

BOCKING NEWS

Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up
Friday 22nd October



**BOCKING
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

WHATS COMING UP

**Half Term Week:
25th-29th October**

**Non Pupil Day:
12th November**

**Closing date for
applications for
Secondary School:
31st October**

REMINDERS

**You must call or email
to report child's
sickness absence,
please state their name
and why they are off**

**Week commencing 1st
November will be a
special menu. Please
see attached for details**

**New Winter Menu will be
emailed to you when we
return from half term**

TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN

It has been wonderful to see some of our children celebrating their learning by having themed days.

On Monday our year 6 children dressed up as 'Greeks' to celebrate the end of their learning for this term. Thank you to our kitchen staff who cooked up some delicious Greek style food for lunch including; Grilled Chicken Pitta Pockets with Greek Salad, Served with Lemon infused Potatoes and a dessert of Chocolate Mascarpone Baklava. They all had an amazing day full of wonderful learning opportunities.

Then on Tuesday our EYFS team had a 'Super Hero' day which linked into their theme for the week. They discussed their super powers and took part in physical challenges - helping each other and working on their team work skills. On Wednesday a Nurse dropped into the class via Zoom and talked about all the 'super' work that they do in the NHS. What a wonderful week they have all had!

All our year groups will have the opportunity to celebrate their learning throughout the year either by having themed dress up days or having expert visitors to enrich their learning experiences.

Homework will restart after half term for years 1-6. We have thought long and hard about how this should work and we have decided that a combination of creative and more structured activities will have a greater impact on the pupils learning and progress. There is an expectation that all children should read every day and for some year groups there will be additional spelling or phonic activities as well as the Times Tables Rock Stars already in place. Homework will be sent home on the first Friday after half term with a full explanation of what is expected.

For our sports provision this week the children have had the opportunity to try out Archery. In addition to our statutory PE curriculum we are fortunate for SCS to be able to provide some specialist sports for the children to try each term. The children really enjoyed trying their hand at Archery and were brilliant at hitting the targets!

Lastly, thank you for all your support over this half term. Our first days back in September seem a long time ago - as the saying goes; Time flies when you're having fun!

I hope that you all have a lovely half term,
Mrs Cagney

Stars of the Week

In our KS1 Celebration assembly this afternoon certificates were presented to:
Lilly A (EYFS) Hector (Yr 1) and Poppy (Yr 2).

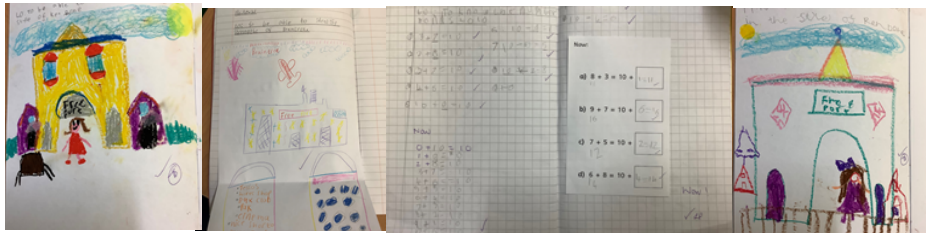
In our KS2 Celebration assembly this afternoon certificates were presented to:
Richie (Yr 3), Summer (Yr 4), Remi-May (Yr 5) and Ellie-May (Yr 6).



CLASSROOM NEWS

From Year 2

We have been busy learning all about Braintree in our Topic lessons. We studied the artist, Ken Done, and drew pictures in his style of the local Braintree Village shopping centre. Ken Done uses bright colours and simple lines and the children replicated this brilliantly. In Maths we have been working on challenging ourselves and developing our mental maths strategies. It has been great to see the children complete fluency questions and then reach the now task which deepens the children's mathematical understanding. The children have been working especially hard on improving the presentation of their work and it has been a pleasure to see their sense of pride flourish. Well done Year 2.



From Year 1

This week Year 1 have finished making their puppets. Over the term we have researched different puppets, explored how we could join materials together, designed our puppets, used templates to cut out our material and we have now joined our main two pieces of material together by sewing them and added our other features with pva glue. We then used our puppets to put on puppet shows in the classroom. We are all very proud of them!



From EYFS

We have been superheroes! We have looked at the books supertato and superworm, made our own capes, shared our powers and also met a real-life nurse hero! We asked lots of questions and found out how she helps people.

AR Readers

Year 6 read 194,165 words this week.

100% Reading Quiz Scores:

- Year 2 - Olivia H, Charlie, Louis, Elliot, Katy
 - Year 3 - Teddy, Oliver J, Mia Rose, Oliver P, Poppy, Elsie-Rose
 - Year 4 - Annabelle, Evan, Lenny, Krystal, Corey
 - Year 6 - Sophia, Bella
- Congratulations to Year 2 for being the Half Term winners for the most quizzes taken!



Attendance

This week's class attendance:

- EYFS: 88%
- Year 1: 89%
- Year 2: 87%
- Year 3: 93%
- Year 4: 94%
- Year 5: 93%
- Year 6: 98%

END OF TERM ACTIVITES

Last week in assembly Lily and Maisie were announced as this year's Pupil Forum Representatives for Attain Academy. Today they went with Mrs Cagney to their first meeting at Elm Hall.



KS2 children took part in Archery this week with the sport coaches. They all had a great time in this new activity
Year 5 were the winners, closely followed by Year 6.



We hope you enjoy the TOPSTIME Celebration photos as much as the children were enjoying their afternoon!

