

BOCKING NEWS

I am Ambitious, Respectful, Responsible, Engaged and I Persevere.

Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 17th December



**BOCKING
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

WONDERFUL MOMENTS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

There have been so many wonderful moments during this Autumn term, it's hard to mention them all, however, here are a few highlights from the year so far:

Launching our Vision and Values of I am Ambitious, Responsible, Respectful, Engaged and I Persevere.

- Uniform and behaviour expectations raised
- Newly formed PTSA with 2 events held already and the bottle challenge completed!
- New playground markings
- Braintree museum visiting year 6
- Library monitors
- Classroom ambassadors
- Landscaping of the school grounds by Braintree Council
- New look newsletter
- Year 2 visit to the Church
- ICT suite redesign approved and started
- More lunchtime staff appointed
- SCS teaching archery
- School dinners uptake to over 150 meals per day
- Library book stock increased by the Bishop Gauden Foundation fund
- Two very positive teaching and learning visits from the Academy Trust
- Author visits to year 4,5 and 6
- Viking day in Year 4
- Amazing volcanoes in year 3
- EYFS nativity
- Play leaders
- Year 6 gymnastics display
- Year 1 and 2 working with authors Nick Sharratt and Julia Donaldson
- Whole school remembrance day silence in the community

And this is not all...I hope that next term will be just as exciting and the children continue to amaze us with their learning and enthusiasm. Please join me in thanking all the staff that have worked so hard throughout this term, they really have shown dedication in such difficult times.

Unfortunately next term we will see the cost of school dinners rising to £2.50. This is due to the rising costs in food nationally. I hope that this will not put anyone off having school dinner as the number of children booking a school meal is more than we've ever had - must be the amazing food that Mrs Rathe and Mrs Crow are serving up!

Please remember that children arriving after the bell goes at 08:50 in the morning, will be registered as arriving late.

I hope that you all have a lovely Christmas and manage to stay healthy throughout, I look forward to welcoming yourselves all the children back to school on Wednesday 5th January.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Mrs Cagney

WHATS COMING UP

**Non Pupil Day - 4th January
2022.**

**Year 3 Swimming - 5th
January.**

**2022 EYFS Admission
Tours - 6th and 7th
January (by appointment
only)**

Stars of the Week

KS1 certificates were

presented to:

Phoebe (EYFS)

Maxwell (Yr 1)

Blake (Yr 2)

**KS2 certificates
were presented to:**

Oliver J (Yr 3)

Leo (Yr 4)

Will (Yr 5)

Ashton (Yr 6)



CLASSROOM NEWS

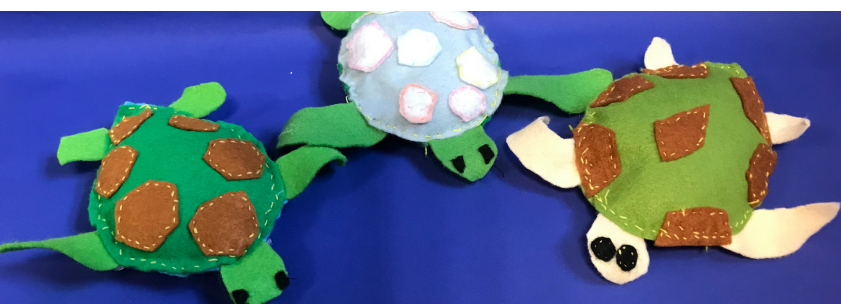
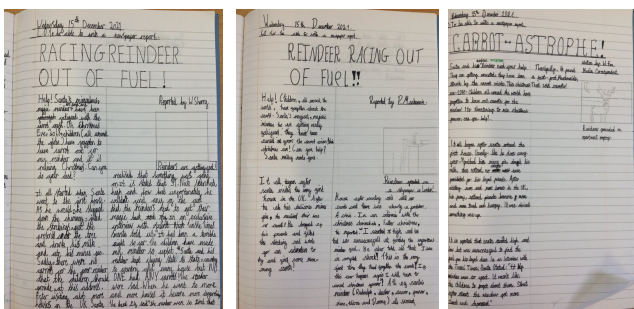
From Year 4

Year 4 Viking day was a big hit, we had lots of fun recapping our topic and took part in lots of fun activities. We made dragon eyes out of clay, designed shields, measured out the size of longship (18m's!) and went on an ancient ruin scavenger hunt. All the children looked amazing in their costumes, so a big shout out to all the adults and the effort they put in! Happy half term!



From Year 5

This week year 5 have been writing a festive News Report. Based on 2018 TV advert, the children have focused on writing in factual and concise style. Well done Year 5!



AR Readers

Year 5 read 74,824 words this week.

100% Reading Quiz Scores:

- Year 2 - Poppy, Olivia, Ann-Mary, Isobel, Louis, Skylah, Thomas, Elliot
- Year 3 - Jack, Richie, Mia-Rose, Charlotte
- Year 6 - Ben

Most Read Words in term

Year 5 - Sam Walsh 456,948. Great work!

Half term class word count

Year 6 - 894,346. Well done

Attendance

This week's class attendance:

- EYFS: 98%
- Year 1: 96%
- Year 2: 93%
- Year 3: 95%
- Year 4: 93%
- Year 5: 97%
- Year 6: 96%

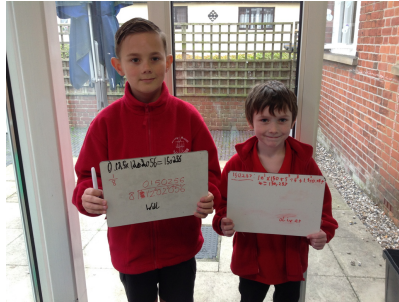
From Year 6

This week we have spent two days working on our DT. This term's focus is textiles, using 2d templates, making a 3D item. We researched and planned them creating templates before layering materials to construct our final product. We chose turtles as our inspiration as we have been looking at classification in science and wanted to choose an animal to create and then use as either, a pillow, teddy or pin cushion. We are thrilled with the end result and have learned lots of skills along the way. Finally we had a wonderful time during the Christingle service with Rev. Rod last week.



OTHER NEWS...

The office staff had a visit from Will and Oliver to explain the Maths equations they had calculated! We were incredibly impressed!



Thank you to Mrs Rathe and Mrs Crow for a wonderful Christmas Lunch. They served up over 165 meals! The children loved all the festivities, and seeing all the staff serving their dinners, plus spotting the Elf.



Friends of Bocking PTSA

Thank you for your donations to the bottle challenge

1st place - Year 3 raised £102.10

2nd place - Year 2 raised £73.77

Grand total of £354.13

We raised a total of £412.90 from the Christmas bazaar. We appreciate your continued support.



End of term TOPSTIME

