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Arthur Bugler Primary School

Another busy week at Arthur Bugler!

The year 5 Residential at the Isle of Wight took place and an incredible time was had by all- check out the photos on our Facebook page.

Year 2 had a royal time at Leeds Castle -bringing their history experiences to life.

Earth day left us buzzing with a visit to from a bee keeper and some bees (all securely contained!)- read on below for more details about Earth Day.

We'd like to make parents aware of a concerning online trend currently circulating among young people that involves holding one's breath for extended periods.

While it may appear harmless, this behaviour can be dangerous and may lead to loss of consciousness or serious harm.

We encourage families to have open, age-appropriate conversations with their children about online trends and peer influence. Reminding children not to try activities that could put their safety at risk—especially those seen on social media—is important.

If you have any concerns or would like support in discussing online safety with your child, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

We are off to London tomorrow for our Mini Marathon- the children (and staff!) are incredibly excited.

Have a fabulous weekend,

Mrs Matthews

Head of School

Weekly reading winners (Golden Tickets)

This weeks winners are:

EYFS/Key Stage 1: Class 5

Key Stage 2: Classes 8

Reading is a vital skill, and we take pride in celebrating our readers every Friday during our weekly celebration assembly. Please support us by encouraging your child to read regularly at home and by signing their reading record. Each completed read brings them closer to earning golden tickets—let's work together to inspire a love for reading!

Weekly Attendance winners

A huge congratulations to this week's top attending classes!

EYFS/Key Stage 1: Class 6 99.7%

Key Stage 2: Class 10 97.2%

Regular attendance is crucial for a strong education, helping children stay on track with their learning and progress. Every school day counts! However, if your child is unwell or unable to attend, please remember that it is your responsibility to inform the school as early as possible. Thank you for your continued support in making attendance a priority!

Class dojo

Winning team - Yellow

PE & Sports update

Netball

A huge well done to our girls netball team who competed at this years Thurrock Netball Rally at Basildon Sporting Village last week. The girls played exceptionally well across their 3 group games narrowly losing to East Tilbury 1-0 and then beating Little Thurrock 9-0 and Horndon-on-the-Hill 2-1.

Unfortunately we didn't progress to the semi-finals but the team were outstanding in their efforts. A huge thank you to our parents for their support during the event and for helping to organise our amazing new uniforms. I think you'll agree we definitely won the prize for the best dressed team!

On Tuesday we visited Mossbourne Herd Lane for a 7-a-side friendly match. The girls played some incredible netball running out 14-3 winners. Player of the match went to Lily for some superb shooting in the fourth quarter.

Football Kit Return

Please could all football kits be returned to Mr Heard at your earliest convenience so they can be organised for next season as we still have a large number that have not yet been returned.

Thank you!

1 - Our netball team gave their all at this years Thurrock Rally at Basildon Sporting Village.

Earth Day

We had an amazing day on Wednesday celebrating Earth Day. The children (and staff) looked fabulous in their green, floral and animal inspired outfits. In school the children engaged in lots of fun but meaningful activities linked to caring for our planet. In some classes children looked at recycling, many classes joined in with live lessons focusing on biodiversity and sustainability, we had some practical activities taking place such as making seed bombs and bird feeders and Year 3 had a visit from a bee keeper.

The Eco Club had the difficult task of judging our nature competitions. We were absolutely blown away by your clever ideas for attracting wildlife to our local area and the photography skills the children showed in their nature photographs were phenomenal. We had over 70 entries to the competitions and selecting a winner was not an easy task- well done and thank you to everyone who submitted an entry.

Habitat competition winners

Aurelia M and Salma K

Nature Photograph Competition Winner

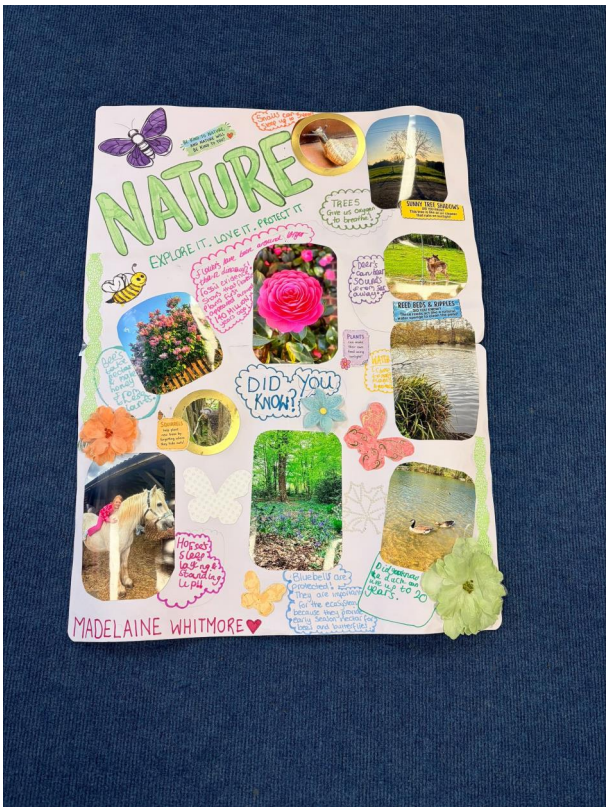
Madelaine W and Dexter F

Well done to our winners- prizes have been ordered and will be presented soon!

2 - Aurelia's winning habitat design

3 - Salma's winning habitat.

4 - Dexter's winning photograph



5 - Madelaine's winning collage of photos

Bee nice to bees
Bees keep our Planet healthy.
Bees are responsible for one third.
Bees can't see red.

Honey bees in the natural world

Our Learning Journey
EARTH
FARMER DUCK

PATT Primary Schools Playground Project

On Wednesday 9th July, we will be welcoming Mo James from PATT (Parents and Teachers Together) to our school during morning drop-off. Mo will be available on the gates/playground so that parents and carers can pop over for a brief chat, put a face to the name, and ask about support that may be helpful for their child or family.

This is a relaxed, informal opportunity for parents to find out about local SEND-related support and services, or to be signposted to organisations that may be able to help. You don't need an appointment – just stop by if you'd like to say hello or ask a question.

Parents can also find more information about PATT and the support they offer by visiting their website: www.patt.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming Mo and hope parents find this a helpful chance to connect and access support.

Congratulations - out of school achievements

6 - Congratulations to Freya in Year 5 who was awarded a medal for gymnastics.

Co-operative Values

- **Self Help** - We use our own efforts and resources to achieve things without relying on others.
- **Self Responsibility** - We understand that we are answerable and accountable for our actions.
- **Democracy** - We understand that everyone should be treated equally and has an equal voice and right to contribute.
- **Solidarity** - We support each other and work together to achieve a goal.
- **Equality** - We ensure that everyone is treated fairly, equally and with respect.
- **Equity** - We demonstrate attitudes and behaviours which are fair and unbiased.

Safeguarding - online safety for parents/carers

A video on self care and why it is so important to look after yourself

Anna Freud, What is self-care and why is it important?

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Dates for your diary

Dates for the next few weeks: 1st May- Girls Cricket Tournament

4th May- May Bank Holiday- School Closed

5th May- Author Visit- Pop & Olly

5th May- New Reception Parents Meeting

11th May- Year 6 SATS Week

15th May- Boys Cricket Tournament