

BOCKING NEWS

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Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 3rd December



**BOCKING
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

WHATS COMING UP

**EYFS - PJ Story Evening -
7th December (Details on
Tapestry)**

**Christmas Jumper Day -
10th December**

**PTSA Christmas Bazaar -
10th December**

**School Christmas Dinner
Day - 16th December**

REMINDERS

Children should not be on the field or playing on the equipment after school

Earrings must not be worn on PE Days if children are unable to remove them

CHRISTMAS BEGINS AT BOCKING!

It is wonderful to see Christmas starting to appear around the school. The children have started to make decorations for their classes - Year 3 have managed to tie this in brilliantly with their topic of the Snow Queen and Year 1 will be making paper chains from number sentences!

This year Olivers Plants have kindly donated the Christmas tree that we will be decorating as a school for the church Christmas Tree Festival. Our classes will be visiting the church next week to decorate the tree and will stay on to admire all the other trees that are on display over the festival weekend. If you have the time why not visit St Mary's church and see the beautifully decorated trees made by different members of our community. The church is open on Saturday 11th December 1030-3pm, Sunday 12th December 10am is the Christmas Tree Festival service followed by the church open until 4pm and Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th Christmas Tree Festival open from 3-7pm. Tesco Braintree have also kindly donated a tree for display in the school entrance.

The PTSA held their first event last Friday, hot chocolate and plenty of delicious cakes were on sale after school. They raised a massive £208.30. This is a brilliant start and just shows what amazing parents and carers we have, thank you for supporting the PTSA on their first event. Following on from that, the PTSA are holding a Christmas Bazaar on Friday 10th December from 2.30 - 4.30pm. This will take place in the school playground under the canopy where there will be a range of stalls for you to buy from. The children will be dismissed from the small playground at their normal time of 3.05 for KS1 and 3.15 for KS2 so you can have some 'quiet browsing' time beforehand! There is also a box in reception ready to accept any donations for the Tombola prizes.

Thank you in advance to all the volunteers from the PTSA that have put in so much effort to get the Christmas Bazaar up and running in such a short space of time.

In the run up to the end of term we want to ensure that the children are keeping to our school values and high expectations as the Christmas activities begin and the excitement builds. Please make sure that the children arrive on time to school and in the correct uniform right up to the last day of term.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Cagney

Stars of the Week

In our KS1 assembly this afternoon certificates were presented to:
Noah Ra (EYFS) Amelia (Yr 1) Naveah (Yr 2)

KS2 certificates were presented in class to:
Arham (Yr 3), Esca (Yr 4), Beth (Yr 5) and Archie (Yr 6)



CLASSROOM NEWS

From Year 3

Year 3 have been looking at the Hans Christian Anderson Fairy Story 'The Snow Queen'. To inspire our writing, we have turned our classroom into a frozen wonderland selecting cool colours to make snowflakes. It must have worked; we even saw some real snowflakes

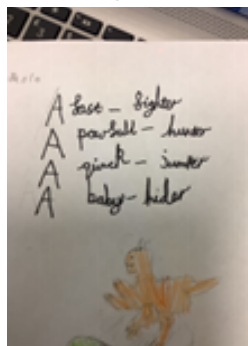
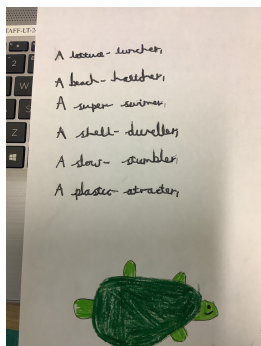


From Year 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed learning about the history of flight. We learned actions to help us remember the order. First, gliders were invented where the pilot had to flap his arms like a bird. Then hot air balloons arose by using the principle of fire and heat rising. Next, a propeller was invented and then battery powered airships. Finally, an engine powered plane was designed and invented and is similar to the image we think of when we consider planes today. We have also been learning to count money and developing our skills for letter writing just in time for writing to Father Christmas.

From Year 4

Year 4 have been studying Viking poems called Kennings. They give the reader a clue to what they are about. We wrote one about our favourite animals. In RE we have started learning about Diwali, the festival of lights, acting out the story in groups



AR Readers

Year 4 read 280,047 words this week.

100% Reading Quiz Scores:

Year 2 - Thomas, Poppy, Elliot, Louis, James Q, Ann-Mary, Stanley Leo, Freya

Year 3 - Bobby, Taylor

Year 4 - Ben, Reuben



Attendance

This week's class attendance:

- EYFS: 95%
- Year 1: 95%
- Year 2: 95%
- Year 3: 93%
- Year 4: 92%
- Year 5: 96%
- Year 6: 92%

Friends of Bocking PTSA Christmas Bazaar - volunteers needed!

We are looking for some additional volunteers to help run some stalls at next Friday's Bazaar.

Most stalls are suitable for your little ones to help out with too! Setup is 1.30-2:30pm, the bazaar is 2:30-4:30pm and tidying up should take less than an hour.

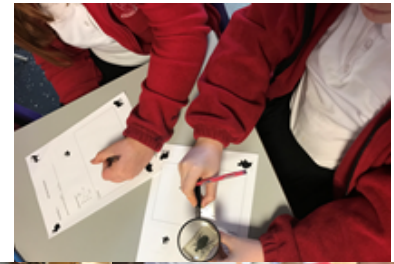
If you can spare an hour or two then please contact Cheryl on 07496 331894 or the school office. Thank you.



CLASSROOM NEWS

From Year 6

The children welcomed our visitor from Braintree museum today, who spoke to them about Braintree through the ages and showed video footage of the town from different times. The children excavated artefacts, looked at taxidermy specimens, and tried some textile techniques. Many thanks to the parents for supporting this event. It was a brilliant opportunity for the children to experience this first hand.



From Year 5

This week we have continued with their Forces topic in Science. The children worked in small groups to create and build a boat to investigate water resistance. The class concluded that the more streamlined their boat was, the easier it could travel through the water. Well done Year 5!



From EYFS

This week we have been busy practising our Nativity songs, the children are doing well trying to remember all the words! We have also been discussing Advent and all the things people do to get ready for Christmas time.

The children have also found lots of ice in our garden this week, and we have been exploring it in different ways such as dropping it, painting with it, crunching in and using tools to remove it.



From Year 1

This week in Science Year 1 have been learning all about winter. We went outside to spot signs of winter, we noticed that some mornings this week it has been very icy, we have noticed the drop in the temperature and that we need to wear our warm coats, hats, gloves and scarfs when we are outside. We also went to have a look at the trees around the school, most of the trees have now lost their leaves and are bare. In Geography we have been looking at the weather and have been weather forecasters this week! We took it in turns to perform our weather forecast to the class.

We say a fond farewell to Mrs D today, and wish her well for the future. Mrs Pickering will be returning full time from Monday.