



Once we return from the weekend we have just four school days to go until the Easter break begins. As a reminder, there is an Easter Club being run in the school by Kidbusterz for children aged 4-12 - for more information please go to the Active Essex website at: [Easter holiday clubs with Essex ActivAte - Active Essex](#). If you are eligible for free spaces and require help accessing your code, please speak to the school office.

This week, our Year 5 children have taken part in a visit from a WW1 simulator and had the chance to become pilots for the day. Whilst doing so, they learnt about what it would have been like to be a pilot during The Great War and also wrote poems. More information on this fantastic experience is on the following pages.

Following consultation with different after school childcare providers, we have selected Little Nippers to provide provision for the families of our school. The intention is for the wraparound care to begin after the May half term, with work going on between then and now for the provision to be set up. Attached to this newsletter is a parent survey from Little Nipperz to gain an understanding of the demand so they can plan staffing for the provision. If you would like a printed version of the survey, please pop into the school office where there will be copies available.

The winning classes for TT Rockstars over the Spring term are Rose and Lavender— they will have a non uniform day on the first day back (15th April 2024).

Wishing you all a great weekend as always.

Mr Wade  
Head of School



#### Diary Dates:

##### March

- 25th—Yr 5 Road Safety Event in school
- 25th—Yr 5/6 football match V Noak Bridge (Selected children)
- 26th—Yr 5 Road Safety Event in school
- 26th—Trust Science Competition (selected children)
- 26th—Year 4 Spring Production to parents @9:15am
- 25th—Yr 5/6 football match V Noak Bridge (Selected children)
- 27th—Year 4 Spring Production to parents @9:15am
- 27th—Yr 5 Road Safety Event in school
- 27th—Yr 6 SATs parent meeting 2:30 & 5:30pm in Elder Class

28th—Yr 6 Reward trip

##### 28th—Last day of term

##### April

##### 15th—Return to school

- 17th—Trust Orienteering Competition (selected children)
- 18th—Class Photos
- 25th—Year 1 trip to Mountfitchet Castle
- 26th—Yr5/6 football match at Kingswood Primary (Selected children)

##### May

- 2nd—Year 1 Phonics meeting with parents (2:30pm KS1 Hall)
- 2nd—Year 1 Phonics meeting with parents (5pm KS1 Hall)

**Inset Days—22nd, 23rd & 24th May 2024.**



#### Information/ Reminders —

**Dinner money & breakfast club money**—please remember to ensure you have sufficient funds on your child's account. We would ask that all negative balances are cleared by the end of the month.

#### Vacancies.

Please visit the following for vacancies within our trust.  
[www.berlesduna.co.uk/Vacancy.php](http://www.berlesduna.co.uk/Vacancy.php)



#### **BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES**

BERLESDUNA – FINANCE MANAGER closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
CANEWDON – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 26<sup>th</sup> March  
CHERRY TREE – SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER closing date 24<sup>th</sup> April  
CHERRY TREE – ADMINISTRATION & ADMISSIONS ASSISTANT closing date 27<sup>th</sup> March  
CRAYS HILL – INCLUSION SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 27<sup>th</sup> March  
FAIRHOUSE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 17<sup>th</sup> April  
FAIRHOUSE – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 27<sup>th</sup> March  
WILLOWS – CLEANER closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
WILLOWS – CATERING ASSISTANT closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) – closing date 19<sup>th</sup> April

For more information and to apply for any of our roles, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies – Berlesduna Academy Trust](#)

#### 'Talk it' topics and British Values

'Talk it' topics are an opportunity for children to discuss an issue or idea throughout the week which is linked to the British Values. It encourages children's communication skills as well as debating skills and is fun. We cover a different topic in school each week. It would be fantastic if you could talk about it at home too. This week's topic will be—

**Early Years—What does the word 'rich' mean to you? This links to the British Value —Individual Liberty.**

**KS1 & KS2—Should there be a limit on how rich one person can become? This links to the British Value —Individual Liberty.**



# Certificate of Achievement

Week of 18th March 2024

Buttercup— Mason  
Daffodil— Isabelle P  
Primrose— Riyansh  
Bluebell Class— Ben  
Rose Class— Jake K  
Tulip Class— Annie F  
Lavender Class— Layla-Anne D  
Orchid Class— Isaac  
Sunflower Class— Charlie-Jay A  
Birch Class— Alianna W  
Hawthorn Class— Thomas W  
Pine Class— Laiton M  
Ash Class— Scarlett F  
Beech Class— Oscar H  
Maple Class— Jennifer R  
Olive Class— Bonnie H  
Sycamore Class— Carly O  
Willow Class— Leah H  
Elder Class— Tegan D  
Elm Class— Reignen P  
Oak Class— Kendra



## Reading Corner

Year Group	This week we will be reading...
Nursery	The Gingerbread Man by Estelle C
Reception	The Odd Egg
Year 1	Beegu by Alexis Deacon
Year 2	A Walk in London by Salvatore Rubbino
Year 3	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
Year 4	Who let the gods out? By Maz Evans
Year 5	The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell
Year 6	The boy and the tower by Polly Ho-Yen

Class	Reader of the week...
Year 1—Bluebell	Amy
Year 1—Rose	Raeya H
Year 1 - Tulip	Ilene G
Year 2 - Orchid	Kyan
Year 2 - Sunflower	Adebambo A
Year 2 - Lavender	Amira C
Year 3 - Pine	Elle W
Year 3 - Hawthorn	Kyon R
Year 3 - Birch	Alianna W
Year 4 - Maple	Alice H
Year 4 - Beech	Esme E
Year 4 - Ash	Ebrima
Year 5 - Olive	Freya C
Year 5 - Sycamore	Berri T
Year 5 - Willow	Leah
Year 6—Elder	Faith S
Year— Elm	Ronnie W
Year 6—Oak	Jack

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised  
A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



Please see below for what has been taught in phonics this week in your child's year group:

Reception	In phonics, we have been practicing words ending in -ing such as looking, waiting, marching and cooking. We have also looked at compound words such as farmyard, rooftop and carpark. Tricky words have been he, we, me, be, was, you, they and all. Tricky work homework this week is the words, go, no, to and into.
Year 1	In phonics this week, Year 1 have learnt the following sounds: <b>ear</b> making the /er/ sound like in <b>learn</b> and <b>early</b> . <b>wr</b> making the /r/ sound like in <b>write</b> and <b>wrist</b> <b>sc</b> and <b>st</b> making the /s/ sound like in <b>science</b> and <b>castle</b> and the schwa and the end of words like in <b>actor</b> , <b>caterpillar</b> and <b>colour</b> .

### Free Reader Friday

Please remind your child that every Friday, they can bring in their own book from home, or choose one from the book corner or school library.



## Oracy Corner



# Let's Talk



**Discuss:** "Flying cars would be a good option for transport in the future." Discuss

### Build

Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea.



- “ Building on X's idea \_\_\_\_
- “ I agree and would like to add \_\_\_\_
- “ X's idea made me think \_\_\_\_

Build

### Challenge

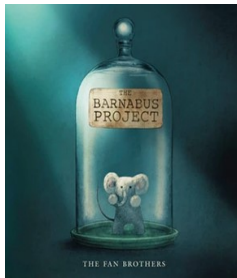
Disagree or present an alternative argument



- “ I disagree because \_\_\_\_
- “ To challenge you X, I think \_\_\_\_
- “ I understand your point of view, but have you thought about \_\_\_\_?

Challenge

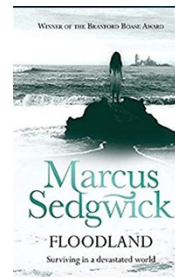
## Recommended Reads



KS1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2



## Times Table Rockstars and Numbots

**TT Rockstars Class of the week is Lavender**  
**Pine class are the winners of the Spring term battles.**

### Player of the week—

Lavender— Adebanji A & Blake H  
Orchid— Lily  
Sunflower— Adebambo A  
Birch— Emily W  
Hawthorn— Ella M  
Pine — Tiffany L-H  
Ash— Lillie-Ann  
Beech— Freddie M  
Maple— Darius M  
Olive— Joseph P  
Sycamore— Jessie R  
Willow— Urte  
Elder— William W  
Elm— Bebe M  
Oak— Stanley

**Numbots Class of the week is Tulip**

### Numbots Player of the week

Rose— Ugne P  
Tulip— Buha A  
Bluebell— Vlad

Battle Board	21.3.24
Pine class	30
Sycamore class	24
Ash class	21
Hawthorn class	18
Sunflower class	18
Maple class	12
Olive class	12
Lavender class	12
Elder class	9
Willow class	9
Birch class	9
Orchid class	9
Oak class	9
Beech class	3
Elm class	3





### Dodgeball Competition

On Tuesday, we took some Year 6's to Laindon Community Centre to take part in a dodgeball competition with lots of schools from across Basildon. The children really enjoyed the event, and always played with a smile on their faces. The children represented the school really well with their behaviour and sportsmanship towards the other schools at the event. We played 8 games in total, winning some and losing some as well, but despite the result, the team didn't stop trying their hardest. Well done Whitmore!



### Down Syndrome Day

To celebrate Down Syndrome Day, all the children at Whitmore took part in the Sunflower Challenge and planted a sunflower at the beginning of March. Children will be able to take their sunflower home. To donate, please scan the QR code that you can find in the posters around the school (suggested donation of £1) or give the money to the class teacher.



### WW1 Aviation day

On Thursday this week, year 5 were visited by the WW1 Aviation Heritage Trust. The children learnt a lot about World War 1, including about the different planes that were used in battles and what life was like in the trenches. They also wrote poems inspired by WW1 onto special seeded paper. These will be flown over to France, where they will be dropped from a replica single-seater plane to sow poppy seeds, forget-me-not seeds and cornflower seeds in remembrance, along with poems from children in France and Germany. Finally, a VR flight simulator was set up where the children were able to fly in a plane from WW1 and operate it. There were also some souvenir prizes given out to children that our visitors thought were the best engaged in the activities. All the children were thoroughly engaged, and enjoyed their day while learning!

"BEST DAY EVER!"

"It was so exciting!"

"I loved it when we went on the simulator because we got to fly a plane!"

"I liked how we learnt about the past because it's nothing like it is now."

