

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### February 2024

- 12th School Photographer
- 15th - Open Door 2:30

### March

- 7th Travelling Book Fair
- 11th - Y2 Layer Marney Trip
- 12th - TLC's
- 14th - TLC's
- 15th - Y3/Y4 Stave House Music Performance 2pm
- 22nd KS1 Stave House Music Performance 2pm
- 26th Y3 Egyptian Dress Up Day
- 26th - 28th Y6 Mersea Residential

### April

- 17th -Y5 Swimming x 6 wks

### May

- 20th - Y5 British Museum Trip
- 21st - EYFS/Y1 Location TBC
- 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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to express my appreciation to the RSPCA for their recent workshops at our school. The children had a fantastic time learning about animals, their care, and even had the opportunity to interact with some adorable rabbits. One which was bigger than some of the children! The RSPCA commended our students for their impeccable behaviour and extensive knowledge of animal welfare. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Mrs. Pickering for organising these wonderful extra experiences for our children. These extracurricular activities play a significant role in their personal development and understanding of the world around them. Something that is very important to us.

I am thrilled to announce that Huxley and Dylan have achieved the highest level of distinction in their Level 1 music exams. We are so proud of our musicians who come to school early to take part in their lessons before school and those who have shown a love of music and want to challenge themselves by taking exams. We are incredibly proud of them all, and we eagerly await the results of the other five children who have also taken their music exams.

In other news, our History Subject Lead, Miss Waters, has compiled a list of items that would greatly enhance our curriculum resources for the children's history learning units. We kindly request parents to check at home if they have any of the items on the list. Your contribution will provide our students with valuable firsthand resources, enriching their learning experience.

### Safeguarding - online safety update

I would like to draw your attention to the Monkey App. As a school, we strongly advise against its use for our students at Bocking Primary. The app's age rating is for children aged 13 years and above, and it contains inappropriate material. Furthermore, there are concerns regarding the ability to chat with strangers through chat and video calls. The NSPCC has rated this app as 'very poor' for safety. It is crucial that you regularly engage in conversations with your child about the apps and websites they use, as well as guide them on sharing personal information online.

Looking ahead, we have two important days next week. On Monday, the photographer will be in school to take individual photographs, and on Wednesday, photographs will be taken for promotional purposes. Please ensure that your child is dressed in their perfect uniform and PE kits on these days.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that Franklin House has emerged victorious in the House competition this half term. As a reward, those in Franklin can wear non uniform on Friday 16th February.

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Cagney





## STAR OF THE WEEK

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

- Belle (EYFS)**
- Penelope (Yr 1)**
- Orin (Yr 2)**
- Ella (Yr 3)**
- Kayton (Yr 4)**
- Fletcher (Yr 5)**
- Moses (Yr 6)**

## AR READERS

Quiz Scores 100%

**Year 2** - Freddie, Aniamina, Huxley, Blake, Phoebe

**Year 3** - Ronnie, Diogo, Levi, Albie, Linda

**Year 4** - Thomas

**Year 5** - Maximus, Oliver J

Word Count Winners

Year 5

221,431

## TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



**WINNER Brunel**  
Year 4

Year 2 - Huxley

Year 3 - Irene

Year 4 - Freddie

Year 5 - Anashe

Year 6 - Lenny

## ATTENDANCE

95% - Year EYFS

97% - Year 1

96% - Year 2

94% - Year 3

94% - Year 4

85% - Year 5

90% - Year 6

Attendance target

95%

## CLASSROOM NEWS...

### YEAR EYFS

This week in EYFS, to conclude our topic, we had our Superhero Day! Children were invited to come dressed as a hero. It was lovely to see such a variety of heroes, including Batman, Superwoman, firefighters, doctors and even some children dressed as their parents - props included. This led to lots of conversation, about how not all superheroes wear capes. The children recognised that someone can be a hero to you if they are kind and helpful. We also reflected lots on the visitors we have had and how they are heroes too!



### YEAR 1

We have been super busy with all our learning in Year 1. In DT we have designed our fruit kebabs which we will be making next week. In Maths the children have been learning how to subtract numbers within 20 and have been very good at using a number lines to count the steps backwards. In Science we have been learning the names of the parts that make up our body and in PE the children had a go using the boxing equipment.

### YEAR 2

In D.T this week we tried vegetables, like, red pepper, green pepper, carrots, tomato puree, sweetcorn, peas, onions. We didn't like the onions, they were stinky! In P.E. we did boxing, it was good because it was fun and exciting. In English we have started our stories, changing our class write of 'Alfie's Star', to use our own characters. My story is called 'Blake's star' and Anthony's story is called 'Rodrigues's Star'. We did our two-times tables in maths today and we looked at sharing and grouping in the week, Miss Jordan shared her 'sweets' with us on the carpet which was fun. In Maths mastery we did doubles and near doubles. History we are learning about The Great Fire of London, and we had pictures and we cut them out and put them in the right order of events. We are looking forward to art next week when we draw the other half of our faces on our self-portraits.

**Written by the class learning ambassadors - Alfie and Anthony**

