



BOCKING NEWS

I am Ambitious, Respectful, Responsible, Engaged and I Persevere.
Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 11th March 2022

WHATS COMING UP

- 14th March Year 6 Village Walk
- 15th March - EYFS, Year 1 Read with Teddy
- 18th March - Red Nose Day
- 22nd / 24th March - TLC's
- 30th March - Year 6 Residential Trip
- 31st March Open Door Afternoon
- 4th April to 18th April - Easter Holidays.
- 19th April - Non pupil day

FOCUSED ON LEARNING!

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a quieter week at Bocking with our children all focused in class on their learning. As I have wondered in and out of the classes this week I have been impressed with our class learning ambassadors who have been able to very confidently tell me all about their learning and answer any questions I had. Our CEO, Mrs Edom-Baker, who came for a visit today, was also impressed with the children's ability to speak honestly and openly about their learning and she thought the atmosphere across the school was calm and purposeful.

Our teaching staff attended training on Wednesday to learn more about how to teach English through Talk for Writing. The Talk for Writing approach enables children to read and write independently for a variety of audiences and purposes within different subjects. A key feature is that children internalise the language structures needed to write through 'talking the text', as well as close reading. The approach moves from dependence towards independence, with the teacher using shared and guided teaching to develop the ability in children to write creatively and powerfully. You might find that your children can repeat a section of text 'verbatim' and will be able to perform this with actions!

Our year 6 children have been learning all about their upcoming residential trip this week, studying maps of the area they are going to and learning about the local area - we have a full house this year with all children attending and we are very much looking forward to seeing and hearing all about the activities they are taking part in. I will be sending out a parent survey in the summer term to gauge opinion on residential trips so we are able to plan ahead and offer further opportunities for other year groups.

In staffing news, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Moody in Reception class at Easter. We wish her all the very best in her new role and I would like to thank her for all her hard work here at Bocking. Her new school will be very lucky to have her. We are in the midst of recruiting new staff and will let you know of appointments very soon.

We are still looking for volunteers to come in to school to support with learning. This could be hearing readers or supporting with times tables - please let the office know if this is something that you would be interested in helping with.

This year we will be fundraising for Red Nose Day on the 18th March. This will be school uniform and Red Nose accessories only with a suggested donation of £1.

Have a restful weekend,

Mrs Cagney

Stars of the Week

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

- Ryan (EYFS)
- Millie H (Yr 1)
- Kayton (Yr 2)
- Billy (Yr 3)
- Tiberius (Yr 4)
- Willow (Yr 5)
- Neve (Yr 6)

**Red Nose Day Friday
18th March.**

Children are to be in school uniform, with Red Nose Day accessories. We are asking for a £1 Donation.



AR READERS

Year 6 read 293,967 words this week.
100% Reading

Quiz Scores:

- Year 2** - Poppy, Aimee, Olivia, Willow, Isoble, James R, James Q, Hugo, Thomas
- Year 3** - Alan, Maximus, Arahm
- Year 5** - Harrison
- Year 6** - Ellie

Attendance

This week's class attendance:
 EYFS: 97%
 Year 1: 95%
 Year 2: 93%
 Year 3: 97%
 Year 4: 99%
 Year 5: 99%
 Year 6: 95%

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



Class Winners
Year 5

- Most points earned
- Year 2- Elliot
 - Year 3- Hugo
 - Year 4- Lenny
 - Year 5- Will
 - Year 6- Lily

REMINDERS

Please ensure the school office is notified of your child's absent by 9am

CLASSROOM NEWS

From Year 3

Year 3 have continued our work on Charlie and the Chocolate factory. On Tuesday, our room smelt of chocolate and a chocolate river appeared in our classroom, this helped us to gather some great vocabulary to describe Willie Wonka's chocolate room.

NEWSFLASH

Mummified Tomato update..... we have been checking on our two tomatoes, the one which was left in a box has become mouldy and is beginning to rot, however the tomato kept in the salt and bicarbonate of soda mixture (our substance similar to Natron used in ancient Egypt) is looking dry and wrinkled and there is absolutely no sign of mould. Our mummification is working!

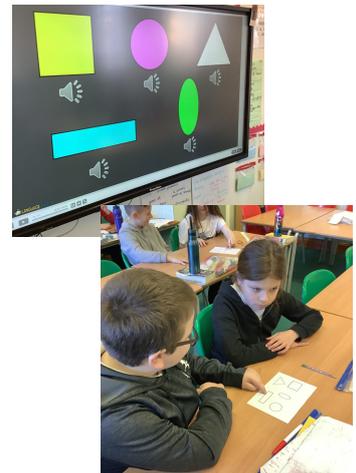


From Year 4

In English, we have writing suspense stories. We have been focusing on vocabulary and trying to make our writing as detailed as possible. Maths this week has been challenging, but the children have worked extremely hard with their learning on fractions and decimals! I was also very proud of everyone in our swimming session last week. You gave it your all you really pushed yourselves out of your comfort zones. Well done!

From Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have started our shape unit in French. Using a new interactive programme, called Language Angels, we have had lots of fun learning how to pronounce five common 2D shapes (square, circle, triangle, rectangle and oval). We listened to the pronunciation and took it in turns saying the shapes with our talk partners. After that we completed the listening and speaking quizzes on the Interactive White Board. The class are always so excited to see French on the timetable and it is wonderful to see such a thirst to learn a new language. The adults in class are learning a lot too! Well done Year 5!



From Year 6

This week, in Year 6 we have been focussing on our topic and linking this to our residential trip. We have looked at the local area, tracked the journey to Mersea and next week will be completing a local survey. We are all completing folders of our work which will be presented after our return. We have focussed on subjunctive form and passive voice as well as applying literary skills to aid dramatic effect. We look forward to writing our own suspense stories next week. In maths we have moved on to algebra, looking at forming expressions and using formulae. PE this half term is football, and we will practise skills alongside playing mini-games and tournaments.