



# BOCKING NEWS

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Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 24th November 2023

## WHAT'S COMING UP

29th - RSPCA Visit, donations into school for 28th November

### December

5th - Y1 Victorian Day

7th - Christmas Jumper Day

11th - Y5 Royal Opera House Performance - 2:30 Parent to class.

11th - EYFS/YR 1 Nativity

10am - At St Mary Church

12th - EYFS/YR 1 Nativity

2pm At St Mary Church

13th - Whole school

Christmas dinner

15th - Y1 Y2 only Christingle

service, St Mary's Church -

9:30am

18th - Carol service whole

school St Mary's Church -

2pm

20th - Christmas Break

### January 2024

4th - Start of Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to congratulate our Year 5 & 6 Tag rugby team for their performance at the tournament held at Witham rugby club. Despite facing tough competition, our team showed great resilience and sportsmanship throughout all the matches. It was wonderful to witness their improvement from our previous tournament, with many tries being scored. Well done to all the players and thank you to the parents for their support.

I also wanted to highlight the success of our Termly Learning Conferences (TLCs) that took place last week. It was heartening to see so many families joining their children to celebrate the great learning happening at Bocking Primary School. The children spoke positively about their learning experiences and were able to articulate their strengths as well as areas for improvement. Thank you to all the parents for their valuable feedback.

Now, I must share some staffing updates with you. Miss Beard, who has been on maternity leave, has decided not to return. We wish her all the best in this new chapter of her life with her family. Additionally, Mrs Batchelor will not be returning after the Christmas break as she has chosen to take a break from teaching and focus on her family. We thank both Miss Beard and Mrs Batchelor for their contributions and dedication to our school community.

On a brighter note, I am thrilled to announce that Mrs Gia Francis will be joining us as the new Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo) after Christmas. Mrs Francis brings a wealth of expertise and dedication, and we are confident that she will greatly benefit our school community. She will be working closely with Miss Clarke during the handover period to ensure a smooth transition. Please join me in giving Mrs Francis a warm welcome to Bocking Primary School and wishing Miss Clarke all the best in her new role as Deputy Head in another school.

In other news, we are currently working on revamping our approach to homework. After considering different options, we have decided to introduce Google Classrooms, a platform widely used by secondary schools. This will allow your children to access their homework on any device and from anywhere. We hope to roll this out after Christmas, providing resources for you to access at home and topic-related assignments for the children to complete and submit in their year group classrooms. Further details will be communicated once everything is finalised.

Lastly, I would like to draw your attention to an important safeguarding issue regarding WhatsApp group chats. Please remind your child to be cautious about what they share in these chats, as messages, photos, and videos can easily be forwarded or saved by others. Encourage them to think twice before sending anything and ask themselves if they would want their family or important people to see it.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about these updates or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me or the school office.

Have a good weekend,  
Mrs Cagney

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Tuesday - Girls Football KS2

Tuesday - Cheerleading Y2-Y6

Tuesday - Film Club Y1/Y2

Wednesday - SCS Y1-Y3

Thursday SCS - Y4-Y6

Thursday - Netball KS2

Last school clubs w/c 4/12

Last SCS club w/c 11/12



## STAR OF THE WEEK

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

- Lenny (EYFS)**
- Pearl (Yr 1)**
- Joseph S (Yr 2)**
- Cleo (Yr 3)**
- James R (Yr 4)**
- Teddy (Yr 5)**
- Teddy R (Yr 6)**

## CLASSROOM NEWS...

### YEAR 3

In PE, as part of our gymnastics, we created our own routines using the equipment. We have been practising pencil, forward and backward rolls, as well as different jumps. This week some of Year 3 were even brave enough to jump off the top of the vault. We also enjoyed our first class visit from Max and Ray. Max was very well behaved and even went to sleep on the floor while we asked lots of questions to Ray, we found out that Max eats 1kg of raw meat every day, and that he sleeps in the shower!



## AR READERS

### Quiz Scores 100%

**Year 3** - Ronnie, Millie C, Levi,  
**Year 4** - Freddie, James Q  
**Year 5** - Aaron, Kaya, Elsie

### Word Count Winners

**Year 5**  
 917,663

### YEAR 4

We have learned about speech marks and we changed fake text messages into speech by putting in speech marks and punctuation. We have also been finding nouns, adjectives, relative clauses and fronted adverbials in our English lessons. In Maths, we have continued learning all our times tables and found multiplying by 1 and 0 easy! Our Science lessons are all about solids, liquids and gases and this week, we wrote a non-chronological text all about melting and boiling so that states can be changed. We have been learning some key words in our spelling lessons which we have called busy words because we use them all the time and they must be spelled correctly!

**By the Year 4 Learning Ambassadors, Aimee and Ruben.**

## TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS

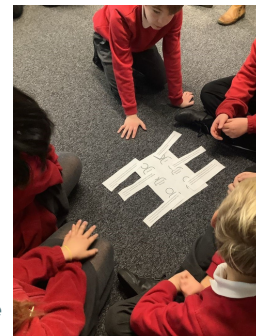


<b>17/11/23</b>	<b>24/11/23</b>
<b>WINNER -</b>	<b>WINNER -</b>
<b>Kingsley</b>	<b>Franklin</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 2</b>

Year 2 - Huxley	Year 2 - Blake
Year 3 - Ella	Year 3 - Albert
Year 4 - Skylah	Year 4 - Freddie
Year 5 - Arham	Year 5 - Stanley
Year 6 - Lenny	Year 6 - Evan S

### YEAR 5

Year 5 have had a busy few weeks and we wanted to share all the fun things we did at our Creative Careers visit last week. We met a DJ and music producer, we used technology to create stop animation, had a workshop about jobs at Mercury Theatre and practised textiles with the Warner Museum. It was a jam packed morning and the children really enjoyed experiencing all the different jobs and skills you could learn relating to a creative career. Many of us were inspired by what we saw and now have new job ambition such as being a fashion designer, theatre marketing team, director and music



## ATTENDANCE

- 93% - Year EYFS
- 98% - Year 1
- 98% - Year 2
- 97% - Year 3
- 96% - Year 4
- 87% - Year 5
- 93% - Year 6

**Attendance target**  
 97%

### YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 have studied the life of Anne Frank. We were surprised to find out that she named her diary 'Kitty', had to share her very small and cramped room with an adult who she argued with regularly over who could use the writing desk and that she only lived until the young age of 16. In maths, we have mastered adding and subtracting fractions and we were applying our knowledge to some very complicated challenges. Our teachers were very proud of the resilience and determination when we learnt vaulting in gymnastics.