

WHAT'S COMING UP

April

3rd - 14th Easter Holidays

19th - Travelogue Y6 2:15

May

1st - Bank Holiday

8th - Kings Coronation Bank Holiday

9th -12th May SATs breakfast

9th - 12th May Y6 SATS

26th - Non Pupil Day

29th - 2nd June Half Term

Stars of the Week

Certificates were

presented in our celebration assembly to:

Penelope (YR)

Matilda (Yr 1)

Isla (Yr 2)

Louis (Yr 3)

Maximus (Yr 4)

Lenny (Yr 5)

Oliver (Yr 6)

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mon - Story Time YR-Y2

(Thu if Bank Holiday)

Tue - Dance Club YR-Y6

Wed - Out & About Y1-Y6

Wed - SCS Football Y1-Y3

Thu - School Choir Y2-Y6

Thu - Horrible History

KS2

Thu - SCS Football Y4-Y6

Friday - Miss Lemon

Drama

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we said "See you soon" to Mrs Rennie. Mrs Rennie has been at Bocking for over 10 years and has seen many families go through the school. She has been the font of knowledge when it comes to the history of the community, how the school has changed and she will always know where something has been stored in school! Mrs Rennie is also well known for having 'any' resource needed for a topic, often handmade and will turn her hand at any craft. She has a passion for the foundation subjects and has been the Science lead at Bocking for the last two years, improving and developing the subject so that teachers have the right knowledge, resources and the right balance of learning. I know you will join me in saying a huge thank you to Mrs Rennie for her dedication to the children and school.



This term has not been a quiet one. We have seen great learning from the children both in class and from their homework. The creative pieces that have been brought in over the term has shown just how hard some of you are working at home to consolidate your learning. We have had local authors visiting the school, Google Internet Legends with our VIP MP James Cleverly, NSPCC workshops, the Braintree Museum, Tiny Tales Story Teller, parents offering their time to talk to our EYFS children about their jobs and of course our Yr 6 residential. This is all on top of our TOPS time celebration, open door afternoon and parents evening, trips to the Wilderness Foundation and Cross Country event.

Yesterday, a group of children from Years 4, 5 and 6 travelled up to London (with a mini sight-seeing trip on the way past the Tower of London, the Shard, Tower Bridge, Big Ben and the London Eye) to see a performance of the ballet Cinderella at the Royal Opera House. The children showed exemplary behaviour throughout the trip and were a credit to the school. Although it was a long journey, the awe and wonder on the children's faces when we first found our seats in the theatre made it all worthwhile. This ballet has been newly staged, and we were lucky enough to witness a pumpkin disappearing into a flourish of glitter, staircases that stretched as far into the distance as the eye could see, and magical light shows creating falling snow across the stage. The children were enthralled by the lavish costumes and the world-class dancing they saw.

"I enjoyed the views of London," Henry

"It was the experience of a lifetime," Willow

"This is the best class ever!" Alfie

"When I took the children out for a movement break in the interval, they were dancing in the corridors and practising their pirouettes on their toes." Mrs Millbank

This trip was supported with a travel grant from the Royal Opera House. However, booking this would not have been possible without generous donations to our Pupil Experience Fund, including one given in memory of someone who loved going to see the ballet, and a concession from Flagfinders Coach Company. This fund has been created specifically to enable us to increase our offer of cultural learning for children at Bocking. If you feel able to contribute to the fund or know of any local businesses who may like to contribute, please speak to the office. I would like to thank our Governors Mrs Weeks, Mrs Beard, and Mr Wood for accompanying the children, and a special mention to Mrs Reid for organising our biggest trip to date!

Finally, the winning house for the term is Brunel. They are allowed to come to school on the first Friday back in non uniform as a reward for achieving the most house points. Well done to everyone in Brunel House.

I hope you all have a very happy Easter break,
Mrs Cagney



AR READERS

Quiz Scores 100%

Year 2 - Zachary, Millie C, Maxwell, Noah, Albie, Hector, Linda

Year 3 - Freya

Quiz Scores 90%+

Year 2 - Isla

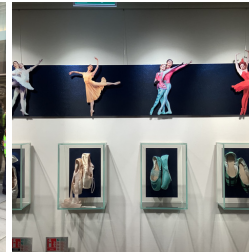
Year 3 - Freddie, Blake

Year 6 - Teddy, Thomas

Words Read

Year 5 - 139138

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK...



TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



Winners - Franklin House - Year 5

Year 2 - Kaiden

Year 3 - Katy

Year 4 - Hannah

Year 5 - Connor

Year 6 - Isaac

Attendance

This week's class attendance:

EYFS: 93%

Year 1: 95%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 97%

Year 4: 90%

Year 5: 98%

Year 6: 94%

Target Attendance 95%

Notices

- Only plain navy or black tracksuits for PE. Children will be asked to wear a spare school top.

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR EYFS

This week in Early Years, we finished off our topic 'people who help us' with a visit from Mr Doye, who is a firefighter. He spoke about what to do in an emergency, reminding us that you ring 999 and tell them that you need the fire brigade. After showing the children how important it is to stay low in a fire, Mr Doye told the class how sometimes the fire brigade is also called to help when someone is trapped. He said that they use big cutters, which are referred to as the 'jaws of life' to free people. The children were very inquisitive and had lots of well-thought-out questions for Mr Doye about his uniform, and the fire engine. After answering all the classes questions, Mr Doye spoke to the children about the importance of having two working fire alarms and asked the children to remind their parents to regularly check theirs at home.



YEAR 1

WOW! What a great few weeks we have had in Year 1. We have been very busy with all of our learning and the children have engaged and taken ownership over it too. In Maths we have explored weight and mass using scales to identify which items are heavier and lighter. On Monday, we worked independently to write our own stories based around The Queen's Hat by Steve Anthony. In Science, we started our plants unit and the children planted a range of different seeds such as: Pumpkin, Mint, Lettuce, Radish, Spinach and lots of wild flowers. To bring to an end of a great term of learning and an end to our class story, on Friday we baked chocolate cakes just like Bruce's cake in Matilda.

YEAR 2

Year 2 have actually been sad to complete our Great Fire of London learning this week. It is incredible how much knowledge the children have retained and how well they can talk all about it. Our fire will be after the Easter holiday. The children have also written amazing non-chronological texts about the fire during our English lessons and a copy of this will come home with them for you to celebrate their hard work. Today also sees us completing our learning on telling the time. This is always a hard topic, but the class have shown excellent perseverance and ambition to be able to read times such as quarter to 5. Enjoy a well earned holiday, year 2!