

Friday 24th February 2023

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### February

26/2 - Cross County  
Y5/Y6 students

### March

2nd - World Book Day  
2nd - Travelling Book fair  
17th - Comic Relief  
22nd - 24th Y6 Residential  
30th - Open Door  
30th - Y4 / Y5 Trip

### April

3rd - 14th Easter Holidays

### May

1st - Bank Holiday  
8th - Kings Coronation  
Bank Holiday  
26th - Non Pupil Day  
29th - 2nd June Half Term

## Stars of the Week

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:  
Dexter (YR)  
Rocco (Yr 1)  
Harper (Yr 2)  
Ruben (Yr 3)  
Oliver J (Yr 4)  
Riley (Yr 5)  
Merissa (Yr 6)

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mon - Me Time - Y1-Y6  
Tue - Mindfulness - KS1  
Wed - SCS Football Y1-Y3  
Thu - SCS Football Y4-Y6  
Friday KS2 Drama KS2  
Friday Miss Lemon  
Drama Club

Dear Parents and Carers,

The half term break soon flew by and it is delightful seeing our children back at school well-rested and throwing themselves back into their learning. I can't believe that we are already half way through the academic year and I know that the children will be excited by the learning experiences in store for them for the rest of this year.

This week, we held trials for a cross-country running competition organised through the North West Essex Schools Sports Partnership. Children in Year Five and Six took part in a cross-country run and eleven children have been selected to represent Bocking Primary School at Tabor Academy on Monday. The children showed resilience and determination during their trials and Mrs Flack told me that she was extremely proud of members of her class when they encouraged those struggling to carry on running, some even running alongside their peers after they had completed the run themselves. This is a perfect example of the inclusive behaviour and team spirit that we have here at Bocking. I would like to wish our representatives the best on luck in the competition on Monday and I am sure that you would join me in doing so!

As you might already know, we are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday next week. We look forward to seeing all of the wonderful costumes that the children can wear to school for the day. The teachers are planning some exciting book-related activities for the children to enjoy. Perhaps you could share a new book with your child at home as a way to celebrate- you might find one that you like in our travelling book fayre next week!

Another date coming up for your diaries is Red Nose Day. Our school council have been working hard on organising exactly how we will raise money for Comic Relief. They have narrowed their ideas down to three and now they have been tasked with taking these ideas back to their classes for a democratic vote. The results will be announced soon.

Development is important to us at Bocking. This is not only within the teaching provision and learning experiences provided to our children but also within our learning environment. Your children may have mentioned the new carpet, fire alarms and fire doors that have been installed over the half term as part of our development plan.

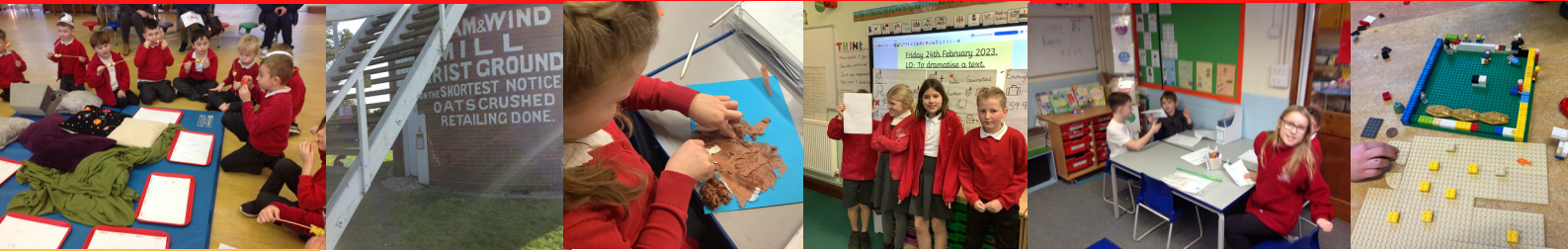
I hope that you have a good weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday. Mrs Cagney

**Online safety - Do you know what your child can access?** I'd like to recommend this nice video that was sent to us. The video seeks to promote positive body imagery among young people, who as always are under so much pressure to conform to a standard image expected of them by their peers, and the 'social media community'. As an inclusive school we promote positive body imagery and any type of body shaming is not acceptable. If you'd like to have a look at this inspiring piece of media please follow the link below:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ld9MJi3aGMU&feature=youtu.be>



### **Goodbye and Good luck.....**

On Tuesday next week we say farewell to our wonderful Catering Manager Mrs Rathie. She will be sorely missed, but we wish her lots of luck in her new adventure.



## AR READERS

### Quiz Scores:

**Year 2** - Cleo, Jake D, Poppy

**Year 3** - Olivia H, Oliver, Scarlett, James Q, Thomas

**Year 4** - Oliver J

**Year 5** - Lenny

**Year 6** - Oskar, Sam

**Year 6** are the word count winners with **135,615 words**

## TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



Winners - Darwin House - **Year 3**

**Year 2** - Albie

**Year 3** - Katy

**Year 4** - Kaya

**Year 5** - Jacob

**Year 6** - Merissa

## Attendance

This week's class attendance:

EYFS: 92%

Year 1: 93%

Year 2: 94%

Year 3: 96%

Year 4: 87%

Year 5: 94%

Year 6: 94%

**Target Attendance 95%**

### Notices

- **Please inform the school of any medical issues your child has, if you have not already**
- **If your contact details have changed please let the office know**

## CLASSROOM NEWS...

### YEAR 3

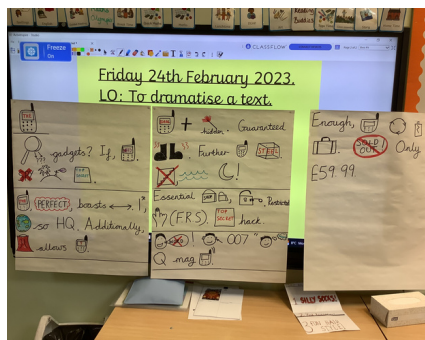
Year 3 were set a problem to solve on Monday. They had to discover the name of the author we are studying this term by colouring a section of a gridded picture in the style of the Artist Chuck Close. Suddenly, as we began to put our pieces together our author was revealed. They have loved finding out all about Roald Dahl and writing short texts after being inspired by excerpts from some of his stories. We will begin to focus on character descriptions based around characters from one of his books next week.



### YEAR 4

First week back has flown by and the children have all shown engagement in our new topic: Rockies to Rio. This term, we have a geography focus. The children will be learning all about North and South America and the human and physical features we find there.

We will think about why people visit America and the worldwide appeal it has as a holiday destination. In English, we have started our new genre: Persuasive writing. As part of our topic hook, the children pretended they were on Dragon's den and had to pitch an idea by turning an ordinary object such as a pen, into something extraordinary! The group that persuaded the most people to buy their product was the winner. All the children put in lots of effort and I am proud of them for standing up in front of each other to deliver their speeches. Well done Year 4.



### YEAR 5

This week in Year 5 the children have started to learn their new Model Text for English - a diary entry. Following our WW2 topic, we have looked at a fictional diary entry from an Evacuee child. The class have thought carefully about the experiences these children lived through during such an emotive time. We have investigated unknown vocabulary, using dictionaries, and have started to box up the text to help us plan our own versions in the upcoming weeks.

### YEAR 6

What an amazing week back! Year 6 have thrown themselves in to algebra, poetry and lots of art. In PE we have been doing cross-country and football and in music we have been looking at the genre of music theme tunes from TV and film. We are looking forward to sharing our artwork in next weeks' celebration assembly as well as enjoying activities for World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March.



Together dental practice in Braintree has recently opened up their books to all children under the age of 18. They offer same day, future and a few Saturday appointments for routine examinations, emergencies and anything in between.