

# BOCKING NEWS

Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up  
Friday 8th October



**BOCKING**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WHATS COMING UP

**Half Term Week:**  
25th-29th October

**INSET Day:**  
12th November

**EYFS Super Hero Day:**  
19th October

## REMINDERS

**Please check your child's hair for headlice and treat them accordingly**

**Earrings must be removed for PE and only stud earrings are permitted in school.**

**Food stating 'May contains peanuts' must not be brought into school**

**Next week is Menu 1**

## HELLO YELLOW! RAISES £173!

Thank you to all those that donated towards our Hello Yellow day for Young Minds. Saying #HelloYellow today is a little thing we can do to make a BIG difference to young people's mental health as we know many young people have been affected, especially throughout the pandemic.

## Harvest Collection for Braintree Foodbank

Through our Key Stage assemblies this week we have been talking to the children about the Harvest Festival and linking this to the Braintree Foodbank. Reverend Rod Reid came to collect all the donations on Thursday and we are very grateful for all the donations we received.

## Book Fair Commission

Last week we had our Book Fair in school. It is always a great opportunity for the children to start or to continue to build their own home library and have the chance to choose their own texts. Thank you to Mrs Reeves and Mrs Champney for co-ordinating the event and Mrs Rennie for also giving her time to support the sales. It is this kind of team work that makes our school great and we raised a massive £277 which will go towards boosting our library stock in school for the children to enjoy.

## Homework Update

Home work will be returning after half term. We are currently reviewing our policy and are looking at the different options that we have in place. Homework activities can vary significantly, particularly between younger and older pupils, including but not limited to home reading activities, longer projects and more directed and focused work such as revision. We want to make sure we get this right so that we ensure it has the impact on children's progress as we want it to.

## Changeable Weather

As the weather is starting to turn please ensure your child has a coat in school as we will try to keep them outside for break and lunch unless it is really necessary to come in. Please name all items of uniform including coats as we have an inordinate amount of unclaimed uniform. This will be outside at the end of the school day on the table by the gates. Anything unclaimed at the end of the term will go to recycling.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Cagney

## Stars of the Week

At the KS1 Celebration assembly this afternoon certificates were presented to:

Levi (Yr 1) and Katy (Yr 2).

Miss Beard presented Arabella (EYFS) with her certificate in class.

In KS2 teachers presented certificates to:

Elsie-Rose (Yr 3), Corey (Yr 4), Hollie (Yr 5) and Ben (Yr 6).

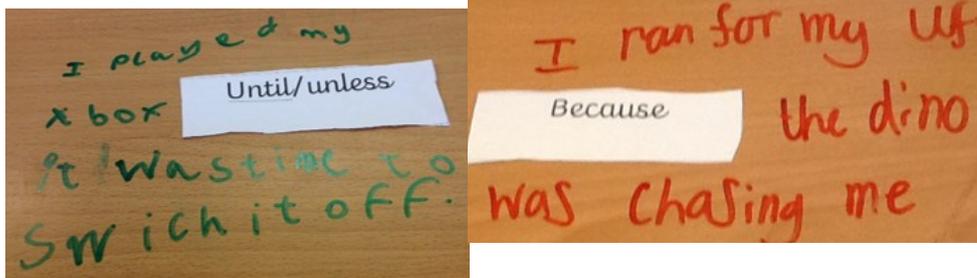




# CLASSROOM NEWS

## From Year 4

We have been looking at sentence types focusing on subordinating conjunctions. We had an exciting lesson where we formed sentences on the table in whiteboard pen! We have also become obsessed with the Grammarsaurus Whitebus song which we keep asking to hear everyday!



## From Year 5

This week, the children in Year Five have been very busy. We have: learnt how to tackle in Hockey and have been applying this skill to game situations; found out why we have day and night in Science; planned and written our own narrative opening based on Good Night Mister Tom; learnt about the lives of evacuees in History; become fluent in (and have almost mastered) addition, subtraction and using the inverse in maths... and much more! We are working hard in all subjects to gain our pen licenses too and our teachers have noticed a real improvement in our presentation.

## From EYFS

This week we have been learning the book Funny bones. We have looked at different parts of the body and skeletons. We have been continuing our phonic sounds and sorting items into boxes to match the sounds. We have been comparing numbers, looking at more and fewer as well as comparing weights, lengths and heights.



## From Year 3

We have made Stone Age necklaces.

We looked at examples found by archaeologists at Skara Brae. We used clay to recreate bones and teeth.



# AR Readers

Year 5 read 49,326 words this week.

## 100% Reading Quiz Scores:

- Year 2 - Olivia, Stanley, Blake, Aimee, Poppy, Olivia H, Louis, Thomas, Elliot, Freya, Ruben, Ann Mary
- Year 3 - Richie
- Year 5 - Tyler
- Year 6 - Ellie, Emma



# Attendance

This week's class attendance:

- EYFS: 93%
- Year 1: 95%
- Year 2: 93%
- Year 3: 96%
- Year 4: 90%
- Year 5: 96%
- Year 6: 93%