

WHAT'S COMING UP

January

- 21st - Young Voices
- 27th - Y6 Chelmsford Court Trip
- 28th - Comic assembly

February

- 13th - PTSA Disco
- 11th - Y2 Layer Marney Trip
- 14th - Non pupil day
- 17th - 21st - Half Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term we have already had exciting new things happening at Bocking. We have started the term with the introduction of our innovative Curiosity Corner, a transformative learning space designed to ignite our pupils' sense of wonder and exploration. This carefully designed area holds a diverse array of intriguing artefacts, specimens, and interactive exhibits, all carefully selected to encourage our young learners to delve deeper, question more, and discover the world around them with renewed enthusiasm.

The Curiosity Corner includes several key elements, including a captivating natural history display featuring fossils, minerals, and preserved specimens; a cabinet of curiosities showcasing unique and unusual objects from across the globe; interactive science activities that allow pupils to engage in hands-on investigations; and a cosy reading nook stocked with an array of captivating non-fiction books covering a wide spectrum of topics.

By immersing themselves in this, our pupils will have the opportunity to develop an appreciation for the natural world and scientific wonders. They will engage in inquiry-based learning that not only sparks their imagination but also improves their critical thinking and problem-solving skills. This innovative space is designed to cultivate a genuine love for learning, allowing our pupils to become confident, curious, and capable individuals, well-equipped to navigate the complexities of the 21st century.

In addition to the Curiosity Corner, I am pleased to announce that our PTSA has generously provided the school with three new reading spaces, complete with comfortable seating and tables for our pupils to rest their books. Furthermore, they have expanded our library collection with new books tailored for our younger Accelerated Readers. We extend our thanks to the PTSA for their support and dedication to enhancing our pupils' learning environment.

Lastly, I would like to address our inclement weather procedure, particularly in light of the recent weather conditions. In the event that we need to close the school due to adverse weather, such as heavy snowfall, we will notify all parents as promptly as possible once the decision has been made. This information will be disseminated via the school website, email communications, and the Essex County website, which provides a comprehensive list of school closures. Please be assured that we will only resort to closing the school if it is absolutely necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of our school community.

I hope you have a good weekend - stay warm!
Mrs Cagney
Headteacher

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mon - Choir

Tue - Art Club

Tue - STEM

Wed - SCS Gymnastic

Thu - SCS Football

Fri - KS2 Taekwondo



STAR OF THE WEEK

EYFS - Jacob

Year 1 - George

Year 2 - Tyr Z

Year 3 - Blake

Year 4 - Zachary

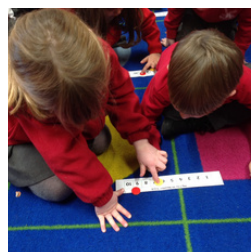
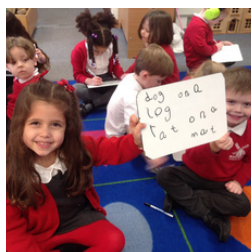
Year 5 - Louie

Year 6 - Richie

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR EYFS

This week in EYFS, we have been busy using our phonics knowledge to write short captions for pictures. Working in pairs, we practised writing these captions while learning to use finger spaces with our 'Peter Pointer'. Miss Freeman has been so impressed with the perseverance we have shown in writing tasks! In maths, we have been refining our counting skills. Today, we partnered with a friend to play a track game, racing to reach ten. We had to take turns and count carefully to ensure we moved the same amount as the dice showed.



AR READERS

Year 4 - Levi, Albie, Irene, Linda

Year 5 - Aria

ATTENDANCE

93% - Year EYFS

93% - Year 1

92% - Year 2

90% - Year 3

95% - Year 4

96% - Year 5

97% - Year 6

Attendance target

95%

YEAR 1

We have had a very busy start to our first term back after Christmas. We have introduced our new topic for Geography on "What does my local area have to offer?" and the children have started looking at what Bocking has to offer. In maths we have begun looking at place value to 20 and built these numbers with multilink, base 10 and bead strings. In science we went on our first season walk of the year and noticed that the ground looked very hard and that the trees still had no leaves on. It was also very cold so we made sure we wrapped up warm with coats, hats and gloves.

YEAR 2

In English this week we have learnt about adjectives, commas and apostrophes. I liked the adjectives the most because I like making my sentences better (Lily). In history we have started The Great Fire of London. Yesterday we had some mystery jars, we had to smell them and try and guess what the smell was. Jar 1 had burnt wood, jar 2 had an egg (It was really smelly!), jar 3 was a croissant and jar 4 had lavender. My favourite was the lavender because it smelt the nicest. Did you know they used to have lavender and milk baths! In maths we have been making equal groups, which is when all the groups have the same number of things in them. In P.E this week we looked at stamina and learnt some new exercises for fitness circuits. For stamina we had to run for 3 minutes without stopping and count how many laps of the hall we ran, I ran 32 laps! (Abby). Next week we are excited for D.T. where we are looking at recipes for making scones. **Written by class learning ambassadors: Abby and Lily L**