

WHAT'S COMING UP

December

- 6th - Phonics/Reading (Parents) EYFS - 1pm
- 8th Christmas Jumper Day
- 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

Stars of the Week

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

Emilia (YR)
Lily-Rose (Yr 1)
Ella-Rose (Yr 2)
Isobel (Yr 3)
Isla (Yr 4)
Amelia (Yr 5)
Lily (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 Parent and Carers,

Yet another busy week here at Bocking with our Choir making their debut performance in the village. The residents at the New Deanery and St Mary's Court were overjoyed with the choir's performance as the children delighted them with their singing. The children also enjoyed the juice and biscuits as their reward from the residents! A huge thank you must go to Mrs Reid who leads the choir and organises such events. If your child would like to join the choir (yr 3-6), they meet on a Thursday after school. Please see the office if you would like to join.

We hosted the Library Winter Read assembly on Thursday which launched the winter reading challenge from Essex Libraries where children are encouraged to complete 6 reading challenges over the Christmas Holidays and into January. Once completed they will receive a certificate through the library. We are also looking at promoting 'Borrow Box', this is an app where once registered with Essex Libraries, the children can access thousands of e-books and magazines for free. The Library Bus will also be visiting the school next term - children will be able to borrow books from the library bus if they are registered, using their library card.

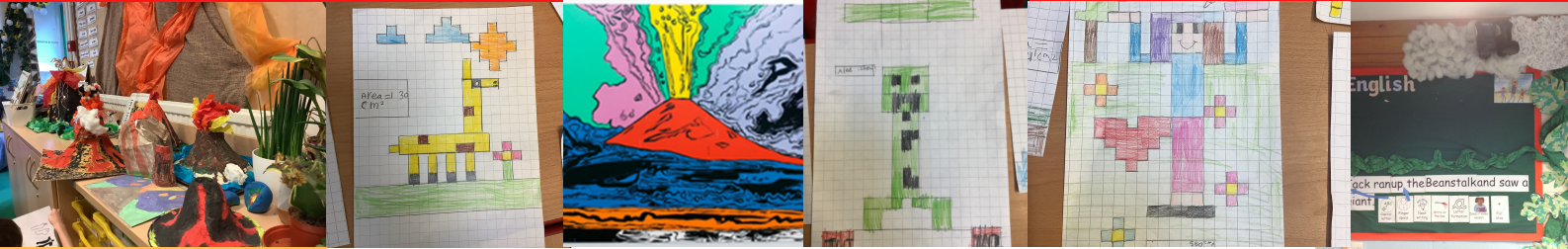
Our new climbing frame has been completed on the field. Until the weather improves, the children are now not allowed on the field and therefore please do not let your children play on the equipment after school.

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded £500 by the Bishop Gauden Foundation. We applied to the Foundation for funding to go towards our Nurture Room. Children at Bocking will benefit from nurture groups as the provision is used to address the social and emotional needs that can be a barrier to pupils' learning. As well as providing and supporting academic teaching, the groups will develop children's social skills, behaviour, motivation, confidence, resilience and self-respect. These skills will then be transferred into their school and everyday life.

The nurture room will also act as a welcoming space for children who find the playground environment overwhelming at break and lunch times. This will ensure that the children are happy and regulated during these times, easing their transition back in class so that they are ready for learning. Ultimately, as a nurturing school, this provision compliments our ethos and we are excited to start this as soon as we can. The Christmas Post Box will be up and running on Monday 12th. Please ensure that all cards are posted in the box so that the children can deliver them across the school. Cards will only be given out via the post box.

A few reminders: As the weather deteriorates and gets colder over the next few weeks please ensure that your child has suitable clothing on including a warm coat. Following feedback from visitors to the school please make sure that your child's PE kit is not a branded tracksuit with large logos on. This is not school uniform and your child may be asked to wear a school jumper or fleece as an alternative during school hours. Enjoy the Christmas Bazaar and your weekend,

Mrs Cagney



AR READERS

Quiz Scores:

Year 2 - Jake A, Zachary, Cleo, Ronnie, Maxwell, Harper-Rose, Poppy, Millie Tyler, Levi, Caden, Kaiden, Ella-Rose, Linda

Year 3 - Blake, Ann-Mary, Ruben

Year 5 - Lenny

Year 5 are the word count winners with 47,215 words

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



Winners - **Franklin House - Year 4**

Year 2 - **Hector**

Year 3 - **Blake**

Year 4 - **Hugo**

Year 5 - **Connor**

Year 6 - **Remi**

Attendance

This week's class

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EYFS: 92%

Year 1: 88%

Year 2: 95%

Year 3: 92%

Year 4: 91%

Year 5: 98%

Year 6: 94%

Notices

- **Gates close at 8:50am, after 9:05 your child will be marked as late.**
- **Please ensure your child has a warm, waterproof coat every day.**

CLASSROOM NEWS...

Year EYFS

This week in Early Years, we have been continuing our story of Stick Man and have been thinking of what we would do if we found him. The children have produced some fantastic writing about him, which really shows off their knowledge of phonics. In 'busy groups' we made our very own Stick Man that we can use to retell the story - we are getting very good at remembering the rhyme in it! In PE, the children were very excited to use the wall bars to practise their climbing skills. Mr Port was very pleased with all of the children's listening skills and bravery - they were very confident climbers!



Year 1

Over the last 2 weeks in Year 1 we have continued to learn and practice our nativity. In Math's we have moved onto our shape unit and on Monday we went on a scavenger hunt to see what items we could find around our school 3D shapes. In English we are finishing up our innovation stage of the Talk 4 Writing scheme and next week the children will be using their plans and innovations to write their own fairy tale based off of Jack and the Beanstalk.

Year 2

I am so proud of Year 2 as they have been working incredibly hard across the curriculum. They have been excelling in their phonics lessons and making so much progress. The children are beginning to make links across lessons which shows that they are really confident and secure in their learning. I was particularly impressed during a reading lesson when the children were asked to describe two characters from our class novel. The vocabulary they used showed they knew the book really well but I was amazed with the links they made to our school values such as a character being respectful, or persevering or even having no values at all. Brilliant work year 2, keep it up!



Our KS2 Choir were invited to The New Deanery and St Mary's Court to sing to their residents on the 1st December. The residents loved it.