

WHAT'S

October

**COMING UP** 

• 21st-23rd Y6 Residential

• 22nd Y3 Stone Age Day

# **DCKING NE** I am Ambitious, Respectful, Responsible, Engaged and I Persevere.

Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 18th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our ongoing effort to enhance communication and ensure that our school community remains well-informed, we have implemented a new system for advertising upcoming events. In addition to our weekly newsletter, which will continue to be a primary source of information, we have introduced announcement boards outside. These boards will be strategically placed at the two main entrances to the school, providing a visual reminder of forthcoming events. It is our hope that this additional method of communication will encourage greater participation from members of our community in school activities and functions.

I am delighted to announce that our annual Christmas card design project is now underway. Starting today, pupils will have the opportunity to create their own festive designs, which can then be transformed into a variety of Christmas-related gifts. This initiative not only allows our pupils to express their creativity but also serves as a fundraising opportunity for the school. We kindly request that all orders be submitted by the specified deadline to ensure timely processing and delivery.

In our continuous efforts to enhance the recreational experiences of our pupils, we are currently seeking to expand our collection of outdoor toys for use during break and lunchtimes. We would greatly appreciate any contributions from our school community in the form of large outdoor toys that you believe might be suitable for this purpose. Examples of appropriate items include giant dominoes, play cars, and tunnels. However, we kindly ask that you refrain from donating any items that can be thrown, as we are mindful of our neighbours and wish to avoid any unintended additions to their gardens!

Lastly, I would like to draw your attention to the school's admission consultation period, which commences today. This process seeks to gather views on the proposed admission arrangements for the September 2026 entry. I encourage all interested parties to review the attached letter, which provides comprehensive details about the consultation process and how you can contribute your opinions.

Have a very good weekend

Mrs Cagney Headteacher

#### • 23rd Open Door, Parents into school at 2:45 • 23rd - Y2 Significant Figure

- **Dress Up Day** • 23rd - Y1 Parent Invite "Tovs"
- 24th Celebration Assembly at 9:05
- 24th Mental Health Coffee Morning at 9:30
- 24th Halloween Disco PTSA
- 25th Non Pupil Day
- 28th-1st Nov Half Term

#### November

- 4th 25/26 EYFS Admission Tours at 9am
- 5th 25/26 EYFS Admission Tours at 14:00
- 6th EYFS Admission Tours at 9am
- 12th Parents Evening at 15:30 - 17:00
- 14th Parents Evening at 15:30 - 19:00
- · 28th Y5 St Osyths Trip

#### **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

No school run after school clubs

#### BOCKING NEWS



# STAR OF THE WEEK

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to: Billy (EYFS) Sidney (Yr 1) Poppy (Yr 2) Joseph (Yr 3) Olivia (Yr 4) Oliver (Yr 5) Lavinia (Yr 6)

#### **AR READERS**

Year 2 -Theodore, Adam, Joshua, Kaiden, Luke, Pearl, Isabella, Olivia Year 3 - Millie-Mai, Arabella Year 4 - Olivia, Millie, Kaiden

#### ATTENDANCE

90%- Year EYFS 90% - Year 1 96% - Year 2 91% - Year 3 89% - Year 4 95% - Year 5 95% - Year 6 **Attendance target 95%** 

# **CLASSROOM NEWS...**

### YEAR 3

This week in Science we discovered that Mary Anning was an important palaeontologist. We worked in teams to find out about her life and what she did. We found out that she made many incredible discoveries from the beach near her home in Lyme Regis. Some of her discoveries were fossils from prehistoric times which helped scientists to understand how old the earth is. She will be remembered as the greatest fossil hunter to have ever lived. In P.E., we have been focusing on passing the ball and then moving to make space. We learnt that this is important in netball when we are attacking. Our English unit is coming to an end next week, so we have been working hard on innovating new ideas for our independent write. Our stories see Tuuli, our main character facing many different problems from the food running out, to lakes drying out and severe snowstorms coming. Keep up the hard work year three and remember...work harder, be neater and do more!

# YEAR 4



In year 4 this week we have been writing up our independent write about 'building a raft in the jungle.' The children have all worked hard to be able to use their knowledge from the term to write some great instructions. In maths we have been continuing out topic of addition and subtraction. In computing this week we looked at making music on Google chrome lab which was interesting. The children enjoyed creating different sounds and noises and putting them together just by drawing lines. In design and technology we have started to build our settlements with our moving part. Thank you to everyone who donated their recycling for the task!

YEAR 5 We have had

We have had another fun week in year 5! We have been busy with our artwork – on Monday we learnt about the skills needed in knotwork, and today we made our Christmas cards – "Our art was splendiferus" (James Q). We have also used our imagination to think of a monster that we are going to include in our English writing, which we drew too! We finished our maths unit on adding and subtracting and have been going over key skills – "We have learnt how to use bar models" (Freddie). In Science we learnt about irreversible changes – "We looked at freezing ice" (Lacey). We also got stuck into the computing suite this week, by communicating with each other online and working on a power point about the zoo together. In PE we played some netball matches "It was fun when our team won" – (Louis). *Written by Class 5.* 

# YEAR 6

In Maths, we have learned how to multiply 4 digits by 2 digits, it was hard! In our English lessons, we have been writing our own mystery stories, this has gone really well. We love our hockey matches in PE and playing dodgeball. In Science, we learnt about how important water is and we drew a poster showing what water does for our body. We have learnt about how medicines have changed through history and we predicted what we think medicine and diseases might look like in the future. We loved our art sessions based on drawing in perspective to help us plan our mystery setting in English. **By Year 6 Learning Ambassadors, Isla and Richie**