forthcoming weeks, we will try out the procedures.

In order not to cause unnecessary stress to the children, the scenario I will be sharing with them is that there is a gas leak in the local area, and we all need to stay inside to make sure we are safe. Hopefully we will never need to implement our Lock Down procedure for real but it is important that we have an effective system in place (in the same way that we have fire evacuation procedures) should we ever need to use it. If you have any questions relating to this, please don't hesitate to contact me or catch me at the gate.

Staffing Update

In September, Miss Tayla Burt, will be joining our teaching staff team, following a successful interview last half-term.

Miss Burt is currently teaching at a school in Thurrock - we look forward to welcoming her to Buttsbury.



Ciamanda School - Kenya

Last week, I received a message of thanks from Mr Martin Kinyua, the Headteacher of Ciamanda School, thanking Buttsbury Infant and Buttsbury Junior Schools for the money we raised during Kenya Day in February. We raised just over £1000 which is enough money to install fencing around the whole perimeter of the school. The photograph on the right shows Mr Kinyua and his Governing Body arranging for the fencing work to be undertaken. The photo on the left shows the ground being cleared in readiness.



Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 2

Year 4 Statutory Multiplication Test Week

Tuesday 11th June

- Swim Team training at Mayflower High School - 7.45am

Wednesday 12th June

- Lesley Williams (Basildon Youth Theatre) to lead PSHE workshops for all children, throughout the day
- Fathers' Day Sale - Year 3 (12.00pm) and Year 5 (12.20pm) - CAT Club
- 7.00pm - meeting for Year 5 parents and children re: Isle of Wight 2025 and France - please can all parent helpers for France attend a very short meeting afterwards

Thursday 13th June

- Fathers' Day Sale - Year 4 (12.00pm) and Year 6 (12.20pm) - CAT Club
- 5B 'Parents to Lunch' event at 12.20pm
- Swimming Gala at William De Ferrers School - pm

Friday 14th June

- Fathers' Day sale during lunch - left-over stock

Fathers' Day

Fathers' Day Sales

These will be held during lunch on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week in the Cat Club and will provide the opportunity for children to come and independently choose a gift for their Dads (or Grandads or other significant family members) to show their appreciation and thanks.

Gifts cost from £1.50 - £6.00.

Footwear

Just a reminder that children should be wearing black shoes to school rather than trainers, unless they have a medical reason preventing them from wearing shoes - please provide medical evidence if this is the case. Thank you.

*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Kaitlyn Charles Pradeep</i>	<i>Megan Shipton</i>
<i>Erin Collins</i>	<i>Milla Poulter</i>
<i>Adam Sargood</i>	<i>Jenson Wallis</i>
<i>Olivia Johnson</i>	<i>Coraline Riches</i>
<i>Peony Harlow</i>	<i>Ella Tennet</i>
<i>Callie Beadon</i>	<i>Amelie Doyle</i>
<i>Sophia Golberg</i>	<i>Edward Smith</i>
<i>Asa Taylor</i>	<i>Danny Sullivan</i>
<i>Charlie Cooper</i>	<i>Anna Christie</i>
<i>Chey Henry</i>	<i>Arnav Gupta</i>
<i>Louis Domien</i>	<i>Connie Rumsey</i>
<i>Liam Simms</i>	<i>Daniel Tinworth</i>

Diary Dates for 2024-2025

This morning, you should have received the diary dates for 2024-2025. We have tried to align dates at both Buttsbury Infant School and Buttsbury Junior School as we feel this is far better for everyone! Further details of events will follow in due course.



The Living Memorial - Rettendon

Yesterday, the Core 5, Mr Graves and I had the honour of attending a special service to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D Day landing in Normandy. The service consisted of readings, laying of wreaths a gun salute and parade by military personnel. It was held at The Living Memorial. This is a memorial that Mr Sheppard (Mrs O'Brien's father) has worked tirelessly to have built. As he is no longer able, at the age of 104 to travel to Normandy, it has been his wish for a place locally for people to remember and pay their respects.

Mr Sheppard has been visiting our school for many years and has a special place in all of our hearts. We were both privileged and honoured to have been invited to attend this event and watched with pride as our Core 5 members laid a wreath, made by our children, on behalf of Buttsbury.

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

*Koen Stephens Maggie Ward Rhys Povey
Theo Vinicombe Teddy Soar Alex Marsh
Poppy Briggs Ivy-May King
Well done to our writing super stars!*

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

*Max Wilson Thomas Wright Jessica Cambridge
Jennifer McSharry Harvey-Thomas Perry
Ashley McSharry Milla Poulter
Thomas Lovell Dylan McGinness
Well done to our mathematicians!*

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

*Bodhi Seabrook Daniel Henry Olivia Taylor
Ava Meade Harry Mann Harry Parker
Albert Stevenson Izzy Hadassi
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

*Preston Mills-Martin Renee Mweleka
Evelina Kiafa William Rebel Eva Moughton
Frederick Solomons Chey Henry
Connie Rumsey Jasmine Faraday*

Afternoon Tea

We had another very enjoyable gathering in the staffroom this week as the children from across the school shared a piece of work they were proud of whilst tucking into cakes, biscuits and squash! It was lovely to see and hear the children talking excitedly about a range of subjects.



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:

**Brooklyn Nelson
Louie Omer
Amelie Moore
Henry Glover
Sophia Buffoni**



This week's attendance figure is: 94.8%

This year's attendance target is 97.0%

A special 'Well Done' to Class 3W who had the highest attendance this week - 99.5%! Congratulations!



Our World, Our Future

Themed Week - Our World, Our Future

Sustainability has been the focus of this term's themed week and the children have had lots of fun learning about and exploring a range of activities related to how we can create a sustainable world for the future. One of the highlights of the week was the visit from West End Drama group who ran workshops for each class. The sessions helped to share the issues of climate change and allowed the children to express these through role play. Thank you to the Friends' Association for funding the workshops. All year groups have visited Lake Meadows to explore what the local council are doing to promote sustainability in the local area and the children were pleasantly surprised. Each class now has their own class plant which will contribute to increase biodiversity within the school, improving air quality and helping children to understand the importance of looking after flora in our world. In addition to this we have had orienteering, visits from Year 1 and 2, Year 3 visiting Buttsbury Infant School, creating art from waste, analysing of waste in lunchboxes, designing sustainable towns and learning about forms of travel. Thank you to all of the parents who gave up time to accompany children to Lake Meadows and to the staff who were incredibly flexible this week to ensure all the exciting activities were able to take place.



Rainbow Awards

Well done to this week's **INDIGO** award recipients:

Mia Dixon

Well done to this week's **ORANGE** award winner:

Chey Henry

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

Jamie Rocks
Matthew Hughes

Eddie Buick
Chloe Pickering

Jamie Collyer
Oliver Townsend

Oliver Hughes

They have earned themselves a Non-Uniform Day on **Friday 14th June**

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

Sophia Keys
Peter Fallouh
Sophia Buffoni
Teddy Amos

Louie Parnell
Isabelle Oldland
Grace Brockwell
Charlie Jennings

Jasper Wood
Jacob Hobden
Eni Omopariola

Maxwell Green
Poppy Hobbs
Nellie Amos

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

Ivy Duerden
Emily O'Keefe
David McConnell
Joshua McCarthy
Oliver Mumford
Shi Wen He
Samuel McFeely
Jess Cambridge
Isaac Harding
Dylan Knowler
William Smith
Thomas Wright

Alice Brooks
Olivia Rees
Scarlett Metcalfe
Zachary Phillips
Poppy Briggs
Daisy Hughes
Jessica Nash
Nancy Dormer
Heath Harlow
Keyla Osborne
Sofia Tseng

Will McLellan
Archie Pearce
Noah Vasiliou
Mollie Smith
Henry Buckle
Isla Kittridge
Ethan Tyler
Leonie Fairhead
Georgie Hodges
Grace Pierce
Jack Tyler

Harry Ekers
Olivia Cullen
Layla Faris
Zachary Webster
Arnav Gupta
James Knowler
Betsy Burcombe
Izzy Hadassi
Joe Hussey
Connie Rumsey
Annabelle Wilks



Year 5/6 Cricket Tournament

The Summer has finally started!

On Thursday, we had two teams from Year 5 and 6 go to the partnership cricket tournament at Wickford Cricket Club. As the sun shone, and promptly left, the children showed wonderful team work and sportsmanship throughout the day, representing the school in exemplary fashion. Our teams finished second and third, showing a love of sport and an appreciation of the opportunities afforded to them. We would like to thank Mr Mynard and Mrs Whiting for coming to the tournament; as well as the parents who drove and came to support throughout the day and - of course, Mr Tweedie, our team coach!



Lost Property

The un-named jumper or cardigan pile is literally doubling by the day!

Please can you check your child's clothes are all clearly labelled - just write on the label with a Sharpie!

50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School

Congratulations to **Thomas Dyer** who has completed **10** things!

Pen Licences

Well done to:

Amelia Maloney, Benedict Iweka,
Layla Faris and Charlie Leach

who all received their Pen Licences this week.

Out of School Success

- * Well done to **Mollie Parker (3P)** who achieved her advanced bronze level award in gymnastics on Wednesday with South Essex Gymnastics Club.
- * Congratulations to **Daniel Thomas (6R)** who passed his Stage 9 swimming award and is now working on Stage 10.
- * Well done to **Layla Faris (3BW)** who has achieved a Level 6 award at South Essex Gymnastics Club.