



BOCKING NEWS

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Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 13th September 2024

WHAT'S COMING UP

September

- 25th - Pupil & Siblings School Photos
- 24th EYFS/Y1 Phonics Workshop in Hall

October

- 2nd Parent English Workshop in Hall at 9:05
- 8th Parent Maths Workshop at 9:05 in Hall
- 10th Travelling Book Fayre
- 17th Flu Immunisation for whole school
- 21st-23rd Y6 Residential
- 23rd Open Door, Parents into school at 2:45
- 24th Celebration Assembly at 9:05
- 25th - Non Pupil Day
- 28th-1st Nov - Half Term

November

- 4th Return to School
- 12th Parents Evening at 15:30 - 17:00
- 14th Parents Evening at 15:30 - 19:00

December

- 16th EYFS School Nativity at 2:30
- 18th Carol Service, Whole School St Mary's Church at 14:00
- 20th Non Pupil Day
- 23rd - 6th Jan Half Term

January

- 7th Spring Term Starts

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- SCS Football Y1-Y3 Wed
- SCS football Y4-Y6 - Thu
- Film Club Y1,Y2,Y3 - Thu
- Dance Club - Y4,Y5,Y6 - Mon
- Young Voices Rehearsals w/c 16th September 3:15 - 4:15 (selection students only)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we kick off a new term, I'm excited to share all the great opportunities coming up for our pupils.

One of the highlights is the upcoming residential trip for our Year 6 pupils to Kingswood! It's a fantastic chance for our pupils to learn and grow. They'll get to work on their social skills, improve their communication, and really understand the importance of teamwork. Plus, it's a great way for them to build confidence and self-esteem as they tackle challenges and try new things. This experience will help them become more independent and create lasting memories with their friends that they'll cherish for years to come.

I'm also happy to announce that our extracurricular activities will start next week! Here are the clubs we'll be offering this term:

- **KS2 Choir Club:** This is for those invited to participate in Young Voices. There are still a few spots left, so if you're interested, please get in touch with the school office soon!
- **Film Club:** Open to Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 on Thursdays.
- **Dance Club:** For KS2 on Mondays.
- **SCS Football:** Sessions will happen on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

These clubs are a fantastic way for our pupils to explore their interests and pick up new skills outside the classroom.

Thursday, 10th October, we'll be celebrating Wear Yellow Day to support Mental Health Awareness. We'll have a Mental Health Coffee Morning from 08:50 to 10:00, and we'd love for you to join us as we work together to promote mental health awareness in our school community.

Staffing update:

We sadly say goodbye to the following members of staff: Mrs Bull who has worked at Bocking since 2009, she will be very much missed by staff and children alike and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours - we still hope she'll be making us cakes every now and then!

Miss Roberts, who worked primarily in year 1 has moved to pastures new working with children with severe complex needs. We wish her all the best in her new role. Miss Grist departs today, we hope that she will continue to flourish in education. I'm sure you'll join me in thanking our LSAs for their commitment and dedication to the children here at Bocking.

Lastly, we have had a few concerns over parking in the school car park. We are very lucky to have the entire carpark to ourselves currently as the next door educational site is no longer there. However, this will not always be the case once the land is developed and Bocking School will have less than 20 car parking spaces as the carpark is owned by Essex County Council. Please could I remind you all to be aware of children of walking across the site and to allow plenty of time to arrive and collect your children. We would encourage walking to school if possible as a way of alleviating the congestion that is currently happening.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic term ahead and can't wait to see how our pupils grow and achieve. Your support and involvement is very much appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Cagney
Headteacher



STAR OF THE WEEK

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

Primrose (EYFS)
Harry (Yr 1)
Ruby (Yr 2)
Matilda (Yr 3)
Alice (Yr 4)
Aimee (Yr 5)
Max (Yr 6)

AR READERS

Will be confirmed next week

ATTENDANCE

96.4% - Year EYFS
 98% - Year 1
 92% - Year 2
 88% - Year 3
 96% - Year 4
 100% - Year 5
 91% - Year 6

Attendance target
 95%

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR EYFS

This week was the children's first full week at school, and they've done a fantastic job settling into the classroom routine. I expect they'll be quite tired by the weekend! The class has been busy exploring their new surroundings, making friends, and adjusting to school life. They've enjoyed many exciting 'firsts' - from their first PE lesson with Mr Porte, to using whiteboards and pens during lessons, and even listening to a violin for the first time. Mrs Pennington, Miss Bednall, and I are excited to be part of their learning journey. They've already impressed us with their recognition of initial sounds and confident counting - we can't wait to see what's next for them!

YEAR 1

It has been an awesome week in year 1. All the children have been super busy with their learning and are starting to display some really positive attitudes towards their activities. In Math's we have begun looking at our first unit, and we started by sorting objects into different groups, then started to count these as well. In Art we explored the colour wheel and mixed the 3 primary colours, to make orange, purple and green. In English we have text mapped our first story - 'Lost in the Toy Museum' and next week we are going to create actions to help us remember the order of the story

YEAR 2

In history we have learned about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, they are both significant people from our past. That means they changed the world and made a difference to something. In maths we have been looking at partitioning numbers, using part-part-whole models, we have found this quite hard, but it's easier now than at the beginning of the week. In English we have been learning about Brunel and his steam trains. We did a text map about the story and on Monday we turned the classroom into a train and we went on a journey through the mountains. My favourite part of the week was maths and English (Abby) and my favourite part of the week was history because I liked learning about the Crimean war (Dexter). Next week we are excited for History to learn about more significant people in our History. *Written by class learning ambassadors - Dexter and Abby*

