



# BOCKING NEWS

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Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 12th May 2023

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### May

- 23rd - EYFS / Y1 - Trip
- 24th Parents Open Door
- 26th - Non Pupil Day
- 29th - 2nd June Half Term

### June

- 19th - Year 3 - Trip
- 20th - EYFS transitions - stay and play 3:30-4pm
- 22nd - Whole School Sports Day (with back up day on 6/7) - times TBC

### July

- 4th -Parents induction meeting EYFS - 5pm
- 6th EYFS transitions- stay and play 3:30-4pm
- 10th - Y6 Performance 2pm
- 11th - Y6 Performance 5pm
- 13th - Open evening (meet new teacher)
- 17th Transition days for each year
- 21st Celebration Assembly 9am

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Mon - Story Time YR-Y2  
(Thursday if Bank Holiday)
- Tue - Dance Club YR-Y6
- Wed - Out & About Y1-Y6
- Wed - SCS Football Y1-Y3
- Thu - School Choir Y2-Y6
- Thu - Horrible History KS2
- Thu - SCS Football Y4-Y6
- Friday - Miss Lemon Drama

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here at Bocking Primary School, we are always looking for ways to improve the opportunities available to our children. This is not only through the development of the curriculum and the curricular activities that we offer but also the extra-curricular opportunities that are available to our children- and this is the part that we need your help with. We know that the parents, carers, grandparents, aunts/uncles of our children have an extensive skill set and we are hoping that you will be able to support us.... As a school, we want to broaden the after-school provision on offer, and we are looking for volunteers to come forward to lead an afterschool club so that we can give our children access to clubs through school, rather than having to rely on exterior clubs (which we all know can be very expensive). Our vision for future provision includes increased involvement in local sporting fixtures and leagues -and of course- a strong team coached by a skilled coach. We are looking for volunteers to coach a netball team, football team, rugby team, hockey team, athletics team, dance squad... or any other team that you feel you could support us with. If you can volunteer your time to support us with improving our extra-curricular provision, then please contact the office.

Alongside our upcoming sports days (further details will be coming soon), we have two upcoming sporting fixtures: Upper Key Stage Two tag rugby and football. Both of these matches involve both boys and girls from our Year 5 and Year 6 classes. I would like to thank Mr Porte, our P.E. coach, for giving up his lunchtimes to coach our children to make them game ready. Good luck to all of those representing our school in the coming weeks. I can't wait to be cheering you on from the side-lines. Next Year, it is our goal, not only to have increased the after-school sporting provision with your support, but to also to increase the amount of sporting competitions that we enter our teams into. Therefore, we are now part of the Braintree District Primary School Sports Association. This will give our children a chance to represent the school in both competitive and all-inclusive sporting events and fixtures.

Last half term, a small group of children from Year 4 and Year 5 were invited to attend an outdoor learning workshop at the Wilderness Foundation in Chatham Green. The workshop was a great success and the feedback from the children was very positive. Next week, we are sending some more children, this time from Year 1 and Year 2, to enjoy the provision. The Wilderness Foundation strives to give children access to the environment to enable them to make connections with the natural world. They will take part in a day of den building, bug hunting and outdoor learning to build their teamwork, communication, confidence and self-esteem.

This week has been SATS week for our Year 6 children. SATs are standardised assessment tests administered by primary schools in England to children in Year 2 and Year 6 to check their educational progress. They are one marker used by the government, and hence parents, of the quality of the education at a school. Our Year 6 children have approached their SATS with steely determination and maturity and, on behalf of all of the staff at Bocking, I want to say that we are so proud of you! Well done Year 6!

Finally, I would like to remind you of the upcoming non-pupil day on 26th May.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Cagney



## STAR OF THE WEEK

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

- Adam (Yr 1)
- Ellie (Yr 1)
- Kaiden (Yr 2)
- Scarlett (Yr 3)
- Brooklyn (Yr 4)
- Reuben (Yr 5)
- Whole Class! (Yr 6)

## AR READERS

Quiz Scores 100%

- Year 2 - Poppy
- Year 3 - Kayton, Louis

Words Read 6

Year 6 - 18,989

## TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



Winners - Brunel House - Year 3

- Year 2 - Kaiden
- Year 3 - Katy
- Year 4 - Richie
- Year 5 - Lenny
- Year 6 - Remi

# CLASSROOM NEWS...

## YEAR EYFS

In Literacy we have been learning to retell the story of the Enormous Turnip, with actions. Through this, we have developed a great understanding of some of the trickier vocabulary within the story. Inspired by our story, we have been keen to learn more about plants and growing by looking closely at plants features and observing their growth. We are excited to see that we have some sunflowers that are starting to grow, from just a small tiny seed! In maths, we have been learning about numbers beyond 10 - we are getting very good at recognising numerals now and talking about their value. Miss Freeman tries to trick us, but never manages to!



## YEAR 1

It has been a wonderful past couple of weeks in Year 1. We had our King's and Queen's History day and the children all took to this day in a way that they should be proud of. On Friday we learned about and celebrated King Charles III and his upcoming coronation. In math's we have moved on to our fraction unit and the children were challenged to take a whole biscuit and break it into 2 halves. In English we have been busy writing recounts of events that have happened within school and the children are starting to apply the key features within their work

## YEAR 2

Year 2 have been studying plants and what they need to survive. Our cress placed in a dark cupboard has provided much entertainment as it is not looking very healthy at all compared to the one in the sunshine. We have also been looking into where people visit in the UK and why. So far, we have looked at the seaside, a city break in London and forests. We will explore mountains next and then become travel agents and advise people where to go on their holiday.