



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 8 March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day

R A Butler Academy was transformed into storyland yesterday with characters from all the children's favourite books suddenly appearing at the gates! The children were transported into many story settings and became different characters through all the activities they experienced. They enjoyed mystery masked storytellers, book-themed treasure hunts, drama workshops, storytelling workshops, author talks and story-inspired art activities! But the book inspired activities don't end there, please take a look at our....



...Library Newsletter

There are lots of recommendations and reviews in Mrs Larkin's fabulous [Library Newsletter](#) and even an interview with Mrs Cooper so do have a read.

If you go down to the woods today....

On Wednesday, year 4 travelled to Epping Forest as part of their Geography work on rivers. In the morning, they explored the water cycle at The Epping Forest Field Centre, which they knew so much about and consequently greatly impressed the instructors! They travelled through the grounds of Epping Forest and observed the water cycle in action looking at infiltration and saw where the source of a river was. In the afternoon, they travelled to Debden Brook and conducted a series of investigations in the river, including measuring water speed and depth. Most got very soggy feet but had a brilliant day!



Respectful Refillers

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the pop-up shop this week, they took £55 in sales. If you missed out, never fear, they will be in the Butler Room each Wednesday at pick up time for you to top up your supplies.

Connections Coffee Morning—ALL WELCOME!

On Monday we will be joined by Charley Bird, our Educational Mental Health Practitioner. She will be available to chat informally about mental health and wellbeing. She works with us in school with groups of children, supporting with emotional resilience and teaching them about how to manage their wellbeing. She also works with parents to help them to support their children. You can find out more about Charley and what she does at RAB [here](#). If you have any concerns about your child or are just interested in wellbeing resources and upcoming events, please come along and join us! You can also read the [MIND February Newsletter](#) it is full of tips and useful information to support mental wellbeing.

**RAB CONNECTION
COFFEE MORNINGS**

Spring Term Dates:
Monday 15 January, 9-10AM
Monday 22 February, 9-10AM
Monday 11 March, 9-10AM



Little ones are welcome!
Refreshments will be provided

An opportunity to chat and share
experiences with each other

Parent Workshops

Year 2—Maths Workshop

If you are able to attend on Monday, please make your way to the Junior Hall entrance at the bottom of the car park after drop off. We look forward to seeing you there.

Early Years—6Rs Phonics Workshop

Please come to the Infant Hall after drop off on Tuesday.

Mother's Day Presents

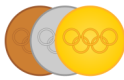

Thank you to our fabulous PTA for running the wonderful Mother's Day Pop Up shop. One poor mum may receive an empty box, this isn't a prank, it was the display box! Come into the office and they can give you your gift.



Y3/4 Tag Rugby Competition



Well done to our Y3/4 team who travelled to Carver Barracks to take part in the competition as one of 16 teams. They showed some real resilience, coming from behind on more than one occasion. It paid off, we came first not losing any games and just drawing one. Congratulations team!

 RAB READING		
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
 RAB BOOKWORMS		
BRONZE George W	SILVER Ailbhe C Lucas P	GOLD Dougie B

Parent Consultations

Don't forget to book your spring term parents consultation. Y6 children should attend the consultation with their parents.

<https://rabinfants.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

<https://rabjuniors.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



Green Fingered Greatness

The RAB Gardening Club has been awarded Level 3 by the RHS for their School Gardening Campaign.

The children had to demonstrate that they can grow and name a wide selection of plants, that they can keep the plants healthy and that they are planet friendly gardeners. We will receive a certificate, a digital logo, £50 gift voucher, an RHS book and a selection of seeds! Congratulations to our gardeners and thank you to the RAB community for all your support.

Summer Term Clubs

You have received details of how to sign up for Summer Term Clubs via the following links:

<https://rabinfants.schoolcloud.co.uk/Auth/Admin>

<https://rabjuniors.schoolcloud.co.uk/adminlogin>

The window for signing up opens on Wednesday 13th March at 8pm. It closes at 9am on Monday 18th March.

Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel 2024



For 2 weeks 11-22 March, we are taking part in a national initiative that encourages children to walk, cycle or scooter to school. Our school council reps will be collating the results each day and submitting them to the project. Schools with the highest participation will be awarded prizes.

Vacancy

Late Play are looking for someone to join their after school team. You can find further details [here](#).

Future Diary Dates

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
 19 April Y5 Celtic Harmony Camp
 7 May pm 2 Johns Online Safety Workshop for Parents
 You can find term dates for this academic year and next [here](#).

 Stars of the Week 		
<u>Reception</u>		
Bobby L	Leo T	Ivy B
Alannah P	Rory G	Leo H
<u>Year 1</u>		
Orla L	Seth B	Ted H
Jack R	Connor B	Grace D
<u>Year 2</u>		
Edie A	Henry B	Millie N
Max G	Lucy M	Levi J
<u>Year 3</u>		
Henry M	Zico C	Jesse P
Jakub M	Raphy W	Maja N
<u>Year 4</u>		
Bonnie A	Joe B	Ella P
Xavier S	Niamh S	June L
<u>Year 5</u>		
Sophie M	Ava W	Eva F
Max N	Amber O	Sophie J
<u>Year 6</u>		
Reu H	Jiba J	
Rory P	Jack C	
Infant Lunchtime Cup	2QB	
Junior Lunchtime Cup	3RD	



RAB PTA QUIZ NIGHT – next Friday – last tickets left!

We've got the last few spaces left for the PTA Quiz Night next Friday. Don't be shy! Join us for a brilliant evening of quiztastic fun!

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

Cash and cards accepted at the bar. Please bring a couple of £1 coins too for some extra fun and games. For more info and to book online, visit www.trybooking.com/uk/DDDU. Booking fees apply.

Mother's Day Presents for Parents

We loved opening the doors of our PTA Gift Store this week to help the children celebrate the very special women in their lives. They chose their gifts carefully, decorated their labels beautifully and hopefully carried them home without dropping them! Thank you for all your support – happy unwrapping for Sunday!

Booking your summer holiday?

If you're busy making plans for the 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