

## WHATS COMING UP

### October

4th - KS2 Parent Reading Workshop 9-10am  
11th - Parent Maths Mastery Workshop 9-10am  
13th - Book Fayre  
20th - Celebration Assembly (thu)  
21st - 2023 EYFS Admissions Tour 9:30 or 11:00  
21st - Open Door 2:40  
24th - Half Term (1 Week)

### November

3rd - 2023 EFYS Admission Tour 9:30 or 11:00  
4th - Halloween Disco - KS1 from 4-5:15pm, and KS2 disco from 5:30 - 6:45pm.  
14th - Non Pupil Day  
22nd - Parents evening 3:30-7:00  
24th - Parents evening 3:30-5:00

### December

16th - EYFS & Year 1 Nativity (PM)  
19th - Christmas Carols Assembly  
20th - Open Door

## Stars of the Week

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

- Carter (YR)
- Huxley (Yr 1)
- Cleo (Yr 2)
- Scarlett (Yr 3)
- Elsie-Rose (Yr 4)
- Krystal (Yr 5)
- Hollie (Yr 6)

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday we had the school photographer in to take individual and family photographs of all the children. I was so pleased with how smart everyone looked in their uniforms - thank you for ensuring that your children are wearing the correct uniform to school.

We are constantly trying to improve our communication with you, as parents and carers, so you are more informed about your children's education at Bocking. Having considered the feedback from the parent survey in the summer term, we are currently looking at improving how we communicate the learning your child is doing each term - alongside the Open Door afternoons at the end of each term we will be creating Year Group Learning Summaries that will be launched on the school website so you can see exactly what is being taught in each topic in the different year groups. This will enable you to further support your child's learning at home.

Thank you to those parents that attended the Phonics workshop this week, I hope that you found it useful and that you now have a better understanding of the process of teaching children to read as it is very different to when we were at school! Please ask your child's teacher if you would like more information on supporting reading at home.

The Key Stage 2 Reading workshop is next week on Tuesday 4th at 0900. In Key Stage 2 the focus develops into more complex ideas such as inference, predictions and understanding vocabulary choices. Please make every effort to attend this as it will give you useful information and ideas about how to support your child's reading development at home as well as how we teach reading in school.

I would personally like to thank all children and families for your support and generous donations to Gt Ormond Street Hospital, a charity I am raising money for by running the London Marathon this Sunday! We have raised an amazing £190.90 from our non uniform day and a further £50+ from our Guess the Name competition. All of this support and fundraising will go directly to helping the 237,908 outpatient visits and 43,218 inpatient visits they have every year.

Whilst children are staying in the hospital they are able to attend the GOSH school. Their teachers are available to deliver lessons at the bedside, in the hospital school room and online for children with an admission of more than 3 weeks. They plan carefully with the ward team so that lessons can be delivered safely. They plan alongside schools all over the country, including Bocking, to ensure continuity and enjoyment for each individual pupil. In addition to this, their own school room curriculum inspires pupils in each key stage with a variety of exciting projects every term.

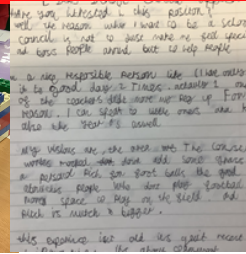
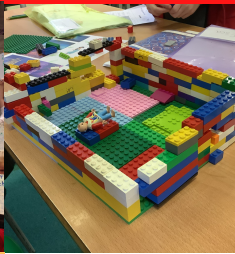
Please look out for me on Sunday, wearing my GOSH vest, if you're watching on the TV and send me positive thoughts as I make my way round the 26.2 mile course!  
Have a lovely weekend!

[www.justgiving.com/hannah-cagney7](http://www.justgiving.com/hannah-cagney7)

Mrs Cagney



**This week's reading challenge is: To read a book where the main character is a Cat, Dog, or Bear.**



## AR READERS

Quiz Scores:

Year 2 - Cleo, Albert

Year 3 - Ann Mary, Scarlett,  
Thomas, Freddie

Year 4 - Oliver J, Elsie-Rose

Year 5 - Summer, Mac

Year 6 - Thomas, Sam

Year 6 are the word  
count winners with  
146,152 words

## TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



Winners- Year 5

House- Franklin

Year 2 - Ella

Year 3 - Blake

Year 4 - Daisy

Year 5 - Connor

Year 6 - Hollie

## Attendance

This week's class  
attendance:

EYFS: 97%

Year 1: 90%

Year 2: 93%

Year 3: 96%

Year 4: 86%

Year 5: 95%

Year 6: 93%

## Notices

Please ensure if your  
child is off sick you  
contact the school  
office by 9am

Children should have  
warm coats now the  
weather is changing

# CLASSROOM NEWS...

## Year EYFS

This week the children have enjoyed exploring the story of 'The Colour Monster', we have created a story map to help us to retell the story and have begun to put actions to it. Some of us enjoyed using loose parts to recreate some of the emotions in the story, we used conkers as eyes, leaves as hair and pasta as lips. In maths we have been looking at things that match and things that are different, the children were even able to spot things that were the same shape but slightly different size. Miss Freeman has been very impressed to hear the children use this language spontaneously around the classroom. Out of the classroom, the children really enjoyed this week's PE session in the hall - where it was their first time using the equipment!



## Year 1

It has been another great couple of weeks in Year 1. We have had our 2nd music lesson, where the children have been learning how to play the violin. They are beginning to learn how to hold the violin and how to play basic notes. In English we started our new book "We're going on a bear hunt" and we have been internalising the text and we have now begun to innovate it. In Maths we are still working on our place value unit and have been looking at more than, less than and greater than. The children have been able to apply this in their independent learning and in their focus tasks.

## Year 2

Year 2 have been working so hard to develop their partitioning skills in maths. We can now do this using all sorts of resources and diagrams. We have been developing our vocabulary and describing in English. In Science, we have been learning all about the stages of the human life cycle. Lots of children told me they cried lots as babies! We finished our week with an online session with Julia Donaldson. What a busy week!



## The Friends of Bocking

Halloween Disco in the school hall on Friday 4th  
November KS1 from 4-5:15pm, and KS2 disco from  
5:30 - 6:45pm. We will advise parents with costume  
guidance to avoid upsetting younger participants.