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Arthur Bugler Primary School

Well, what a half term that was!

SATS, Isle of Wight, Bikeability, Scooters, Recorders, An Author Visit, Buzzing with Bees, Leeds Castle, The Sinking of the Titanic! Swimming Lessons, A Mini Marathon, Rugby Coaching, Cricket Tournaments and a Visit to Lords... to name a few of the events that took place this half term.

We are starting to prepare for our new school year. Please complete the class swap survey if you haven't already done so.

We would like to introduce the Daily Read Challenge for over half term.

Please encourage your child to read everyday during half term. Every child who reads everyday: 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th of May and has this signed in their reading record books, will get a certificate and be entered into a prize draw. 1 prize per class. - You've got to be in it to win it!

Have a wonderful half term - see you all back on 1st June

Mrs. Matthews

Head of School

Year Group Termly News

Reception:

This half term, Reception have had a wonderful time immersing themselves in their exciting topic all about animals. The children thoroughly enjoyed an animal-themed dress-up day and were especially thrilled when some real animals came to visit our classrooms, bringing their learning to life. Throughout the term, they have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity, while also working incredibly hard to develop their independence and confidence as learners. We are very proud of the progress they have made as they prepare for their transition into Year 1. We wish everyone a lovely half term break and look forward to another fantastic half term ahead!

Year 1:

This half term has flown by because we have been enjoying every moment. In History, in our 'School Days' topic, we have been learning more about our school and the people who make it such a special place. We have been working hard on our phonics as, from Monday 8th June, we will be taking part in the National Phonics Screening Check. We have included some additional activities in the reading and spelling folders so that children can continue practising whenever they can. The children have also really enjoyed our Science topic, where they have been learning about the five main types of animals and what they eat, using scientific vocabulary such as herbivore, carnivore and omnivore. It has been lovely to see how much the children have grown—and how many teeth have been lost along the way! We are looking forward to finishing Year 1 strongly and celebrating all of the children's achievements in the next half term.

Year 2:

We have had a fantastic half term diving into our *Magnificent Monarchs* topic. The highlight was undoubtedly our wonderful trip to Leeds Castle, where the children explored the castle and its beautiful grounds before stepping into the shoes of kings and queens from the past. They represented our school brilliantly and showed such enthusiasm throughout the day. In DT, we've begun our sewing unit, and the children are already eager to continue developing their skills. Year 2, you have worked incredibly hard this half term — keep it up.

Year 3:

It has been a fantastic half-term for Year 3, packed with hands-on learning and exciting new topics! Our classrooms came alive with the arrival of our new class pets (a group of butterflies), while Maths was brought to life in a delicious way using Starbursts. Taking inspiration from nature, the children headed outdoors to create beautiful woven pieces of art before stepping back in time to tackle the mighty Romans in History. Finally, a huge well done to Class 8 for wrapping up their successful swimming lessons, and a big welcome to Class 7 as they take the baton!

Year 4:

This half term, Year 4 have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) after half term. Alongside this, the children have thoroughly enjoyed their fascinating history topics on Ancient Egypt and Ancient Sumer, exploring artefacts and bringing the past to life through their learning. In Literacy, they have produced some wonderful diary entries and engaging newspaper reports based on the discovery of Tutankhamun and the mystery surrounding his death, their creativity and historical understanding has really impressed us! We wish everyone a wonderful half term break and are looking forward to another action-packed half term, as we continue to build on this excellent work and finish the year on a high.

Year 5:

Year 5 have been thoroughly engaged in their reading and writing about the Titanic this half term and this has inspired them to produce a range of fantastic written work, including a detailed and persuasive leaflet that showcases their growing confidence and creativity as writers. In history, their exploration of the Shang Dynasty has been equally impressive, with children creating clay dragons, learning about oracle bones, and examining artefacts to uncover what they can tell us about life in the past. Music lessons on Wednesdays have also brought great enthusiasm, as the children learn to play the recorder—whilst a little noisy at times, they are making excellent progress! We are incredibly proud of their hard work and look forward to next term to see what other amazing adventures await.

Year 6:

Year 6 have had a fantastic half term and can relax a bit more that the SATs are over! The children tried so hard during the testing week and showed an amazing attitude from the first breakfast club to the last paper. We would like to congratulate everyone on their efforts and hard work. In class, as well as revising for the SATs, we have begun our topic 'Frozen Kingdoms' learning about the north and south poles, their landscapes, wildlife and inhabitants. We have created Inuit inspired art and Mrs Stubley led a talk on her experiences of meeting the Sami people of Northern Norway. In science we have been learning about body health and self-care and most recently in literacy we have studied the life of Anne Frank - creating biographies and diaries. Outside of the classroom, many children have participated in the Bikeabilty scheme and attended our annual cricket events with great success. The half term was capped off with many Year 6 pupils visiting Lord's cricket ground on a PE enrichment trip which was a very special day indeed!

Horizon Hub:

It has been a short but busy half term in the Horizon Hub. All the children have enjoyed learning in the sunshine with lots of messy play activities and water fun. Some children have particularly enjoyed sharing their musical talents playing the drums, guitar and piano...watch

this space! They have also enjoyed having fun with food making sandwiches, pizza, flap jacks and more. We can't wait to see what the next half term will bring.

Thank a Teacher

Please take a moment to send a thank you card to the teacher's at Arthur Bugler Primary School

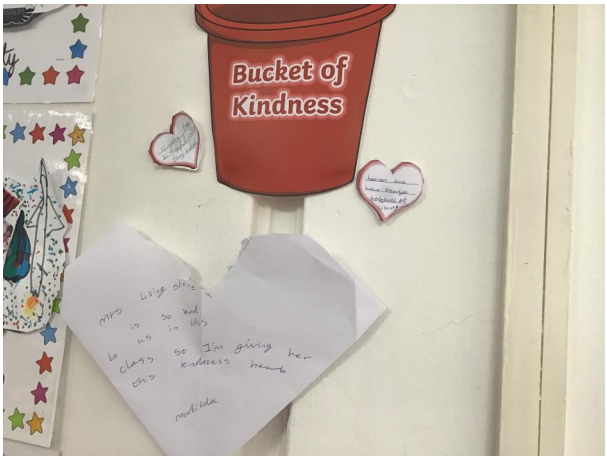
We know that they go above and beyond every day.

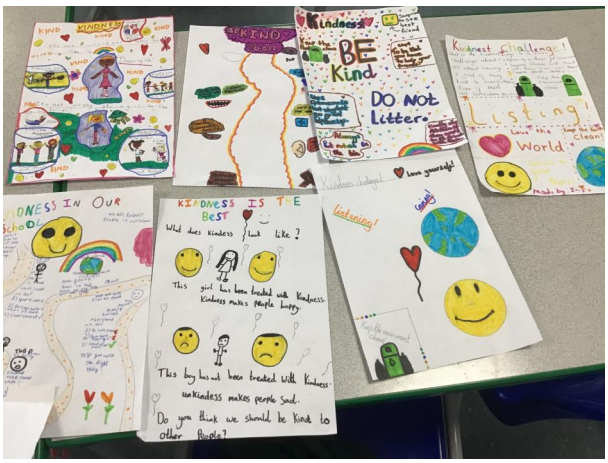
Send a "Thank You" card to an amazing teacher today!

Kindness Across Our School

Our School Council has been encouraging children to show more kindness, and each year group chose their own activity. Year 6 enjoyed their *Kindness Box*, Year 5 their *Kindness Poster*, Year 4 their *Kindness Bucket*, Year 3 their *Kindness Vine*, Year 2 their *Kindness Scavenger Hunt*, and Year 1 loved decorating their *Stones of Kindness*.

It has been lovely to see the positive impact so feel free to try some of these ideas at home!





Weekly reading winners (Golden Tickets)

This weeks winners are:

EYFS/Key Stage 1: Class 5

Key Stage 2: Class 10

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 96.6%

Key Stage 2: Class 9 98.3%

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 -

1/2 Termly Dojo Winners:

Class 1: Eliya K

Class 2: Ollie D

Class 3: Rosie C

Class 4: Jacob L

Class 5: Aiden C

Class 6: Aurelia M

Class 7: Roman C

Class 8: Demian V

Class 9: Eloise K

Class 10: Josh J

Class 11: Brody B

Class 12: Pippa M

Class 13: Eva O

Class 14: Emily R

*1 - This week's winners **Blue** & **Red** Team*

*Half Term Winners: **Blue***

PE & Sports update

Cricket News

The boys team took part in the annual Thurrock Dynamos Tournament at Orsett and Thurrock Cricket Club last Friday and produced some entertaining and energetic cricket throughout the day. With victories over Thameside, Orsett and Kenningtons, a crucial final victory over Giffards saw them progress to the semi-finals.

In the semi-final we lost to eventual champions Stifford Clays but set up a 3rd place play-off against Aveley which we lost narrowly by 11 runs.

The boys all played so well with everyone contributing either with bat, ball or in the field! 4th place in Thurrock is quite an achievement!

The boys took to the field again on Monday on a windy afternoon against Little Thurrock. In a close game, which went down to the final 2 balls, we came up short by 6 runs with one of their batters hitting two vital sixes in the final over.

PE Enrichment Visit to Lord's Cricket Ground

Our school was incredibly lucky to have been invited as one of only 12 schools across the country to take part in the Chance to Shine schools day at Lord's cricket ground in London on Wednesday to celebrate the launch of the Women's T20 World Cup.

This was made possible by our amazing Chance to Shine community coach Kirby Jennings who worked with our Year 5 and 6 pupils in PE last term.

Throughout the day, the children took part in batting, bowling and fielding activities as well as matches against the other schools to win points to win the World Cup trophy. We were chosen to represent England and each child was given a t-shirt, ball and medal as a memento of the day. The day was led by the president of the MCC - Mark Nicholas, with Gladiator 'Fury' Jodie Ounsley giving inspiring words to the children throughout the day.

A big thank you to all the children who represented the school so very well and also to the staff and parents who supported this event to make it such a success and help create lasting memories of a truly special day.

Mr Heard.

2 - Our boys cricket team achieved an amazing 4th place finish, reaching the semi-finals of the Thurrock Cricket tournament.

3 - Many of our Year 5 and 6 pupil enjoyed an incredible day of cricket at Lord's in London this week.

Congratulations - out of school achievements

Harper J took her 1st tap exam in April, Considering she has only been back since October 2025She passed her exam with fly colours and received a distinction.

Paisley Rae and her team Tilbury Raiderettes U9 had their cup final at the weekend. They have had an amazing season. However, unfortunately they came runners up. But what a fantastic achievement to get to the finals

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.

Health & Safety

Please be aware of an update issued by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) regarding a cluster of meningococcal infection in South East England. This is a different subtype to the recent outbreaks in Kent and Dorset.

All children and young people should be encouraged to be up to date with their routine immunisations as per the childhood schedule : Routine childhood immunisation schedule - GOV.UK

Families can check if they are behind with any of the routine vaccines by contacting their GP practice or the Community and School age Immunisation Team.

Catch up clinics are being provided to support families locally.

Please contact on: email: hct.csaismse@nhs.net or phone: 0300 555 5055 option 6

Dates for your diary

Dates for the next few weeks:

W/C 1st June MTC (Multiplication Checks- year 4) 2 weeks

W/C 8th June Phonic Screening Check-year 1

03.06.25 Y5 & 6 SRE meeting 9.00am

Year 6 Mersea residential 24th – 26th June

Sports Day 17th June

Graduation - Weds 15th July (afternoon)