

It's been a REALLY busy week and - looking ahead at the diary, I can only see it getting busier - so - brace yourself as Christmas in school is quite something else!

The Christmas Bazaar was wonderful and it was lovely to see so many parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, come across - it's really starting to feel like we are 'one' school! The Bazaar photos are later on in the newsletter as there wasn't room on the front page, due to all the events that are happening and news to share! On Monday, the Ofsted inspection window opens, with the new framework being in place. We are very overdue inspection, so, do not be surprised if we get the Ofsted call in the next three weeks too! The new framework is incredibly tough with no overall judgements anymore - just outcomes for each area. Watch this space!!!



New Arrival

Introducing Finley, Miss Roe's beautiful baby boy, who was born last Thursday, almost two weeks late! Both Mum and Finley are doing well and adjusting to life as a family! Congratulations to Miss Roe and her fiancé; we are looking forward to meeting Finley in due course.

Exciting News

Keeping to the baby theme, I am delighted to share the news that Miss McCarty and her fiancé are expecting a baby in April. We wish Miss McCarty a happy and healthy pregnancy as she prepares for this exciting new chapter.

Christmas Bazaar

This was our first ever Primary School Bazaar, and it was a fantastic event - the result of an enormous amount of hard work by so many people! There were activities for all ages, along with plenty of delicious refreshments to help recharge tired batteries. Thank you to everyone who helped make the bazaar so magical and to all who came along to support the event. It was a wonderful reminder of how lucky we are to have such a generous community of parents, friends, staff and trustees.

Both Key Stage 2 choirs sang beautifully and added to the festive atmosphere. The KS2 'Colour' competition was won by Year 6 with their GOLD stall, raising £216 - just £1.20 more than Year 5 - well done to the children and staff in Year 6! They have earned themselves a non-uniform day on Monday 15th December as their reward.

A very special word of thanks goes to Claire, Helen, Maggi, Traci and Freyja - our Friends' Association Core Committee. Thank you also to everyone who helped with the planning, setting up, running stalls and tidying up. It was a brilliant team effort.

Amazingly, a phenomenal £9,007.31 was raised in total!

Pre-Loved Uniform

If you would like to purchase any items (at a hugely reduced price) please contact Maggi (Co-Chair of the PFA) on: 07801 896254.

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 1

Sunday 30th November

- Year 3/4 Choir singing at Barleylands Festive Fayre - 11.00am - please meet Mrs Robinson at 10.50am at the entrance to the farm (not the main entrance to Barleylands)

Monday 1st December

- Infant Christmas Performance - 9.00am - parents of Foxes, Owls & Oak invited
- Year 5/6 choir performing with the Essex Youth Orchestra - Brentwood Centre - 6.30pm

Tuesday 2nd December

- Infant Christmas Performance - 9.00am - parents of Hedgehogs, Robins and Birch invited
- Year 3 Christmas Production - 1.45pm

Wednesday 3rd December

- Infant Christmas Performance - 9.00am - parents of Badgers, Woodpeckers & Elm invited
- Year 4 - Amazing Christmas Workshops - Baptist Church - throughout the day
- Year 3 Christmas Production - 7.00pm

Thursday 4th December

- Infant Christmas Performance - 9.00am - parents of Rabbits, Kestrels and Willow invited
- Year 3 - Amazing Christmas Workshops - Baptist Church - throughout the day
- 'Santa Meet and Greet' - 3.30pm - 5.30pm - infant site - open to the whole school - tickets need to be pre-booked

Friday 5th December

- Years 3 - 6 visit to the pantomime - **don't forget - everyone in Key Stage 2 needs a packed lunch please - dinners served as usual at the infants**

Christmas Plays

Just a reminder that entry to ALL the plays is strictly by **PROGRAMME ONLY**. This is to ensure that we comply with fire regulations. Pre-school children and babies will not be admitted so please organise childcare. Please also note that, in order to safeguard all the children, no photographs can be taken during the productions and no filming is permitted either. Please stay until the end of all productions.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

Christmas Post Boxes

To help ensure our 'Christmas Post' is delivered to the right recipient, each year group will have its own dedicated post box, from Monday 8th December, which will be emptied each day. To assist with delivery, please can cards have children's first and second names on them as well as their class name/number. Thank you.

*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*



Year 5/6 Basketball

This morning, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children represented our school at the Basketball Festival hosted by St Martin's Fire Basketball Academy. Both teams showed great enthusiasm and resilience throughout their games and as a result the B team finished in 6th place and the A team placed 2nd. A big thank you to Ms Carson and Mrs Mellor for accompanying the children and to all the parents who helped with transport.

Year 6 Panathlon

On Wednesday, eight Year 6 children had the privilege of attending a panathlon event at William De Ferrers School. Events on the day included Boccia, Curling and seated Volleyball. There were several other schools taking place and the morning was very busy, with the children working hard at each event. Unsurprisingly the children were all impeccably behaved, and they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Most of the children had never taken part in any of these activities before, but they all gave their best efforts and were surprised at how much they enjoyed it, some really excelling. We were very proud of the great team spirit they showed and respect for the other attendees. Thank you to Mrs Dean, Mrs Payton and Ms Carson for accompanying the children.

Parents to Lunch

On Wednesday, we were joined for lunch by the parents of the children in 3M. Thank you to all the staff who played a role in the organisation of this event.



Panathlon Swimming - National Finals

A few weeks ago, our Year 6 Panathlon Swim Team took part in the regional gala at The London Aquatics Centre and qualified for the national finals - yes, that's right - the nationals! We were over the moon to reach the staggering heights of the nationals! The national championships took place on Tuesday so we once again journeyed to the Aquatics Centre in Stratford. It was a wonderful occasion and the children rose to the challenge of competing against schools from across England. Our team members were amazing in every way. They swam their socks off and encouraged their team mates when it was their turn to race. We were incredibly proud of our Buttsbury children! As the gala unfolded, I watched the other teams eagerly too and began to get the feeling that we were doing well on the points front too! I was right - we had amassed enough points to come home with the FOURTH PLACE medals which meant that we were the fourth best team in all of England! The children were rightfully very proud, as were the staff team and their parents. It was an honour to be the Buttsbury Team Manager! Then, on the way back to the station, we topped off a wonderful day with some delicious churros! I would like to say 'well done' to our fantastic children and 'thank you' to Mrs Rivas and Mrs Hussey for their assistance at the gala. It was definitely a day to cherish forever!



Bikeability

Well done to the following children who all passed their Bikeability Course last week:

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| ★ Thomas Chandra | Pippa Daley | Perdie Noble | Asa Taylor | Lara Austin |
| Alice Bennett | Chloe McGibbon | Lilani Luthra | Coraline Riches | Blake Silvester |
| Harrison Wooder | Erin Colins | Tommy Smith | Zack Brewer | Joe Jackson |
| ★ James Rowley | Michael Reason | Amelia Hudson | Eione Phillips | Sophie Bush |
| Ben Ferris | Finley Pike | Dhruv Patel | Frederick Solomons | Bodhi Seabrook |
| Jax Evans | Leif Emmanuel-Francis | | Alex Pierce | Oliver Stephens |
| Edward Smith | Zachary Mason-Baukham | | Grace Ivimy | Freya Anderson |
| ★ Alessia Tutuianu | Kaitlyn Charles Pradeep | | Lola Obergan | Olivia Spink |
| Evie Smith | Lysander Goodman | Georgie Harding | Sophia Golberg | Max Wilson |



Reception/Key Stage 1 Celebrations



Our Celebrations
 Stars of the Week - Above
 Out of School Success - Left
 Good Manners - Below right



Decorating the Christmas tree

News from Year Two

Year Two enjoyed food tasting ingredients for their healthy wraps last week. We tried chicken, ham, cheese, lettuce, cucumber and tomato! We were so proud of the children for trying new foods. This week the children designed their healthy wraps by choosing three ingredients. We're really excited about making our wraps in a few weeks.

News from Reception

Reception have continued to enjoy finding out about celebrations this week through reading the story 'Kipper's Birthday'. They have been making paper chains and bunting to decorate the classroom and building presents for Kipper with the construction equipment. They have also been working hard to get ready for the Christmas performances which we cannot wait for you to see next week! It's definitely beginning to look a lot like Christmas!!



News from Year One

Year One have had a fantastic week! They began their new Maths topic on Shape and enjoyed going on a Shape Hunt around the classroom and playground, searching for different 3D shapes. In English, the children started reading a new fairy tale called The Sweetest Song. They loved exploring the features of fairy tales and revisited some familiar favourites, including Little Red Riding Hood and The Gingerbread Man.

In Science, the focus has been on materials and what everyday objects are made from. This week, we investigated the property of absorbency. The children made predictions and then tested a variety of materials to see which absorbed water and which did not.

Finally, our Christmas play rehearsals are in full swing! The children look amazing, and we can't wait to share their hard work with you soon.



Sports Hall Athletics

Some of our Year Two children had an exciting afternoon competing at the Sports Hall Athletics event at The Billericay School this week. Events included an obstacle relay, speed jumps, triple jumps, chest pass and javelin. This was a wonderful opportunity to compete against other schools and develop new skills. We came second overall. Well done!

Panthers House Assembly

On Wednesday, it was the turn of Ava and Edward, the Panther's House Captains, to present an assembly. The theme was 'Individual Liberty' as part of British Values. Both of the House Captains carried out some research in their own time and prepared an interesting PowerPoint presentation which they rehearsed at lunchtimes. They included a quiz for their house team members to take part in as well. On the day, Ava was involved with athletics so Edward presented the assembly to the school.

Well done and thank you to both of them for such an interesting assembly.



Christmas Markets

Our Year 5/6 choir has been very busy this week - after school on Wednesday, they performed at the Stock Brook Country Club Christmas Market and on Thursday evening, they sang at the Greenwoods Hotel Christmas Market. The children embraced the busy atmospheres with great confidence and sang beautifully. I received lots of wonderful comments about their performance and, as ever, I was extremely proud of the children. Well done to all the children and thank you to their parents for enabling them to attend and to the teachers who helped with supervision.



Year 6 B/C Team Tournament

Buttsbury took two teams to the BC football tournament at Mayflower this week. For some of the boys playing, it was their first taste of organised, competitive football and for others it was a great opportunity to play with friends. Both teams were filled with smiles throughout the tournament, even when things didn't go to plan! The A team finished an impressive third place with our B team finishing a respectable 6th. All boys were a credit to the school throughout.

Thank you to the parents who accompanied and supported the children.



Jamie Brings Germany to Buttsbury!

We were thrilled to welcome back former pupil Jamie Jones, who recently attended a two-week course in Germany with UK-German Connection.

Jamie visited Year 6 to share his experiences through an exciting presentation about German geography, language, brands, and technology.

The children loved the quiz, the German song, and the sweet treats! A big thank you to Jamie for making learning about another culture so much fun. Jamie will be visiting the other two Year 6 classes in January.

Key Stage 2 Celebrations



Sports Hall Athletics

On Tuesday morning, we took 18 children from Year 5 and 6 to compete in the Billericay Sports Hall Athletics Festival. The children competed in a selection of adapted running, throwing and jumping events against other schools from the town. Individually, we had four 3rd places, ten 2nd places and three 1st places resulting in joint 2nd place finish for the team. An excellent effort from the team and we wait to hear whether we have qualified for the next round. Thank you to the staff and parents who assisted with transport.

Pen Licences
Well done to **Emmy Blake** who received her Pen Licence this week.



Out of School Success

- * Well done to **Henry Glover (5M)** who received 'Man of the Match' on Sunday playing for his new team, Hutton Football Club.
- * Congratulations to **Amber Branch (5LM)** who passed her Grade One piano exam with Merit.
- * Well done to **Matthew Billins (3M)** who passed his Yellow Belt in karate.
- * Congratulations to **Karen Pinder (4H)** who passed her Grade One piano exam with Merit.
- * Well done to **Emma Booth (4M)** who passed her Grade One piano exam with Merit.
- * Congratulations to **Bella Pankhanian (4C)** who passed her initial grade piano exam with distinction.

Creatures Great and Small Ltd's post

Creatures Great and Small Ltd is feeling grateful at Creatures Great & Small.

A huge Christmas thank you to the wonderful children at Buttsbury Primary School for creating the gorgeous baubles and our magical festive window display here at Creatures Great and Small!

If you and your family are visiting Billericay High Street over the coming weeks, please pop in and enjoy the children's beautiful Christmas artwork.

#billericay #shoplocal #petshop #brentwood #yourbillericay #brentwoodconnectedchristmas



This wonderful art work was created by the children who attend Christina Mitchell's after school Art Club. Well done to all the children on creating this wonderful display and thank you to Christina for co-ordinating the project. Why not pop in and see the wonderful work first-hand?

Afternoon Tea

The children in Year 3 eagerly joined us for this week's Afternoon Tea and excitedly made their way to the staff room to enjoy yummy treats such as cakes, chocolate biscuits and squash! They enjoyed tucking into their treats whilst they listened with equal delight to other children talking about their favourite work.



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:

Ben Farrugia
Noah Dias
Isha Sharma
Alice Cassidy

Well done for being selected!

This week's attendance figure is: 95.6%!

This year's attendance target is 97.0%.

A special 'Well Done' to Baggers Class who had the highest attendance this week - 99.7%! Congratulations!

Rainbow Awards

Well done to this week's **VIOLET** and **INDIGO** award winners:

Bria Burke

Emily Halleron
Dylan Mapp

Jake Barnes
William Kwanzambi

Olivia Spink
Faith Fenton

Jacob Spink
Scarlett Welch

Alexander Smith

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

Sonny Long
Emma Wingate
Nancy Ive
Theo Page
Harry Asfour
Elmeri Hughes
Paisley Goodman

Thomas Chandra
Eduardo Chambers
Pippa Daley
Zachary Webster
Preston Mills-Martin
Malachi Kwanzambi
Lysander Goodman

Zack Brewer
Alesha Mittal
Teddy James
David Golberg
Rhian Powell
Caelan Hughes

Stanley Dillon
Percy Metcalfe
George Costello
Kay Kemal
Thomas Dyer
Felix Duncan

Poppy Bolt-Emerson
Vince Drury
Amelia Hudson
Alfie Moclair
Rhys Povey
Kaiser Thorby-Mead

Aniyah Luthra
Henry Miller
Vihaan Aggarwal
William Astridge
Leo Campbell
Amelia Gabriel-West

Christmas Bazaar

