



BOCKING NEWS

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

Friday 15th December 2023

WHAT'S COMING UP

December

- 18th - Carol Service
Whole School St Mary's Church - 2pm
- 19th - Kingsley Only Non Uniform Day
- 20th - Christmas Break

January 2024

- 4th - Start of Term
- 30th - KS2 VR Day
(Details to be added to ParentPay next week)

March

- Y6 Mersea Residential
- Y2 Layer Marney Trip
(will be added to ParentPay in New Year)

May

- Y5 British Museum Trip
(will be added to ParentPay in New Year)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this term, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate all the incredible achievements and experiences we have had here at Bocking Primary. It has been a truly action-packed term, filled with exciting events and wonderful opportunities for our pupils.

Firstly, the sporting achievements of our Key Stage 1 and 2 boys, girls, and mixed football and tag rugby teams; they have shown exceptional skill and determination, and we are immensely proud of their accomplishments. Well done, athletes! I look forward to seeing what next terms matches bring.

In addition to our sporting successes, we have also had the pleasure of hosting various workshops in History and English. These workshops have provided our pupils with valuable insights and hands-on learning experiences, enhancing their knowledge and understanding in these subjects.

Our commitment to community engagement has been exemplified through visits to the local care homes, Bocking Windmill, and St Mary's Church. These outings have allowed our pupils to develop a sense of empathy, respect, and appreciation for the world around them.

I am delighted to share that our Year 3 and 4 students have successfully completed their swimming lessons. Their progress and confidence in the water are truly admirable.

We have been fortunate to welcome several guests and performers this term. Our assemblies from CYO, Essex Air Ambulance, and the introduction of Max, our therapy dog, have provided valuable learning experiences and moments of joy. Furthermore, we have had the pleasure of participating in the ROH Meet the Artist Dance event, Braintree Creative Careers workshops, and a visit from the talented gymnast, Courtney Tullock. These experiences have allowed our pupils to explore their creativity, develop new skills, and be inspired by the world of performing arts. Our commitment to history education has been further enriched through our history dress-up days and online workshops conducted by the National Trust. These activities have brought history to life and made learning even more enjoyable.

Lastly, I would like to extend my gratitude to our dedicated kitchen staff for serving a record-breaking 189 Christmas dinners. Even Mr Porte donned his apron for his annual job of serving!

In other news, I am delighted to announce that Kingsley House has emerged victorious in the House competition this term. As a reward, we will be having a non-uniform day on the last day of term to celebrate their success for all those in Kingsley.

Looking ahead to the last few days of term we have our Carol service to look forward to. I would like to inform you that the Carol service will take place on Monday 18th in St Marys church. Please be aware that the church is expected to be very full, but we will do our best to accommodate everyone. Following the service, children can be collected from the church. We kindly ask that you remain seated, and we will bring the children to you by class.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas. Our last day of term is Tuesday 19th December. Please note that all children will be back in school on Thursday 4th January, ready for another exciting term of learning.

Mrs Cagney

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We will be announcing new clubs next week.

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STAR OF THE WEEK

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

- Harley (EYFS)
- Penelope (Yr 1)
- Lily-Rose (Yr 2)
- Kaiden (Yr 3)
- Willow (Yr 4)
- Alan (Yr 5)
- Peter (Yr 6)

AR READERS

Quiz Scores 100%

Year 2 - Ryan

Year 3 - Ronnie, Millie C

Year 4 - Freddie, Charlie, Freya, Kayton, Thomas,

Year 5 - Maximus, Oliver J

Word Count Winners

Year 5

3,829,861!

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



WINNER - Franklin
Year 3

Year 2 - Huxley

Year 3 - Irene

Year 4 - Katy

Year 5 - Aaron

Year 6 - Lenny

ATTENDANCE

91% - Year EYFS

98% - Year 1

87% - Year 2

87% - Year 3

90% - Year 4

94% - Year 5

96% - Year 6

Attendance target
95%

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR EYFS

Wow, what a week we have had! The children have been really challenging themselves writing Christmas cvc words, thinking of their own independent sentence to write about Stick man, coming up with different number bonds to five and writing their own number sentences, plus much more. That's without even mentioning their three incredible showstopper Nativity performances! We could not be more proud of their achievements this term!

YEAR 1

This week has been full of amazing learning and activities. The whole class should be so proud of their nativity performance as they all worked so hard to sing and dance while learning lines. In English we have been learning about acrostic poems and the children have started to write these about Christmas. In Science the children experimented with a range of materials to make a structure to protect an egg from cracking, they noticed the softer the material was and the more of it, the better the chance the egg had of not cracking.



YEAR 2

This week we have been writing our own acrostic poems, using different Christmas adjectives and similes. We have been finishing our maths unit on shape, exploring 3D shapes and repeating patterns. In our Geography learning we have answered our enquiry question 'Why do people visit the UK' before playing a game to test how much we've learnt. Our Christingle service Friday morning was a brilliant way to end our R.E unit on the value of light and why the nativity is important to Christians and the children enjoyed making these with Year 1.

FESTIVE FUN!

