



# BOCKING NEWS

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

Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

First and foremost, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Aldous for her outstanding efforts in organising our World Book Day celebrations. The day was an absolute triumph, and it wouldn't have been possible without her planning and attention to detail. All year groups were mixed up and divided into their respective House Teams, creating a sense of unity and camaraderie among our students. The chosen book for the day was "The Barnabus Project." Baranabus is not quite perfect and is kept out of sight, until his dreams of freedom lead him and his misfit friends on a perilous adventure. The various activities throughout the day were all centered around this enchanting story.

I was delighted to witness the collaborative spirit of our pupils during the day. Year 5 children actively engaged with their younger peers from Year 1, while the Year 6 students demonstrated exceptional responsibility while painting with our Reception children. Our sports coaches also did a fantastic job of incorporating book-related themes into their PE activities. The entire day was truly a spectacle to behold, and I was especially pleased to receive positive feedback from our School Improvement Lead from the Trust, who commended our students' exemplary behaviour despite the disruption to their normal routine.

In other news, both our boys' and girls' football teams emerged victorious in their recent matches against White Notley. I would like to thank to Mr. Porte our SCS coach for refereeing both games and for his unwavering support of our teams. The children showed remarkable ambition and resilience throughout the matches, even in the face of missed or saved shots. Well done, team!

Looking ahead, I would like to remind you that our Termly Learning Conversations (TLCs) will be taking place next week. It is essential that you have booked your time slot and allocate sufficient time to review your child's books before the meeting. Your child has carefully selected their proudest work to share and discuss with you during this session. TLCs have replaced the traditional parent's evenings and are a three-way conversation about the progress and learning of your child. They are an opportunity to find out about your child's learning from both your child and their teachers. During the TLC, your child will talk to you about their successes as well as their next steps in their learning.

Safeguarding Update: Second-Hand Devices

We know that parents will often hand down out of contract devices to their children. This is great, it can save a lot of money, but there needs to be consideration before handing older or second hand devices to children. You can find lots of useful information, things to consider and guides to second-hand devices from Internet Matters [HERE](#).

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Cagney

### **Message from our House Captains,**

*We have some very exciting news for you all! if you have noticed we have taken down the posters for the art competition because it is now over, and we will now announce the winners. Thank you to everyone who signed up, and well done to the winners! Pictures will be displayed around the school.*

*Year 1 - 1st Sienna, 2nd Theodore, 3rd Olivia.*

*Year 2 - 1st Lily, 2nd Arabella, 3rd Blake*

*Year 3 - 1st Cleo, 2nd Poppy, 3rd Linda*

*Year 4 - 1st Thea, 2nd Katy, 3rd Skylah*

*Year 5 - 1st Oliver*

*Year 6 - 1st Amelia S, 2nd Indie, 3rd Lenny*

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### March

- 11th - Y2 Layer Marney Trip
- 12th - TLC's
- 14th - TLC's
- 15th - Y3/Y4 Stave House Music Performance 2pm
- 22nd - KS1 Stave House Music Performance 2pm
- 26th - Y3 Egyptian Dress Up Day
- 26th - 28th Y6 Mersea Residential

### April

- 17th -Y5 Swimming x 6 wks

### 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

Mon - Choir Club (Y3-Y6)

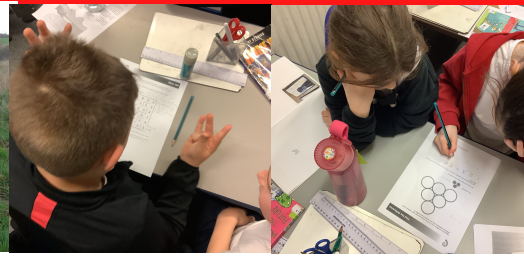
Tues - Lego Club (Y1-Y6)

Wed - Art Club (Y2, Y3, Y4)

Wed - SCS Football (Y1-Y2)

Thu - SCS Football Boys and Girls Y3-Y6

Fri - FITC - Multisport



## STAR OF THE WEEK

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

**Charlie (EYFS)**  
**Demi (Yr 1)**  
**Lily M (Yr 2)**  
**Poppy (Yr 3)**  
**James Q (Yr 4)**  
**Oliver P (Yr 5)**  
**Max (Yr 6)**

## AR READERS

Quiz Scores 100%

Year 2 - Huxley, Rocco,  
Phoebe

Year 3 - Ronnie, Maxwell

Word Count Winners

Year 4

262,187

## TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



WINNER: Franklin

Year 3

Year 2 - Huxley

Year 3 - Irene

Year 4 - Katy

Year 5 - Arham

Year 6 - Riley

## ATTENDANCE

97% - Year EYFS

97% - Year 1

95% - Year 2

98% - Year 3

96% - Year 4

94% - Year 5

93% - Year 6

Attendance target

95%

## CLASSROOM NEWS...

### YEAR 3

In Year 3 this week, we have been looking at instruction texts. We have linked this to our class story for this term which is Iron Man by Ted Hughes. We read some instructions about how to build our own Iron Man and looked at the different features of the text including subheadings and lists using bullet points. Some of the words were a little difficult to understand initially, so we played a game where we jumbled up the words and their definitions and had to put them back in the right order.

### YEAR 4

We have been learning about different types of teeth called incisors, canine and molar. In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting fractions, it was pretty easy because you only change the numerator and the denominator always stays the same. We are reading Macbeth so we have story mapped it and held a debate of what we thought about Macbeth being killed and getting to be King. Lots of us thought he was brave and so should be King but some said he didn't deserve to be King because he had killed so many people. In History, we learned about how the Romans helped Britain and what happened when the

Romans had to leave

*By Learning Ambassadors, Ruben and Thea*

### YEAR 5

On Tuesday, Year 5 had Sheena from the Christian Youth Group come in and we made crosses from all over the world such as the Mexican flag called a God's eye. This represents that God is always watching over us. We made the cross by weaving wool around 2 sticks to make a unique pattern in the centre. The Australian cross had a variety of colours and they were white, black, red and brown. The different shapes on the cross mean different things. The dots represented people and the circles meant places. Finally, we looked at the Kashmir region where we decorated paper crosses with paper flowers and leaves. This cross was all about hope and the start of new life. We all really enjoyed the morning and everyone was engaged in their learning. Thank you Sheena for all the fantastic information and activities. *By Brooklyn and Kaya (Pupil School Council)*

### YEAR 6

Since returning from half term, Year 6 have really impressed us with their readiness to learn. They are making sure that every minute of learning is well spent, and this has improved on their productivity too. They have produced some very emotive narratives based on Malorie Blackman's 'Pig Heart Boy' and are really grasping the fraction and decimal equivalence now. Geography has been fun with us making some discoveries about the oceans and continents. Did you know that Russia is part of two continents- Asia and Europe. This learning will contribute to answering our new enquiry question: How is Earth a diverse planet?



## BOCKING VS WHITE NOTLEY FOOTBALL REPORT

Written by Krystal and Oscar Team Captains

We played a boy's match and a girl's match here at Bocking as part of our football league. We had a lot of parents to cheer us on, 3 of our coaches and Mrs Aldous and Mrs Cagney. Each match was 40 mins with 20 minutes per half. The boy's team was Connor in goal; right back was Riley; I was centre back; Stanley played left back; centre mid was Corey, Jacob and Reuben; striker was Max and Fletcher. The girl's team was Indie in goal; Annabelle, Jasmine, Marion and Poppy in defence; Scarlet and Marley were left wing; I was centre mid with Amelia, Aimee played Striker, and Katy played right wing. After our last match, coach has taken us to practise tactics ready for this match. The boys were working on playing out from the back. The girls have been practising showing hard work and energy through the whole match. The boy's hard work and practise with coach paid off as we didn't concede a single goal and won the match 4-0! Jacob scored two goals, Reuben scored one goal and Corey scored one goal too. Jacob and Corey worked well together, going from mid fielding to attacking which created more chances for goals to be scored. The girl's hard work also paid off because we won the match 7-2! I noticed that the girl's kept on tackling the opponents and running down the line. Marley's energy really improved and Katie played her first match with lots of passion. I scored all seven goals and our defence made sure that the opponents could not score. Our coaches said that we all played really well but were most impressed with our passing and the boy's team keeping our shape well. They said that the girls did show more energy throughout the whole match. A key moment for the boy's team was the first goal because it was the first time in all of our games that we scored first! Also, when we lost the ball, we were going straight back to get it again. A key moment for the girl's was when the other team scored to make it 2-1 to us, we didn't drop our heads and give up but kept attacking and worked harder to make the goal difference that we had. We want our team to know that they played really well and never gave up. We are proud of how the boy's came back from such defeat last time to such a win this time. Amelia and Fletcher were the opponents Top Players. A shout out goes to Reuben who, even though he got hit in the face and had a nose bleed, cleaned himself up and got straight back on the pitch after only four minutes. Scarlet also hurt her ankle and came back on with determination in just a few minutes too. Well done everyone!

## ATTENDANCE

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Here, every day, ready and on time

### Minutes lost per day

5 minutes    10 minutes    15 minutes    20 minutes    25 minutes

equates to a yearly loss of:



Five minutes late per day adds up to three learning days lost in a school year

If 15 minutes late each day you will miss two full weeks of school in one year

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### Where does your child sit on the attendance mountain?

