



BOCKING NEWS

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Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 10th March 2023

WHAT'S COMING UP

March

- 14th - Y5 River Walk
- 15th - Y5 Ration Cooking
- 17th - Comic Relief
- 22nd - 24th -Y6 Residential
- 28th - TLC
- 29th - Open Door
- 30th - TLC
- 30th - Opera House Trip

April

- 3rd - 14th Easter Holidays

May

- 1st - Bank Holiday
- 8th - Kings Coronation Bank Holiday
- 9th - 11th May Y6 SATS
- 26th - Non Pupil Day
- 29th - 2nd June Half Term

Stars of the Week

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

- Pearl (YR)
- Blake (Yr 1)
- Alice (Yr 2)
- James Q (Yr 3)
- Kaya (Yr 4)
- Teddy R (Yr 5)
- Remi (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,

Our Book Fair was a great success this week even with the cold and damp weather, we raised a staggering £250.51 to buy new books. Thank you for supporting our school and buying a book for your child! This money will allow us to complement the range of books that we have been given from the World Of Stories programme we have been participating in from which we have received over 500 new books.

The World of Stories is a programme developed in partnership with Puffin, part of Penguin Random House. The programme equips primary schools with the books, materials, training and resources they need to champion reading for pleasure across the whole school, and reinvigorate their school libraries and reading spaces. These new books will help to encourage our children to read widely and give them the opportunity to choose books from authors and genres that they might not have chosen before. As part of our developing curriculum we are asking our School Council to help decide on what to call our school, 'Reading for Pleasure' programme and this will be revealed in the coming weeks. We are always needing more reading volunteers, please let the office know if you can spare an hour or so a week to support our children improve their reading.

The Stave house violin and music lessons are still making a real impact - today our reception children used the bow for the first time and were playing notes. All the children behaved impeccably with the instrument and listened to the instructions so that they could take turns and play. Mrs Travers is more than happy to have a conversation about music tuition if you would like to take up this offer.

As part of the Year 5 Life Skills programme, they have started to go into reception to read with the children. The aim of this is to build relationships with others and to learn how to communicate effectively with people of different ages. With more confidence they will begin to lead activities in school which leads on to the Year 6 Prefect responsibility of looking out for and leading activities for reception in the playground at lunch and break times. It has been a joy to see the children forming friendships with the younger children and the reception children looking up to their older counterparts and saying hello to them if they see them in the corridor and playground.

Online safety update:

TikTok - New Screentime Settings

Last week TikTok announced that a new update to the app will automatically set up a 60-minute time limit for users under 18, if users wish to extend this they will have to input a code. If teens opt out of the 60-minute default limit and spend more than 100 minutes on TikTok in a day, the platform will prompt them to set a daily screen time limit. Every teen account will also receive a weekly inbox notification with a recap of their screen time.

There have long been concerns about what minors are exposed to on social media and the potential harm it might do. A report released late last year suggested that TikTok's algorithms are promoting videos about self-harm and eating disorders to vulnerable teens. Social media algorithms work by identifying topics and content of interest to a user, who is then sent more of the same as a way to maximise their time on the site.

But social media critics say the same algorithms that promote content about a particular sports team, hobby, or dance craze can send users down a rabbit hole of harmful content. To read more click [HERE](#) and there is a good 'Guardian's Guide' from TikTok [HERE](#).

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Cagney



AR READERS

Quiz Scores:

Year 2 - Jake A, Amelia, Maxwell, Jake D, Poppy, Lucas, Alice, Noah, Ava-Marie

Year 3 - Willow

Year 6 - Leah

Year 6 are the word count winners with **546,774** words

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



Winners - Brunel House - **Year 3**

Year 2 - Zachary
Year 3 - Scarlett
Year 4 - Daisy
Year 5 - Connor
Year 6 - Michael

Attendance

This week's class attendance:

EYFS: 94%

Year 1: 93%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 96%

Year 4: 92.5%

Year 5: 91%

Year 6: 95%

Target Attendance 95%

Notices

Final a reminder that the parents evening booking system is now open - please access your Eschools account to make a booking for parents evening either on the 28th or 30th March.

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR 3

In Year 3 we spent yesterday afternoon creating moving monsters in design technology. They work using a pair of syringes connected with plastic tubing. We investigated the pneumatics to make these open and close their mouths. We had lots of creative ideas to design our own monsters. We are loving our writing tasks focussing on the story of Charlie and the Chocolate factory. Last week we made large sweets to make our classroom look like one of the sweet rooms in the factory.



YEAR 4

Year 4 have been working hard and the children have shown great perseverance in their learning on Fractions. As part of Science week, we had the opportunity to use microscopes from the Royal Microscope Society. It was amazing to see different objects such as sugar, seeds, insects and coins up close. The children loved finding new and exciting things to put under the microscope. We even managed to find a spider, you could see all the tiny hairs on its legs and even microscopic mites crawling on it!

YEAR 5

The children have been introduced to their new French exercise books this half term. We have been recapping the language used to introduce ourselves. The class have really impressed the adults with the retained knowledge and have started to record their verbal conversations into sentences. Très bien Year 5!



YEAR 6

I was so proud of the Year 6 effort in their art gallery display last week and this hard work and enthusiasm for learning has continued this week too. The children are working really hard with their residential preparations and their developed confidence in maths is wonderful to see. We have completed our sequence on decimals and this week we are looking at converting to percentages and fractions. In English we are having a fantastic time with our author study on Malorie Blackman, and we have already received a tweet from her. We love the twists and turns that her stories take and are beginning to recognise themes and awareness of different cultures. We will be writing our own letters to her very soon.