



# The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 19 April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break and are ready for a busy Summer term, we hope we'll have a little less hail and a little more sunshine!

## Curriculum Letters

You can find out what your children will be learning this term in the Curriculum Letters that were sent out on Seesaw this week. You can also find them on our [web-site](#).

## Ahoy there!



Ahoy there me hearties. Year 1 enjoyed a pirate themed day today with lots of pirate based activities going on. Phonics was based on pirate sounds, maths based on positional language and in English the children wrote pirate stories and messages to put into bottles. They also enjoyed a treasure hunt, flag making, map making, hat making and impressing Mrs Vincent with their pirate jokes! What a swashbuckling day!

## SWHCS Sports Carousel

Yesterday afternoon we were delighted to welcome over 60 year 9 SWCHS students to RAB to run a number of multi skills activities as part of their sport leadership programme for their PE course. It was a hugely successful afternoon with all of KS1 taking part. There were a multitude of stations which featured activities ranging from target throwing, howlers, cricket, catching games and many more. The children had lots of fun learning and listening to the older children and it was a very enjoyable afternoon of PE.



## Dodgeball

On Wednesday our Year 6 Dodgeball finalists travelled to Shenfield High school to take part in the Level 3 County competition. The top 12 schools from across the county turned up for an amazing day of dodging, ducking and diving. We had a strong start winning every game in our first round and topping our pool, so through to the 'Super 8' winning 2 of our next 3 games. The children showed amazing composure and mental resilience coming back in some games to take the win. They played well as a team and threw some absolutely fantastic shots! They made it through to the semi-finals and having lost the first game came back to take the second, they narrowly missed out in the 3<sup>rd</sup> game which took them into the 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> playoffs. This was another tight game but unfortunately they just missed out finishing 4th. This is still an outstanding achievement and means they are 4<sup>th</sup> in the entire county, that's over 500 schools! A massive result and we could not be prouder. The organisers said this was by far the highest standard they have seen at this competition so a huge compliment to the children. Well done to all involved.



## Netball Winners

It isn't just the children taking part in sport competitions, at the end of last term, RAB's finest netball playing staff went to SWCHS to play in the inaugural SAT tournament, against a team from Katherine Semar and two from SWCHS. We won all the round robin matches and then came the final between the top two teams, with RAB emerging victorious. It was fast, furious and a lot of fun. Well done RAB!



## Diary Dates Next Week



22-26 April	<a href="#">Week 2</a> New Lunch Menu
24 April	Junior Disco Y3&4 5-6.15pm
	Junior Disco Y5&6 6.30-7.45pm
25 April	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale
26 April	Y2 Swimming



## Clubs

Don't forget, Summer Term clubs start next week! Please make sure you've made your payments by the start of the week.

## Second Hand Uniform Sale

The PTA will be selling second hand uniform at the end of the school day on Thursday 25th April. You will be able to find them by the Uniform Shed close to the large double gates at the very bottom of the school car park. You will be able to pay by card or with cash.

## 2 Johns Esafety Presentation

Unfortunately the 2 Johns have had to cancel their visit to our school in May. We will be looking to re-book them in the Autumn Term as there are no further convenient dates available during the Summer Term. As soon as we know more we will let you know.

## Do you have a drone?

If anyone has, or knows someone who has, a drone, we'd love to build a bank of aerial photographs of Saffron Walden to use in our Geography lessons. Please could you let the office or Mrs Chen know if you can help us.

## Independent Examiner - PTA accounts

The PTA are ready to submit their accounts for 2022-2023 but legally require an independent examiner (ideally an accountant) to review these. If you have an hour (max) spare to volunteer to be able to do this for us or know someone that can, please get in contact at [rabutlerpta@gmail.com](mailto:rabutlerpta@gmail.com)



We hope you enjoyed a great break over Easter. We are delighted to be back for a busy Summer Term...

### KS2 Disco next Wednesday

All our KS2 children are invited to join the fun at the KS2 Disco on **Wednesday 24 April**. There will be a DJ, raffle prizes, refreshments and the chance to show off those disco diva moves!

### Timings

- Y3 & Y4 Disco: 5pm-6.15pm

- Y5 & Y6 Disco: 6.30pm-7.45pm

Prompt collection by parents please as we have a quick turnaround to manage between disco sessions

### Costs

Entry is £3 on the door – cash only

Children will also need a small amount of spending money for drinks, snacks and to buy raffle tickets if they wish.

Please see the parentmail sent earlier this week with full details on dropping off and collecting your child, plus what/what not to bring and more.

If you're a parent who can help us set up the hall beforehand, sell drinks, crisps and raffle tickets on the night, or stay an extra 15 minutes at the end to clear away, please email the disco team at [rabutlerpta@gmail.com](mailto:rabutlerpta@gmail.com)

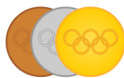

### SAVE THE DATE

Make a note on the family calendar and look forward to summer fun at RAB!

**RAB Summer Fayre on Saturday 8 June** 11am-3pm – with lots of stalls, refreshments, inflatables and activities, this is one of our biggest events of the year!

**RAB Fest 2024 on Saturday 29 June** (ends 10am on Sunday) – our much loved overnight family camp out on the school field, with BBQ, refreshments, campfire singalongs, tent bling competitions, marshmallow toasting and more. We'll be sending out more info plus our ticket application link in the next few weeks.

★	Stars of the Week	★
<b><u>Reception</u></b> Ivy R Aniah A	Ben B Elsie-May W	Joshua G Noah L
<b><u>Year 1</u></b> Bourne P Harry K	Caitlin C Dolcey S	George G William M
<b><u>Year 2</u></b> Max G Remy V	Lottie P Noah D	Archie B Ralph H
<b><u>Year 3</u></b> Annie L Maddie D	Willow T Dougie B	George F Ellie-Mai S
<b><u>Year 4</u></b> Alice C Riley D	Primrose M Joe B	Johnny M Layla K
<b><u>Year 5</u></b> Sasha M Harriet B	Efren G Ettore Z	Blake S Evelyn O
<b><u>Year 6</u></b> Oliver E Arthur N	Roy P Charlie C	Ava K Oscar R
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	1MI 6FCB	

	<b>RAB READING OLYMPIANS</b>	
BRONZE	SILVER Jasper M Sophia P Thomas C	GOLD
	<b>RAB BOOKWORMS</b>	
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD

## Calling All Musicians



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## Your Orchestra Needs You

Orchestra rehearses every Thursday morning at 8.30 in the Walden room under the direction of Jason Meyrick.

We are looking for string, woodwind and brass players, any age or stage. Pupils having lessons outside school are most welcome.

There is a concert once a term, and a chance for the orchestra to perform.

**Why not give it a try, it's Fun and it's Free.**

### Future Diary Dates

13-16 May	Y6 SATs Exams
14 May	Y4 Production 6pm
15 May	Y4 Production 6pm
20 May	Connections Meeting 9am
22 May	Book Look 8.40-9.10am
22 May	Y6 Eaton Vale Zoom Meeting 6pm
25 May– 3 June	Half Term
4 June	Inset Day
8 June	PTA Summer Fayre 11-3
5 June	Children return to school
29 June	RABFest
1 July	Sports Day Y1 am
	Sports Day Y2 pm
2 July	Sports Day EY am
3 July	Sports Day Y3 am
	Sports Day Y4 pm
4 July	Sports Day Y6 am
5 July	Sports Day Y5 am
9 July	Whole School Open afternoon 2.30-4.30pm
17 July	Y6 Production 6pm
18 July	Y6 Production 6pm
22 July	Y6 Leavers' Parents' Coffee Morning
22 July	Y6 Leavers' & Y5 Disco

You can find term dates for this academic year and next [here](#).