

12th October 2018

Amazing Achievement

Miss Stock and Mr Russ were invited to the House of Commons this week to celebrate our achievements as a school as part of the 2017-18 Parliamentary Review.

Mr Russ was especially pleased to meet Jonny Wilkinson who was their guest speaker!

The school has also received the attached letter from Clare Kershaw congratulating staff on the summer results.

We were also the highest performing school for achievement, progress and overall KS2 performance in the Dengie area, closely followed by Cold Norton and Purleigh.

I would like to thank all staff, governors, parents and children once again for their part in this outstanding achievement.



Olivia Hart

A huge well done to Olivia Hart who has received 5 Blue Peter Badges for sport, helping the environment, winning a competition for Blue Peter's 60th birthday and also applying for badges!

What an amazing achievement Olivia!

Author Visit

Fabulous author and illustrator Rob Biddulph visited our school on 3rd October, and treated classes from Year 1, 2 and Early Years to an afternoon of storytelling, inspiration and illustration!

Every child had the chance to participate in his drawing class and learned to draw a character from his book, Happy Hatchday. They all seemed very proud of their work. Reuben Stone in Year 2 said "I didn't know I could draw, but look at this!"

It was wonderful to hear how Rob had started out as an author and illustrator, and for the children to see the real person behind some of the books they love. Year 1 were inspired by Rob's Post-It note art work (which he showcases on his website <http://www.robbiddulph.com/>) and produced their own mini illustrations.

Mrs Search and Miss Hunt were so proud of the children in Elephant and Butterfly class. Even though these children had only been in school for 3 weeks, they behaved beautifully, enjoyed seeing their friends from other classes and joined in the session with great enthusiasm! Well done to them all!

Rob stayed after school to sign books that had been purchased by the children. Unfortunately, he had been delayed earlier in the day and so some children and parents had a long wait at the signing, for which I apologise. I really hope the fantastic personalised artwork which he drew in the books made the wait worthwhile. (It did for me!). Thank you to the parents who have let me know how much their children enjoyed this event!

Rachel Elvidge



ChildLine

ChildLine have launched a new area on their website specifically for children under 12. ChildLine kids has child-friendly advice on topics from family and relationships to school worries, self-esteem and bullying. It also features games, videos and friendly illustrations, providing a fun and reassuring, safe space for children online. Find out more at childline.org.uk/kids

Science Update

We have been very lucky this half term to be joined by Mrs Snook, a specialist science teacher teaching in KS2.

The children have enjoyed many practical activities and investigations such as: plants and what they need to grow; mini beast hunts to enable the children to classify animals; solar system and using balloons to model day and night; as well as creating scat samples to classify herbivores and carnivores.

The children have been engaged and very excited to be involved with so many practical experiments.

As a school, we are working very hard towards achieving the Primary Science Quality Mark.

We believe everyone is a scientist and aim to promote our children's love of exploration and enquiry.

We have lots of exciting visitors planned for the coming months, including the start of an after school Science club.

Watch this space!
Miss Le Beau



Headteacher awards

Spanish

Billy Freeman - Year 5

Writing

Dennis Kempen - Year 3

George Hutcheon – Sailing

Well done to George Hutcheon for sailing at the Weymouth Optimist End of Season Championship on October 6th & 7th.

The Optimist End of Season Championship at Weymouth is the second largest event in the UK with 250 optimists sailing in all fleets, with 48 boats in George's fleet.

Saturday 6th sailing was cancelled due to 30+ Knot high winds even though a few – including George wanted to sail.

Sunday 7th saw an early start and George's fleet managed to get 5 races in with most of his results in the mid 30's but he managed an amazing result in the 3rd race of the day at 14th place.

George ended the day at 32nd out of 48 and thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the weekend, and has done very well for his first major event.

Well done George!



Sports Update

Tag Rugby Friday 5th October

Years 5 & 6 came 4th out of 11 teams

Years 3 & 4 came 2nd out of 8 teams

Message from Sid Littlechild

We had a brilliant performance and we should all be proud of it. We all deserved to come in the top three. We all improved and learnt a new thing.

The help we had from Mrs Brasted was brilliant!

Well done to all who participated!

Girl's Football Wednesday 10th October

The girls came joint 5th out of 7 teams –

Well done girls!

Message from Abbie Oakes

I really enjoyed the girls football match, I think our team played amazing as it was our first tournament. The staff that ran the matches were very organised and helpful. Overall the pitches were ready for us to play – my team and I are very thankful to have had this opportunity.

Reading Gladiators

Year 2 had a lovely surprise this week when a huge parcel arrived for them. The Reading Gladiators have a website and Mrs Elvidge posts updates to it, to share our reading practice with other schools and parents. The Year 2 group had won a prize for updating regularly, and we have received £100 worth of books for our KS1 library. These books will have a special label in them, so the children will know they are reading a prize book!

You can look at our updates here:

<https://readinggladiators.org.uk/school/burnham-on-crouch-primary-school/> Just click on the yellow See More Updates button and scroll down.

You can also find us on Twitter @BurnhamReaders

<https://twitter.com/BurnhamReaders> where we have been interacting with some of the authors of the books we are reading. Famous author David Almond has responded to some of our tweets and thought the Year 4 group's comments were "very perceptive".

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