



BOCKING NEWS

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Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 19th May 2023

WHAT'S COMING UP

May

- 23rd - EYFS / Y1 - Trip
- 24th - Parents Open Door
- 25th - Celebration Assembly at 9:05
- 26th - Non Pupil Day
- 29th - 2nd June Half Term

June

- 19th - Year 3 - Trip
- 20th - EYFS transitions - stay and play 3:30-4pm
- 22nd - Whole School Sports Day (with back up day on 6/7) - times TBC

July

- 4th - Parents induction meeting EYFS - 5pm
- 6th EYFS transitions- stay and play 3:30-4pm
- 10th - Y6 Performance 2pm
- 11th - Y6 Performance 5pm
- 13th - Open evening (meet new teacher)
- 17th Transition days for each year
- 21st Celebration Assembly 9am

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Mon - Story Time YR-Y2
- Tue - Dance Club YR-Y6
- Wed - Out & About Y1-Y6
- Wed - SCS Football Y1-Y3
- Thu - School Choir Y2-Y6
- Thu - Horrible History KS2
- Thu - SCS Football Y4-Y6
- Friday - Miss Lemon Drama

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another first for Bocking this week with our Year 5 children taking part in a Tag Rugby tournament at Witham Rugby Club. As a keen rugby fan, I was delighted to accompany the children to this and to cheer them on as they played in a round robin tournament that included 12 other schools. The children came up against some well drilled sides with experienced players, however, even though this was their first competitive game situation they made good progress and started scoring in their second game. Finding their feet, the children played with such spirit and truly got 'stuck in'. The grubby knees proved their determination when diving for tags and it was lovely to see so many of the team scoring tries. A very well deserved 10 out of 13 in the end with the first team we played going on to win the tournament. Some of the children have already asked me to run a rugby club after school next term - watch this space!

Our curriculum summary maps were sent out to you a few weeks ago - I hope these will provide you with lots of information of what your children are learning over the term so you can support with homework and consolidating their learning at home. If you would like to know any more information about your child's learning please ask your class teacher.

Our expectations of the children continue to be high - during our audit visit this term it was noticed that presentation standards have increased as has the quantity and quality of work the children are producing. Our behaviour also continues to be noticed as a strength of the school, the children are often complimented on their behaviours both in and out of school.

This year we have been able to offer a range of after school clubs, from Out & About, Dance and Mindfulness. Thank you to those of you who have offered your expertise to run a club next term - we are very grateful for you sharing your talents with our children to enhance the experiences that we can offer them.

Last week we introduced Class Learning Forums to the children. This is where we ask the children as a class to reflect on their learning across the week and to make links in their learning to other areas of the school, assemblies for example. We discuss how British Values are woven into their learning and reflect on the strengths of their learning behaviours and how we can develop these further the following week. This is recorded in their Class Learning Forum books for visitors to look through when they come into the school and so the children can use it as an aid memoir when talking about their learning. Please have a look when you come in for Open Door next week.

Assembly next week is in the morning on Thursday as we have TOPS time celebration in the afternoon on the last day of every term. This is where the children get to choose from a variety of activities to celebrate getting enough TOPS times across the term. The whole school comes together to celebrate this as a collective.

Lastly, if you do have any concerns over anything in school, please do come and talk to us. If we don't know about it we can't do anything about it! We pride ourselves on having an 'open door' for communication between staff and families and are more than happy to meet with you to go through anything you need to discuss.

Have a lovely weekend - it looks like there's going to be sunshine!

Mrs Cagney



STAR OF THE WEEK

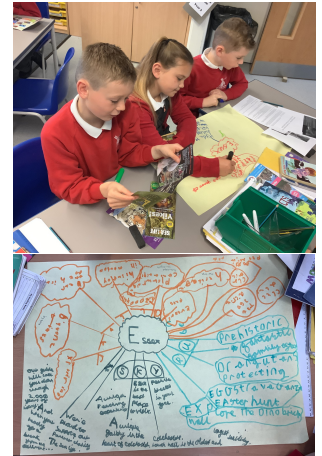
Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

- Pearl (YR)**
- Tommy (Yr 1)**
- Tyler (Yr 2)**
- Lia (Yr 3)**
- Fletcher (Yr 4)**
- Casey (Yr 5)**
- Harrison (Yr 6)**

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR 3

Year 3 have been developing their printing skills by using potatoes and string. In maths we have been trying to work out how long different activities take and looking at digital and analogue clock times. In English we are innovating our persuasive text. We are writing about how amazing Essex is. We are using exaggeration, expanded noun phrases and rhetorical questions. In Science we have learned about our skeletons and how we use muscles. In topic the children created a survey which they have taken home for families to help them with. In PE they have been learning to play cricket and are becoming good fielders and bowlers.



AR READERS

Quiz Scores 100%

Year 2 - Zachary, Cleo, Amelia, Poppy, Alice, Ava-Marie, Linda

Year 3 - Freddie, Oliver, Louis, Lia

Year 4 - Oliver J
Words Read 3
Year 6 - 44,906

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



Winners - **Brunel House - Year 3**

Year 2 - Kaiden
Year 3 - Blake
Year 4 - Kaya
Year 5 - Leo

ATTENDANCE

This week's class attendance:

EYFS: 93%

Year 1: 91%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 91%

Year 4: 95%

Year 5: 92%

Year 6: 92%

Target Attendance 95%

YEAR 4

In Year 4, we have completed our learning on suspense stories and the children spent the morning in the computer suite typing up all their amazing work. Next week, we are going to start our learning journey on poetry. In History, we have been learning lots of amazing facts about life during the Maya and the many unusual gods they worshipped. The children have shown great engagement in their learning this week especially French. We have been learning how to say the different items you would find around the classroom. Tres bien!

YEAR 5

This week in Year 5 we have continued to investigate the UK witch trials throughout history. Ask your child the reasons why many people were accused of being a witch! Some of the reasons truly shocked us in class. Using our developing subject knowledge, we looked at a fictional news report on some of the trials around the Victorian era. The children highlighted key evidence from the text to either support or challenge the idea that the "witches" were indeed guilty and deserved to be punished. They then used the evidence gathered to write an opinion based response to the debate. The children really impressed the adults with their resilience to complete the task independently.

YEAR 6

This week Year 6 have been completing a science topic on evolution and inheritance. We have defined vocabulary, looking at adaptation, evolution and inheritance. We have talked about genes and how we inherit from our previous generations. Additionally, we have been learning about Charles Darwin, one of our house names and the significance of his work. This week we introduced our school production and have been listening to some of the songs from the show. In PE we are preparing for sports day and in Computing we are looking at creating and using spreadsheets.