

BOCKING NEWS

I am Ambitious, Respectful, Responsible, Engaged and I Persevere.

Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 10th December



**BOCKING
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK!

Our year 6 children have been writing applications this week to become the new House Captains. For each house we will have a Captain and a Vice-Captain that will lead their houses across the school in events throughout the rest of the year. The Senior Leadership Team have been very impressed with the quality and quantity of applications; it just shows how ambitious our year 6's are. The language used and the style of writing was impressive with many typing their letters to make them more formal. We will be announcing the House Captain and Vice-Captain after Christmas where we will be handing out their badges.

One of the highlights of my week has been walking down to St Mary's church with the Reception class, to hear the nativity story by Rev Rod Reid and to decorate the Christmas tree ready for the festival. The children were an absolute delight and listened well to the story, whilst taking in the grand surroundings of the church. Rev Rod was very impressed that the children already knew the names of the gifts that the 3 Kings gave to baby Jesus. The Christmas Carol Service in the church is still planning to go ahead on Sunday 19th December at 6pm. It would be lovely to see you there.

The other highlight of my week was the year 6 gymnastic display. They had choreographed the entire routine to music and they all performed with such confidence. It was fantastic to watch. I will make sure that they continue to practise this so that it can be shown again later on in the year.

In other news, work begins on our new ICT suite next week, with the room being prepared ready for the new computers to be installed after Christmas. This has been a long time coming and it will be lovely to be able to have such an amazing resource for the children to learn about Information Technology. Mr Moss, our Site Manager will be overseeing the work during the holidays and taking plenty of progress pictures whilst getting on with his jobs that he has to do when we're not all here!

Mr Moss has worked incredibly hard during the term to safeguard our school and to make sure that our site stays safe, including increasing the cleaning regime minimising the risk of transmission from Covid. Please join me in saying 'thank you for all your hard work.' If you see Mr Moss, why not say a quick 'thank you' too.

Next Thursday we will sit down to our Christmas dinner. The school will be giving every child, including those with pack lunches, a cracker. Please remember to make your booking before **Monday 12 noon**. This is due to the large numbers of orders expected for Christmas dinner which we need to cater for.

Thank you for all your support,
Mrs Cagney

Stars of the Week

KS1 certificates were presented to:
Levi (EYFS) Poppy (Yr 1) Freya (Yr 2)

In our KS2 assembly certificates were presented in class to:
Isla (Yr 3), Charlie (Yr 4), Rosie (Yr 5), and Alice (Yr 6)

WHATS COMING UP

**Class Visits to St Mary's
Church Christmas Tree
Festival Visit - 13th
December.**

**Year 4 Viking Day - 15th
December.**

**School Christmas Dinner
Day - 16th December.
(Please confirm your child's
meal by midday Monday)**

REMINDERS

Please ensure all school
dinner money arrears are
paid by next week

Year 6 Residential deposit
money is due now please.



CLASSROOM NEWS

From Year 2

Year 2 have had great fun in their gymnastics PE lesson. We have learned to do all sorts of rolls and jumps as well as developing our balancing, agility and strength skills. In History, we learned how the train and car were invented and how transport change has impacted Braintree over the years. The children could not believe Braintree Village and the surrounding roads are actually quite new. We then studied what vehicles may look like in the future and designed our own model of transport, many being hybrids of current forms of transport.

From Year 1

Year 1 joined 'The 12 Days of Cracking Christmas Reading: Ketchup on Your Reindeer with Nick Sharratt' live activity session on Thursday morning. Our session was full of laughter, reading and live drawings by Nick. First we listened to him read 2 of his stories 'Ketchup on your cornflakes' and 'Ketchup on your reindeer'. We thought that both books were very funny! Then Nick Sharratt taught us how to draw some pictures from his book, we learnt to draw a duck, a teddy, a dog and a snowman!



AR Readers

Year 6 read 179,430 words this week.

100% Reading Quiz Scores:

- Year 2 - Poppy, Thomas, James Q, Freddie, Lia Willow, Louis, Elliot, Isobel
- Year 3 - Taylor, Alan, Oliver J, Oliver P
- Year 4 - Summer, Oliver
- Year 5 - Willow
- Year 6 - Maisie



Attendance

This week's class attendance:

- EYFS: 95%
- Year 1: 94%
- Year 2: 94%
- Year 3: 92%
- Year 4: 91%
- Year 5: 96%
- Year 6: 93%

From EYFS

This week early years have been busy rehearsing for our Nativity play next week. We visited St Marys Church to talk about the Nativity story, and to decorate the school tree. We have also practised our wrapping skills as elves in the workshop! In PE we have been practising our safe jumping skills!



Friends of Bocking PTSA

Thank you for your kind change donations in our Odd Change Bottle Challenge, Year 2 and Year 4 have filled theirs already, great work!

We have received lots of items for the tombolia for tonight's Bazaar, look forward to seeing you there!



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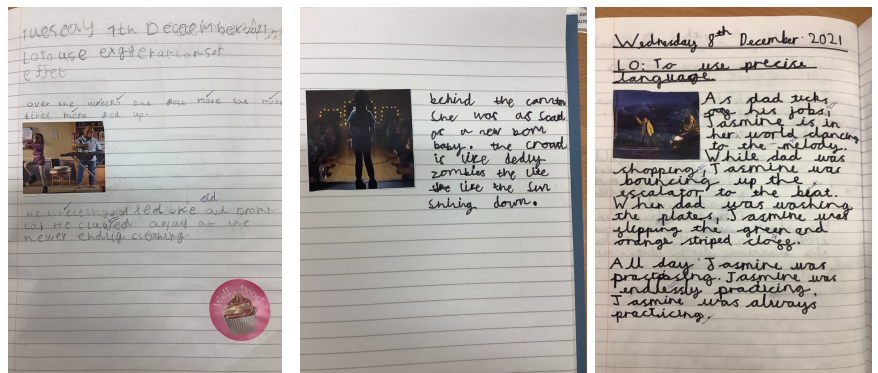
From Year 6

This week in year 6 we have put our new weaving skills (taught during our museum outreach day) to good use and made out Christmas tree decorations for the Bocking Primary School tree in the church. We have also showcased our gymnastics skills in PE, inviting Year 3 to come and watch our vaulting in the school hall. We were so impressed with the quality of vaulting and participation from everyone during the teaching sequence. The children really progressed in their skills and confidence. We have also been on a walk through the village and up to the windmill to take photographs so that next week we can complete some sketching and research on the windmill as part of our Building Bocking topic.



From Year 4

In English we have been studying a BBC Christmas advert, called My Christmas Star. The children have really enjoyed writing about it and have challenged themselves by using really interesting vocabulary. We have been watching little snippets each day and we will finally get to see the end, next week!



From Year 3

Year 3 have at last managed our first swimming lesson. We are looking forward to our second session next week. We have continued to use some of our time sessions to create more decorations for our classroom. We used the science of Chromatography splitting the colours of felt tipped pen on filter paper to create these baubles for the window outside our classroom.

