



Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

As we come to the end of another week and half term, everyone has enjoyed another busy week at Arthur Bugler both in and out of school!



Year 1 and 4 enjoyed a trip to Colchester Zoo whilst the children in Year 3 explored life in the Iron age at Hadleigh Country Park. All of the children had a wonderful time and they learnt lots of facts linked to their topic. I have heard the children talk with excitement about all of the things they did on the trip. It was also lovely to



hear some very positive reports about the children's behaviour – every single child represented our school impeccably. My thanks to all of the staff for arranging these fantastic trips, they take a lot of organising and I am sure you would agree that they are worth the time and effort!



Today the whole school has been dressed in non-uniform on a very warm day for the PTA's Summer Fete which takes place on Saturday 10th June. The chocolate donations from today will be used to help run the tombola stand.

Make sure you save the date!!!

Today we said farewell to Mrs Stannard as she leaves to begin her retirement. Over the past 24 years Mrs Stannard has worked with hundreds of children and has had such a positive impact on their journeys through this school. I have enjoyed working with her over the past two years and will miss her positive approach to ensuring the children within our community get the best possible start to life. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her the very best as she begins the next chapter of her life!

I am pleased to report that the PTA raised a fantastic £475 from the Reading Challenge. There were 32 children who took part and although this is not a lot the amount raised is brilliant. This money will be used to buy books for the school. All of the children have received a certificate in assembly today and their efforts are very much appreciated. It is likely that we will run this competition again during book week next year.



Mrs Scott has been working hard with some children in Year 5 since September on an Art project called 'Artistry of the Estuary'. This is a Thurrock wide competition that involves all of the primary schools in the local area. The art pieces will be on display in the Thameside Nature Park, throughout the Summer holidays. I look forward to seeing this on display for everyone to see and I will let you know how we get on in the competition. Well done to all of the children that took part and a huge thank you to Mrs Scott for taking the time to work with the children on this project.



Last week we received a wonderful donation of a variety of garden equipment from the DIY Centre in Corringham. The local shop were kind enough to donate a range of gardening tools and some resources to our 'Gardening Club'. The children were delighted to receive these and as a



school we are extremely grateful for this wonderful act of kindness!

Over the last 2 weeks our new Early Years' children visited the school for the first time for a 'Stay and Play' session in the hall. There was some wonderful equipment for the children to enjoy whilst we had the chance to meet the children and

families that will be joining our school community. However, the rest of the school were keen to have a go on the bouncy castle – including the staff!

I always enjoy reporting on the many successes of our children outside of school and this week I am pleased to report that Kyle Arnold (Year 6) has continued to represent our school in the Thurrock District Football team. I reported after Easter that he attended the Jersey Football Festival and I was delighted to hear that he was awarded with the Jersey Ambassador Award. This is an amazing achievement because the award is presented to someone who demonstrates impeccable behaviour including being well mannered and representing Thurrock in the correct manner. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Kyle and I also want to wish him and the team good luck as they compete in the first of two finals this Saturday. Well done Kyle – everyone at Arthur Bugler is extremely proud of you and your achievements!



Have a lovely weekend and a fantastic half term!

J. A. Bryant
Headteacher

	This week the Attendance Trophies have been awarded to			
	KS1	Class 3	Miss Pugh	99.3%
	KS2	Class 11	Mrs Green	99.3%
	<i>Congratulations to all classes!</i>			
	Whole School Attendance		95.4%	

	Children Coming Into School Late
	<p>This week the amount of learning time lost by 2 children combined was 20 minutes.</p> <p>Children can enter school from 8.45am and there are some learning activities for them to carry out the moment they enter class. Registration closes at 9am and the first lesson starts at 9am. If children are late they potentially miss the start of the learning process.</p>



Bronze Headteacher Award

This week 9 Bronze Headteacher Awards were presented in assembly. Congratulations to Leo Coxall, Harry Rogers, Humaira Hussain, George Pickess, Bobby Green, Bobby Manton, George Cook, Layla Alabaster-Mahoney and Emily Fogarty. They are now the proud owners of a new ruler! Congratulations!



Silver Headteacher Award

Congratulations to Billy Tomkins and Mia Page as they were presented with a Silver Headteacher Award for receiving 10 Headteacher Awards. They are now the proud owners of a pen to go with their rulers. Well done!



Mad Science Club

Mad Science Club has been in full swing since Easter and the kids are loving it! When asked this week, some Year 3 children were able to explain about their activities having races with different equipment, how they've been testing different materials and exploring how they behave. This week the group carried out a session called 'Chem in a Flash' which involved looking at different chemical and physical reactions such as oxidation and crystallisation. The children all had a fabulous time and are learning a lot about how to work scientifically and safely.



Sports Day 2017

This year sports day will take place on Wednesday 21st June 2017. The timings will be as follows:

Early Years/Years 1 & 2 - 9.10am – 10.45am

Years 3 & 4 – 10.30am – 12pm

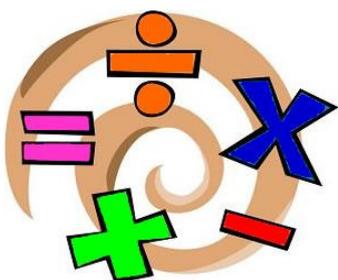
Years 5 & 6 – 1.15pm – 2.40pm

Further detailed information will be sent out after half term.



Cricket Update

Well done to our girl's cricket team who played at Warren Primary school this week. It was an unfortunate defeat but the girls showed real improvement and superb team spirit well done! Mr Heard



Maths Week

Our school's Maths week this year will begin on Monday 5th June. Our week, 'Maths is Everywhere' is going to be a fantastic opportunity for the children to explore how maths is relevant across the curriculum and how it is used in everyday life. The children will enjoy fun practical activities throughout the week, solving problems, building structures, creating artwork and many more.



LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

East Thurrock Choir Competition – School Choir – 23rd May.
 Bikeability (2nd letter) – Year 6 – 25th May.
 Walk online Roadshow – Year 5 (Parents/Carers) sent by ParentMail – 25th May.
 School Trip – Year 2 – 26th May.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



May	
Monday 29 th – Friday 2 nd June	Holiday
June	
Monday 5 th	Return to School Maths Week
Saturday 10 th	Summer Fete
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	Year 1 Phonics Check (No Holidays) Year 2 Phonics Re-Check (No Holidays)
Thursday 15 th	SEN Coffee Morning
Friday 16 th	PTA Father's Day Shop
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd	Sports and Health & Fitness Week
Monday 19 th	Class 5 School Trip
Tuesday 20 th	Class 6 School Trip
Wednesday 21 st	Sports Day
Tuesday 27 th	EYFS – Year 1 Transition Meeting (2.20pm)
Wednesday 28 th	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 29 th	Year 2 – 3 Transition Meeting (2.20pm)
	Year 6 End Of Year Production (9.30am and 6.30pm)
Friday 30 th	Non-Pupil Day