



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 3 May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,
Don't forget Monday is a Bank Holiday. Enjoy the long weekend!

Happy Retirement & Bon Voyage

At half term we will be saying farewell to Mrs McWilliam one of our Reception Teaching Assistants. After 14 years she has helped welcome and settle hundreds of children at RAB. She will be very missed as she returns to her native Spain to start her retirement. We wish her all the very best.

Mighty Oak Public Speaking Competition

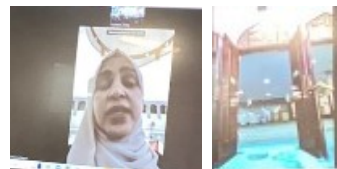
Over two days this week, three Y4 teams travelled to Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford to take part in the Mighty Oak Public Speaking Competition. Each child had a specific role to play—Chair, Speaker, Questioner, Captain, Poetry Line Reader, Manager and Word Master. The children spoke on the topics of *All pupils should have a laptop instead of pen and paper* and *The internet is better for learning than teachers*. All three teams were incredibly articulate and performed confidently in a large lecture theatre in front of an audience and judging panel. RAB had some fantastic results against stiff competition. 4AF came first in the Best Team category on their day, with Logan M and Liam Y winning Best Speaker on their respective days. Congratulations to all the children who took part, you did RAB proud.



Mosque Tour



Y3 had a virtual tour of the East London Mosque on Thursday morning. Shabima talked about her faith and showed the children around the prayer hall. The children were all wonderfully articulate with their questions and listened very carefully. It was fantastic to see inside the prayer hall and get an idea of how large the mosque is, regularly receiving 10,000 individuals for prayers.



Visitors to Y1

Year 1 were lucky enough to have some visitors from SWCHS this week. Two groups of Health and Social Care students came to RAB to teach the children about healthy lifestyles. They had made wonderful posters and created engaging games for the children to play. They thoroughly enjoyed the interactive sessions learning about keeping active and how to have a healthy diet. They even played a game of human hungry hippos, collecting food for their team.

Thank You....

... to the Year 6s from last year as we have used the money they earned from their Enterprise Week to buy new blankets, cushions and books for the RAB Reading garden. All the children are really looking forward to relaxing with a good book at break times. We just need the Sun to shine!

Reading Buddies



This morning, Y3 visited their Y1 friends and very proudly read them their stories. Y1 were very respectful listeners and Y3 were very articulate readers. The children really enjoy spending time with their buddies.

Diary Dates Next Week



6-10 May	<u>Week 1</u> New Lunch Menu
6 May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
8 May	Y2 Parent School Lunches (pre-booked)
10 May	Y2 Swimming



Rapid Fire Cricket

Three Y4 teams took part in a Rapid-Fire Cricket competition this Thursday at Katherine Semar. This is a relatively new adaptation of the sport for our children, and they learnt quickly and adapted well. There was some tough competition, but all teams showed fantastic teamwork, improving with every game as the competition went on. There were two tournaments taking place, in tournament 1 RAB Blue came 3rd overall, after losing their first 2 games came back to finish strong to win their last two games. In tournament 2, RAB Red finished 1st and RAB Green came 3rd. Some brilliant 6s were hit, with our batting being the highlight of the day! Some amazing catches too, a great foundation to work from for next year. Well done to all who took part

Ukraine Collection—11th May

The school community has generously supported Rotary Saffron Walden's collections for Ukraine in the past. If you wish to do so again, you can find details of their next collection in the flyer.

Yummy Bakes

Mabel in Y4 is organising a bake sale to raise funds for Duchenne UK. If you are in need of a sweet treat and would like to support her efforts, she'll be selling her cakes outside Saffron Community Link between 10 and 3 tomorrow—please see the flyer for further details. We hope you get lots of customers Mabel!



Ukraine - 3.5 million refugees in crisis

But you can help!

Collection on
Saturday 11th May 2024
9am - 1pm
Saffron Walden Common Car Park

All cash donations will go towards the purchase of pallets of food - £500 per pallet. Donate £5 here

Goods needed include:

- Everyday food items including pasta, rice and gluten free items
- Toiletries and clothing for all ages
- Cleaning materials
- Cooking utensils, torches, batteries



Rotary
Saffron Walden
<https://rotary-sw.org/>



UK-AID
<https://www.uk-aid.org/how-you-can-help/>



Friday 17 May - Summer Fayre Donations Day (non uniform day!)

Yes, the temperature briefly crept up to an exotic 18C this week which is all the encouragement we need to get excited about this year's RAB Summer Fayre!

We've got heaps of fun in store when the Fayre opens on Saturday 8 June, including loads of fantastic stalls and prizes to be won, Beat the Goalie with Mr Andrews, Animal Corner, RAB Bake Off competition, a special performance by the RAB Country Dancing Club, bouncy castles, face painting, Grand Raffle, candyfloss, ice cream and BBQ refreshments and much more!

But all this starts with **Donations Day on Friday 17 May**, where we ask the children to bring in a contribution for the Summer Fayre, in exchange for a non-uniform day. All donations are gratefully received.

This year's [Summer Fayre Flyer](#) explains more, including suggested donations by year group – hopefully a copy made its way to you in school bags today.

If you work for a business, or know someone who does, and can donate a prize for our Grand Raffle, we'd be thrilled. Vouchers, gifts or experiences are all brilliant. And we will promote your company across the school community in return. Please drop off raffle prizes to the School Office or email rabut-lerpta@gmail.com



The Summer Fayre is one of our biggest fundraising events of the year and it doesn't happen without your support – thank you so much!

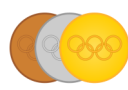

Thank you

We received some lovely books and fancy dress outfits for the children to use in school this week. Huge thanks for your donations. If you have any Little People or Small World figures or sets that you no longer use, do drop them in at any time to the School Office.

Save the date: RAB Fest 2024 on Saturday 29 June (ends 10am Sunday)

We'll be sending info out shortly for this year's family camp out. Watch this space...

	Stars of the Week	
<u>Reception</u> Ruby S Felix D	Oscar F Louie T	Ariella Q Tilly F
<u>Year 1</u> Henry Y Keira P	Shriyansh C Stanley M	Ella G Asya G
<u>Year 2</u> Matilda O Jessica S	Kaya E Jack G	Ivy S Ben P
<u>Year 3</u> Hudson C Annabelle S	George S Ella D	Rory S Lucas P
<u>Year 4</u> All the Mighty Oak children		
<u>Year 5</u> Lily W Mia B	Eddie H Albie M	Emeli-Grace C Zara S
<u>Year 6</u> Rosie B Noah E	Daphne L Freddy P	Alicia P Leila P
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	RNB 3RD	

	RAB READING OLYMPIANS	
BRONZE Jake B	SILVER Laurence L	GOLD
	RAB BOOKWORMS	
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD

Future Diary Dates

13-16 May	Y6 SATs Exams
14 May	Y4 Production 6pm
15 May	Y4 Production 6pm
17 May	Donations Day (Non-uniform)
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
12 June	Class & Sports Photos
13 June	Class & Sports Photos
17 June	EY Duxford
14 June	Y1 Colchester Zoo
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](#).