



# BOCKING NEWS

**I am Ambitious, Respectful, Responsible, Engaged and I Persevere.**  
Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 3rd May 2024

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### May

- 20th - Y5 British Museum Trip
- 21st - EYFS/Y1 Call of the Wild
- 23rd - Open Door 2:30

### June

- 5th - Y6 Swimming x 6 wks
- 4th - 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

Tue - Minime

Mindfulness

Wed - SCS Football (Y1-Y4)

Thu - SCS Football Boys Y5/6 and Girls Y3-Y6

Fri - FITC Multi Sports

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have had a visit from our Trust School Improvement Advisors. This is part of a series of visits across the year to check on progress being made against our School Improvement Plan. I am pleased to say that there were lots of areas that were highlighted as being excellent.

"Pupils are enjoying the topics they learn about in each subject. They display positive attitudes to learning. They are remembering important knowledge and this is helping them to link ideas from past and current lessons. "

"Pupils talk with enthusiasm about the opportunities they have to hold responsibilities. They can also talk about British Values and how they link with school values. "

"Excellent behaviour was seen in lessons, transition times and break times today."

"There was a positive atmosphere in all lessons visited. Pupils work hard and could explain what they were learning."

"In EYFS, there are positive relationships between the adults and the children. Both of these things contribute to a calm and productive environment for learning and play. "

This is all testament to the hard work and commitment of the staff here at Bocking who work tirelessly to create a fun, engaging and ambitious curriculum and environment for all children at Bocking. The feedback demonstrates that we continue to improve and work to our vision of providing a safe environment where children can grow in confidence enabling them to become independent learners and thinkers who are proud of their achievements. I must also thank our school community who continue to support the school in such a positive way.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend,  
Mrs Cagney

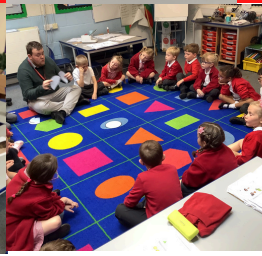
Online Safety

Snapchat MyAI - A Guide for Parents

As we all know Snapchat is one of the main social apps used by children from approx. Y3 upwards. Snapchat introduced MyAI as a new feature which can't be removed within Snapchat.

Wayne Denner, an online safety consultant, has put together a really handy article explaining all about MyAI, the features, issues and some tips for parents.

You can find the article [HERE](#) (it was written and shared a few months ago but has since been updated).



## STAR OF THE WEEK

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

- Henry (EYFS)**
- Mya (Yr 1)**
- Oliver (Yr 2)**
- Ronnie Yr 3)**
- Thomas (Yr 4)**
- Alan (Yr 5)**
- Amelia (Yr 6)**

## CLASSROOM NEWS...

### YEAR EYFS

This week in early years, we have been busy learning the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'. We are able to sequence the events and some of us have even tried to create our own story map of the story! We have also been busy in our outdoor classroom, planting and 'selling' things in our garden centre - with a huge variation of prices! Anything from 'ten pence' to '3 billion'.



### AR READERS

Quiz Scores 100%

**Year 2** - Blake, Joseph, Ryan, Anthony, Arabella, Oliver Lilly, Phoebe, Dylan, Florentina, Daniel, Freddie

**Year 3** - Amelia, Tyler, Ava

**Year 4** - James Q

**Word Count Winners**

**Year 4**

190,455

### TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



**WINNER: Franklin**  
**Year 3**

Year 2 - Huxley

Year 3 - Irene

Year 4 - Freddie

Year 5 - Aaron

Year 6 - Lenny

### ATTENDANCE

91% - Year EYFS

81% - Year 1

96% - Year 2

95% - Year 3

81% - Year 4

86% - Year 5

91% - Year 6

**Attendance target**

**95%**

### YEAR 1

In year 1 we have been very busy with our writing in English. This week we have had a big focus on generating adjectives and using them in our sentences when describing animals and objects. All the children have done very well at this and have all showed excellent perseverance and focus. In science we began to identify different plants and sorted image cards into plants and non-plants. In maths this week we have started to explore fractions and have noticed that 2 halves make 1 whole.

### YEAR 2

We had an extraordinary week this week. In D.T we have started to sew our animal puppets, we found it tricky but we tried our best. We have found a third in our maths learning, it was good and we think we are better at it now than I was at the start of the week. In Science we are looking at living things and habitats, which is lots of fun. In English we wrote a description of a desert which was good, I got to use some similes and adjectives. My favourite adjective is stupendous. Our P.E this week continued exploring how to play cricket and I think I'm getting good at it now, I think I want to be a professional cricket player when I am older. I'm looking forward to our geography learning next week, as I didn't realise how big the world was!

Written by class learning ambassadors - Daniel and Matilda