



BOCKING NEWS

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Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 8th December 2022

WHAT'S COMING UP

December

- **12th Book Sale! 5 books for £1 - 3:15pm**
- **14th - Whole School Xmas Dinner**
- **14th - Celebration Assembly - 2:40pm**
- **16th - Nativity - EYFS, Y1, Y2 - 2pm, at St Mary's Church, Bocking**
- **19th - Christmas Carols Whole School 2:15pm at St Mary's Church**
- **20th - Non Uniform Day for House winners**
- **21st Dec - 4th January Christmas Holidays**

Stars of the Week

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

- Olivia S (YR)
- Alice (Yr 1)
- Millie H (Yr 2)
- Katy (Yr 3)
- Max (Yr 4)
- Teddy B (Yr 5)
- Oskar (Yr 6)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday Out and About
Tuesday Y5/Y6 Science
Tuesday Y3/Y4 Coding
Wednesday Y1/Y2 Art
Wednesday SCS Y1-Y3
Thursday SCS Y4-Y6
Thursday KS2 Choir
Thursday Y1/Y2 Disney
Friday KS2 Drama KS2
Friday Glee Y1-Y4

Dear Parents and Carers,

During this term we have experienced numerous childhood viruses and illness. At this particular time I understand there is a concern around Strep A and Scarlet Fever, which has caught the national headlines, however I must reassure you that at Bocking we are very vigilant and as we did with Covid, will be adhering to the government guidelines regarding reporting anything that is a notifiable illness. Unfortunately there are several virus's circulating during this term which have similar symptoms to the ones that are concerning - please see your GP if you are worried in any way to put your own mind at rest. In school we are encouraging the children to wash their hands regularly and to use Catch It, Bin It, Kill It slogan to promote good hygiene.

This week our children have been out and about visiting the local church. Our EYFS and KS 1 team have been busy rehearsing their nativity ready for next Friday. They are really looking forward to showing off their acting and singing skills to you all. The decision to hold the nativity at St Marys will enable as many parents, grandparents etc to attend and watch this wonderful occasion - well over due for our Year 2 children who missed out on their nativity due to lockdown.

Our Year 6 House Captains went to St Marys today to decorate our tree which we have at the Christmas Tree Festival. If you would like to go and see all the children's decorations then the festival runs from Saturday 10th December (Christmas Market) 1030-3pm with the church open from Sunday 11th- Tuesday 13th.

At Bocking we are constantly trying to improve our curriculum offer for the children, looking at new ways to deliver learning and new initiatives that will enhance the educational opportunities that we can give them.

In Year 5 we are piloting a new strand to our curriculum through the learning of 'Life Skills'. Through this curriculum, the school will intentionally and systematically plan and develop pupils' independence and life skills because these skills are central to success in their future. This would see the children continuing with their current curriculum but alongside this is a Life Skills framework divided into six strands:

- Learning with Others
- Developing Independence and Responsibility
- Improving Own Learning and Performance
- Developing a Sense of Self Worth and an Understanding of Self and Others
- Thinking Skills
- Speaking and Listening

Each one of these strands is a focus for half a term and after reviewing the impact in year 5 we will look to roll this out across the school. If you have any questions about this new strand, please speak to myself or Mrs Flack.

Have a lovely weekend, wrap up warm!

Mrs Cagney

New Device For Christmas?

Keep your children safe by using one of the many useful things on ParentSafe. Have a look at the section on parental controls.

You don't have to be an expert (although not fallible, it is a brilliant start - use the Family Agreement too).

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/#h.kiustevr44ys>



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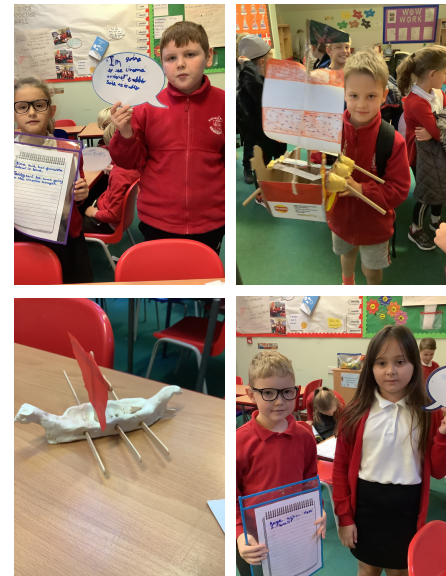
Quiz Scores:

- Year 2** - Ronnie, Diogo, Levi, Ella-Rose, Hector
- Year 3** - Kelsey, Olivia H, Skylah, Lia
- Year 4** - Alan, Ellie-Mae
- Year 5** - Lenny, Max
- Year 6** - Willow

CLASSROOM NEWS...

Year 4

Year 4 have been continuing their learning on multiplication and division. This week we have been practising our 4 and 8 times table. The children have enjoyed learning a new times table each week and of course the obligatory times table songs to go with them. In English, we are coming to the end of our work on newspapers and the children have started their independent write, which we will be typing up and publishing next week. The children have all demonstrated a great understanding of the genre and have enjoyed reading and exploring some child friendly newspapers. Shown are some pictures of longships they did for homework. In Art we have been using wire and clay to make our free standing structures, inspired by abstract artist: Joan Miro. Keep an eye out for the finished product next week.



Year 6 are the word count winners with 115,460 words

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



Winners - **Brunel House - Year 4**

- Year 2 - **Lucas**
- Year 3 - **Blake**
- Year 4 - **Hugo**
- Year 5 - **Lenny**
- Year 6 - **Harrison**

Attendance

This week's class attendance:
 EYFS: 93%
 Year 1: 87%
 Year 2: 97%
 Year 3: 95%
 Year 4: 83%
 Year 5: 94%
 Year 6: 90%

Notices

- **We would ask that water not squash is provided in water bottles.**
- **Please ensure your child has a warm, waterproof coat every day.**

Year 3

This week year 3 have been investigation stop motion animation as part of our work in Computing. We began by making simple flip books using post it notes and then moved on to simple stick people animations using the i-pad. Next week we are looking forward to creating our own short animation movies.

Year 5

This week, in Year Five, we have been learning to add fractions. After practice, we can now add fractions which have different denominators and we can even add mixed numbers, simplifying the answers at the end. In English, we have just finished our discussion text. This time, we debated whether the moon landings were faked. Ask us about some conspiracy theories- there are some very interesting ones! Finally, we have begun our life skills curriculum too. We are currently working on our topic of 'learning together'. The tasks that we completed this week have helped us to gain confidence when working with a range of people.

Year 6

Well, what a busy week, we have made Christmas cards for the residential home, visited the church for our own Christingle service, made sculptures of Olympic sports out of wire and tin foil, in Art, and completed a unit on fractions in Maths and now we are finalising our newspaper reports on the Trojan War. We have also been learning about Jamie Cullum as our composer of the month and have become experts in body percussion to the song Sleigh Ride.

