



BOCKING NEWS

I am Ambitious, Respectful, Responsible, Engaged and I Persevere.
Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 26th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been a busy and exciting time here at Bocking Primary School, with our students engaging in a range of enriching activities and events.

To commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day and as part of our Year Six WW2 topic, we were fortunate to have an author zoom session with Tom Palmer and the inspiring holocaust-survivor Mala Tribich. Our students were fully engaged and asked some thought-provoking questions, including how Mala feels now about the Nazi Party and Germany. It was a truly enlightening experience for all involved.

I am also delighted to share that our Class Learning Ambassadors have been representing their classes with great eloquence and confidence during guided tours for our guests. They have eloquently spoken about their learning and how it connects with our school values and British Values. We are immensely proud of their dedication and enthusiasm.

In Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), we had a special visit from the local police and fire brigade. The children had a wonderful time learning about the important work these emergency services do to keep us safe. It was an exciting and educational experience for them.

Recently, we were pleased to have guest speakers from the Multi-Schools Council visit us to deliver assemblies on accepting people's differences. These sessions were informative and thought-provoking, highlighting the importance of inclusivity and diversity in our school community. We will continue to prioritise these values and ensure that our students grow up to be respectful and accepting individuals.

Looking ahead, we have another exciting author visit planned. Sam Smith, the talented writer of the Sophie Spirit series, will be releasing her newest book soon and will be visiting our school to share more about it and read some excerpts. We can't wait for this special event and the opportunity to inspire our students with the magic of storytelling.

Lastly, a reminder to check your child's Google Classroom for new homework assignments. Starting Monday, we will begin our next bi-weekly cycle, and there will be new tasks for your child to complete. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you require any support or assistance.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Cagney

WHAT'S COMING UP

January 2024

- 30th - KS2 VR Day

February 2024

- 6th - EYFS Super Hero Day
- 8th - Y6 Mersea Parent/Child Meeting 2:45
- 15th - Open Door 2:30

March

- 11th - Y2 Layer Marney Trip
- 12th - TLC's
- 14th - TLC's
- 26th - 28th Y6 Mersea Residential

April

- 17th -Y5 Swimming x 6 wks

May

- 20th - Y5 British Museum Trip
- 21st - EYFS/Y1 Boydells Farm Trip
- 23rd - Open Door 2:30

June

- 5th - Y6 Swimming x 6 wks
- 4th - Y3 - Botanicals Garden Trip
- 6th - Y4 Colchester Zoo Trip

July

- 4th - Sports Day KS1 AM then picnic lunch for whole school, and KS2 PM
- 19th - Celebration Assembly
- 23rd - Leavers Assembly
- 9th - Y6 Production PM
- 10th - Y6 Production Evening

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mon - Choir Club (Y3-Y6)

Tues - Lego Club (Y1-Y6)

Wed - Art Club (Y2, Y3, Y4)

Wed - SCS Football (Y1-Y2)

Thu - SCS Football Boys and Girls Y3-Y6

Fri - FITC - Multisport



STAR OF THE WEEK

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

- Max (EYFS)**
- Skyla (Yr 1)**
- Ellie (Yr 2)**
- Harper (Yr 3)**
- Olivia B (Yr 4)**
- Elsie (Yr 5)**
- Connor (Yr 6)**

AR READERS

Quiz Scores 100%

Year 2 - Bethany, Noah, Joseph S,

Year 3 - Ronnie, Millie C, Diogo, Albie

Year 4 - Stanley, Kayton, James R, Thomas

Year 5 - Oliver J, Maximus

Word Count Winners

Year 6

106, 821

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



WINNER - Brunel
Year 4

Year 2 - Huxley

Year 3 - Isla

Year 4 - Katy

Year 5 - Stanley

Year 6 - Corey

ATTENDANCE

88% - Year EYFS

90% - Year 1

87% - Year 2

98% - Year 3

88% - Year 4

91% - Year 5

89% - Year 6

Attendance target

95%

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR EYFS

We have had a super busy week in EYFS, continuing to learn about real heroes in our community. We were lucky to be joined by Braintree Police, they taught us all about their job, how they can help us and we even got to ask them some of our own questions. We were intrigued to also learn about the officers uniform, we got a "Hello Bocking Primary" from the control centre, through their walkie talkie and children that wanted to also tried on some uniform! Then on Friday, we got a special surprise when a fire engine came to the school to show us round it - we were very excited! We explored both the outside and the inside of the fire engine. Some of us could even smell fire on the firefighters uniform from the fire they attended before visiting us.



YEAR 1

In Year 1 we have been very busy with all our learning. Today we had our second lesson in the ICT suite and the children were exploring the different tools on paint. They all created some lovely art using the shape tools. In English the children have been creating a writing tool kit to help them remember the features of instructional writing and in Math's we have been consolidating our learning from our place value unit. Keep up the great work, Year 1.

YEAR 2

This week in Year 2, we have started looking at multiplication and division in maths, with a focus on making and adding equal groups using manipulatives and lots of whole class work. In English, we are continuing to explore new punctuation and grammar to include in our writing, including conjunctions and the use of the past tense. In P.E we are exploring fitness and this week we have been challenging ourselves in circuit training with Coach and using skipping ropes. In History, to link with our Great Fire of London unit, we have been looking at The Great Plague and how this impacted society during the 17th century, before pretending we were a plague doctor in 1665 and designing clothing to protect people from catching it. Our computing unit on digital photography has been going well, with everyone becoming professional photographers and learning the difference between portrait and landscape photos.