



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 16 February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy half term draws to a close. I hope you all have a restful week and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 26th February.

So long, farewell.... To Mr Smith!

There were tears, laughter, very heartfelt words and a lot of 'Mr Smiths' at his leaving assembly this morning. After a decade at RAB there is so much we could say about Mr Smith but it was the children who summed it up so articulately in assembly.

"You have not only helped our physical skills but our mental strength and resilience too. Over the years you have touched our hearts so deeply that we will never forget you".

"You have been so encouraging towards us in good times as well as bad".

"He makes our time with him one of the best parts of the day. If we don't understand something he will give a demonstration or change up the rules so no one ever feels left out".

On behalf of our very generous parent body, Luciana, our PTA chair, presented Mr Smith with a voucher for a three night stay at Center Parcs for the family. I'm sure everyone will agree if anyone deserves a break it is Mr Smith.

The children have all had a final session with Mr Smith today with year group dodgeball games and everyone has had the chance to say good bye.

All that remains for us is to say an enormous THANK YOU. We'll miss you and we wish you all the very, very best for the future. We were lucky to have you.

Diary Dates Next Week



26 Feb-1 Mar	Lunch Menu Week 3
27 Feb	Y1 Pop Up Play Village
28 Feb	PTA Textile Collection @ drop off
28 Feb	Spring Bulb Plant Sale
1 Mar	Y3&4 Swimming @ LBLC



World Book Day 2024 - 7th March

One of the highlights of the year is nearly upon us once again - World Book Day! We would love the children to come in dressed as their favourite story characters. This can be done at no cost so please chat to your teacher if you need any ideas. The day will be jam-packed with story-themed activities for the children to enjoy and they will of course receive their voucher for a free book from this year's World Book Day selection. The link below has more information if you are interested.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

RAB Judges

RAB children were invited again this year to form a judging panel to review the shortlisted books for The Royal Society Young People's Book Prize. Our Year 6 panel have now submitted their reviews online and selected their favourite; *Am I Made of Stardust?* by Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock. All six books are now available in the library for all the children in RAB to enjoy.



Garden Club Bulb Sale

Our green fingered children have been planting and nurturing spring bulbs in Gardening Club which they will be selling at the end of the school day by the exit gate on Wednesday 28th February.

Parent Workshops

It was lovely to see so many parents from Y1, 4 and 5 attending the parent workshops this week. We hope you found them useful and enjoyed spending time back in the classroom.

Book Looks

We hope you enjoyed seeing the children's recent learning this afternoon, we know how much the children enjoy sharing it with you. It was great to see so many of you.

Sporting Success

Mr Smith's final week was as busy as ever. Monday saw the Y5/6 Dodgeballers taking part in a competition against a large number of Essex schools in Grays. A highly competitive event saw our teams place 2nd, 4th and 9th. On Wednesday our Tag Rugby Team claimed a gold at the Carver Barracks event, qualifying for the next round of the competition and yesterday all of our Y4s took part in a Tag Rugby competition at RAB. An enormous well done to all of the children who took part.



Respectful Refillers

We are the Respectful Refillers and we are opening a brand new pop up shop to help reduce plastic waste. We will be selling refills of hand soap, body wash and washing up liquid.

The prices of these items will be:

- ~ Washing up liquid: £1.75 for 500ml
- ~ Hand soap: £2.25 for 500ml
- ~ Bodywash: £2.75 for 500ml.

All our products are UK produced, ethically sourced, cruelty free, vegan, paraben and SLS free, closed loop and affordable. Through our enterprise, we are taking action to improve the environment while learning to run a business. With our profits, we will buy bug houses and eco friendly resources for school.


We launch our business on **Wednesday 6th March** and will be open **every Wednesday from 3:20pm** under the yellow canopy in the KS1 playground.

Please come along! You can bring your own 500ml bottle. We will have some spare bottles available and all refills will be clearly labelled for you. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parking Notice

This week we have been contacted by a couple of our resident neighbours about parking related issues. In the first instance Longhedges was completely impassable with residents unable to drive out of the street due to irresponsible parking. This prevents our neighbours from being able to go about their daily lives.

Secondly, I was particularly sadden to hear that one local resident has been on the receiving end of some very unpleasant, aggressive interactions with parents and now feels too intimidated to leave her house at drop off or pick up time. We spend so much time talking to our children about Respectful Relationships as the cornerstone of our school ethos. For our local community to feel this way is unacceptable. I ask you please to be considerate to, and respectful of, our neighbours.

 RAB READING OLYMPIANS		
BRONZE Amelia M	SILVER Taisia L Quinn J Rory P Roy P Elsie B Ava M	GOLD Isabella M
 RAB BOOKWORMS		
BRONZE Victor H Ben C	SILVER June L	GOLD



COMMUNITY SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSIONS

Drop-in sessions held once a month around the Uttlesford District, support and advice offered by a School Nurse and the 5-19 Healthy Family Support Practitioner.

Parents can ask advice about behaviour and emotional needs, bed wetting and soiling issues plus other health needs that may be impacting on both home and school life.

SPANGLER FAMILY HUB, St John's Rd, Stansted Mountfitchet, Stansted CM24 8JP

15:30 - 17:00

2nd April 2024

2nd July 2024

JORDAN PAVILION The Causeway, Dunmow CM8 2AA

15:30 - 17:00

7th February 2024

8th May 2024

SAFFRON WALDEN HOSPITAL, Radwinter Rd, Saffron Walden

Clinic Room outpatients department 15:30 - 17:00

5th March 2024

4th June 2024



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Join us at our
Get into Teaching
Coffee & Chat event

Monday 26th February
5 pm - 6 pm



A chance to ask
what teacher training is really like

Book this free informal via Eventbrite

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RAB PTA QUIZ NIGHT – tickets on sale now

We've got just 3 tables left for the PTA Quiz Night on Friday 15 March (as we write this!). If you'd like to come along, jump online to book your ticket at www.trybooking.com/uk/DDDU



It's a brilliant evening with the emphasis on fun over facts – though let's be clear, some facts will help! We'll have prizes up for grabs and a well-stocked bar, serving wine, beer, fizz, G&T, soft drinks and snacks.

Tickets are £10 each. Doors open at 7pm for a prompt start at 7.45pm. Bar closes at 11pm.

Each table of 8 will form a Quiz Team. Simply find a table with spaces free and select the number of tickets you would like, or reserve a whole table if one is still available. You'll need to put a name to each ticket where you can – don't worry, you can also select 'TBC' for players where you haven't quite got everyone confirmed yet.

We'll be running a waiting list once tickets have sold so please do register your interest as we always have a few tickets up for grabs nearer the time.

Mother's Day Presents for Parents – on sale until 10pm tonight

A final reminder that you can buy your tickets for Mother's Day gifts online until 10pm tonight, Friday 16 February. Visit www.trybooking.com/uk/DCZF to select either a '1 GIFT' ticket or a '2 GIFTS' ticket for each child you are buying for. Booking fees apply.

Each gift costs £3. Maximum 2 gifts per child. Strictly no ticket sales after 10pm tonight.

Booking your summer holiday?

If you're taking time over half term to make some plans for summer, don't forget that easyfundraising works with loads of travel and tour operators to raise funds for the school, without you spending a penny extra. All you have to do is sign up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rabpta. It's amazing how those pennies turn into pounds on a bigger purchase like a family holiday. With retailers across hotels and holidays, flights, car hire, travel money, ferries and trains, including Booking.com, Expedia, TUI, IHG, Disneyland Paris and lots more, they've pretty much got the travel sector covered!

Find out more: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/retailer-category/travel/

RAB PTA page: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rabpta

Textile Collection – Wednesday 28 February at drop off



Have a rummage in your cupboards over half term and see if you have anything you could contribute to our clothing collection with Happy School Bag Fundraising Project. This scheme is designed to help schools raise funds as well as helping the environment by keeping textiles away from landfills. Simply fill any plastic bags with unwanted but clean and reusable items and drop them off to the school car park on the morning of Wednesday 28 February. Thank you for your support.

Accepted

Adult clothing
Children's clothing
Paired shoes
Fashion accessories
Handbags
Belts
Hats & Scarves
Jewellery
Perfume

Not Accepted

Dirty, damaged, wet clothes
Uniforms
Underclothing
Toys, Books, DVDs
Duvets, Pillows, Household linen
Carpets, blankets, curtains
Bric-a-Brac

	Stars of the Week	
<u>Reception</u>		
Lara H	Evie L	Elizabeth C
Sadie A	Otto M	Ellie G
<u>Year 1</u>		
Anya I	Alex S	Harry C
Rufus G	Kayleb J	Soren C
<u>Year 2</u>		
Matilda O	Tom D	Leo B
Lyra B	Suki L	Flynn W
<u>Year 3</u>		
Benjamin S	Ken P	Logan M
Finlay F	Oliver C	Lily D
<u>Year 4</u>		
Leo M	Emelia A	Ollie A
Mary M	Teddy E	Amelia H
<u>Year 5</u>		
Robert T	George A	Leon S
Isabella P	Callum B	Amelia N
<u>Year 6</u>		
Kaleb F	Rose S	Emir G
Matilda D	Joemaria S	Gabe P
Infant Lunchtime Cup	1MI	
Junior Lunchtime Cup	3MR	

Future Diary Dates

5 Mar	Y3 Circus Skills Day
6 Mar	Y4 Epping Forest Trip
6 Mar	Respectful Refillers Shop
7 Mar	World Book Day
11 Mar	Connections Meeting 9am
11 Mar	Y2 Parent Maths Workshop 9am
12 Mar	EY Parent 6R/Phonics Workshop 9am
13 Mar	Y1 Parent Lunch 11.55am (pre booked)
15 Mar	PTA Quiz Night
18 Mar	Y6 Young Shakespeare
20 Mar	R Parent Lunch 11.55am (pre booked)
25-28 Mar	Parent Consultations
28 March	Easter Term Ends 1.30pm
15 April	Children Return to School
7 May	pm 2 Johns Online Safety Workshop for Parents