



# BOCKING NEWS

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Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 12th January 2024

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### January 2024

- 30th - KS2 VR Day

### February 2024

- 8th - Y6 Mersea Parent/Child Meeting 2:45
- 15th - Open Door 2:30

### March

- 11th - Y2 Layer Marney Trip
- 12th - TLC's
- 14th - TLC's
- 26th - 28th Y6 Mersea Residential

### April

- 17th - Y5 Swimming x 6 wks

### May

- 20th - Y5 British Museum Trip
- 21st - EYFS/Y1 Boydells Farm Trip
- 23rd - Open Door 2:30

### June

- 5th - Y6 Swimming x 6 wks
- 6th - Y3 - Botanicals Garden Trip
- 6th - Y4 Colchester Zoo Trip

### July

- 4th - Sports Day KS1 AM then picnic lunch for whole school, and KS2 PM
- 19th - Celebration Assembly
- 23rd - Leavers Assembly
- 9th - Y6 Production PM
- 10th - Y6 Production Evening

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mon - Choir Club (Y3-Y6)

Tues - Lego Club (Y1-Y6)

Wed - Art Club (Y2, Y3, Y4)

Wed - SCS Football (Y1-Y2)

Thu - SCS Football Boys and Girls Y3-Y6

FITC - Multisport W/C

26.1 details TBC

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to share with you that Bocking Primary fantastic reputation is spreading far and wide! This term alone, we have welcomed six new starters, some of whom have joined us from outside our immediate catchment area. The feedback we have received from new parents during their tours of the school has been overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on the lovely feel within the school, the politeness of our children, and their high level of engagement in their learning. We couldn't be prouder of our pupils and the positive reputation they have helped create.

In addition to our growing student body, we had the pleasure of hosting the Maths Hub this week. Over 20 teachers from other schools came to observe our exceptional maths teaching, with the aim of gaining a better understanding of what a good lesson looks like and further developing their own teaching skills. It is no small feat to be observed by such a large group of adults, so a huge thank you to Mrs. Flack and the Year 6 children for their exceptional behaviour and expertise!

This week also marked the launch of our after-school clubs, and I am happy to say that every single club is now full! We are continually striving to offer a diverse range of clubs to cater to the varied interests of our pupils. In the near future, we plan to introduce new clubs such as a BMX club and Mindfulness sessions. Keep an eye out for more information on these exciting additions.

It is also worth mentioning that we have seen a fantastic turnout of over 20 girls joining our football club this term. We can't wait to see their progress and wish them the best of luck in their first league match against Rayne on the 12th of February.

Our Google Classroom homework will be launching on Monday, the 15th of January. Please ensure that you have signed in using the logins and passwords provided in the letter that was sent home with your child last week. If you encounter any issues accessing Google Classroom at home, our ICT suite will be open for each year group to use during school hours.

### Attendance:

"We are only a few minutes late" - Does it matter?

Being late for school reduces learning time and does not prepare your child for their future working lives.

- Arrival 5 minutes late every day = 3 days of learning missed each year
- Arrival 15 minutes late every day = 10 days or 2 weeks of learning each year.

Thank you for your continued support;

Have a great weekend,  
Mrs Cagney



## STAR OF THE WEEK

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

**Callie (EYFS)**  
**Kaiden (Yr 1)**  
**Winter (Yr 2)**  
**Levi (Yr 3)**  
**Charlie (Yr 4)**  
**Oliver (Yr 5)**  
**Marion (Yr 6)**

## CLASSROOM NEWS...

### YEAR EYFS

This week in EYFS we have started our 'A Superhero Like Me' topic. We have begun talking about who our heroes are and who the heroes are in our community. We have begun sharing what we already know about the roles of the police, fire service and ambulance - we are looking forward to learning even more about the people who help us in our community and hopefully meeting them too! The children have been excited this week to start reading the story of 'Supertato' and in maths have been challenging themselves to write/build number sentences to 5. What a busy week it has been in EYFS and lots more to look forward to this half term!



## AR READERS

### Quiz Scores 100%

Year 2 - Ryan

Year 3 - Ronnie, Millie C

Year 4 - Freddie, Charlie, Freya, Kayton, Thomas,

Year 5 - Maximus, Oliver J

Word Count Winners

Year 5

3,829,861!

## TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



WINNER - Kingsley  
Year 4

Year 3 - Albie

Year 4 - Skylah

Year 5 - Hannah

Year 6 - Lenny

## ATTENDANCE

94% - Year EYFS

95% - Year 1

95% - Year 2

99% - Year 3

93% - Year 4

88% - Year 5

94% - Year 6

Attendance target

95%

### YEAR 1

It has been a great start to our new term in Year 1 and all the children have come back ready to learn. In English we have begun looking at instructions and at the beginning of the week we told Mr Leonard some instructions on how to make a jam sandwich. In Geography we have started to think about what Bocking has in the area and what features the school has. In Math's this week we have been learning about the composition of the numbers 10 - 20 and the children are noticing how these numbers are made up of 1 ten and ones.

### YEAR 2

This week in year 2 we have been exploring our new English narrative called 'Alfie's star' and creating a story map with actions and key phrases to help us remember the story. Our science topic for the term is exploring plants, in our lesson this week we looked at key factors that help watercress grow before planting our own watercress heads in pots to see if they will grow in our classroom environment. In History, we have started to explore our topic for the whole spring term, The Great Fire of London. We looked at 17th Century London and similarities and differences between now and then. It has been a great first week back exploring our new topics and asking lots of enquiry questions which we can answer over the duration of our lessons.