

BOCKING NEWS

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

Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 26th November



**BOCKING
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

WHATS COMING UP

**PTSA Cake and Hot Chocolate
Sale after school - 26th
November**

Year 3 Swimming - 1st December

**Y6 Braintree Museum Outreach
Visit- Friday 3rd December**

**EYFS - PJ Story Evening - 7th
December (Details on Tapestry)**

**Christmas Jumper Day - 10th
December**

**Whole School Christmas Dinner -
16th December**

REMINDERS

We encourage regular Lateral Flow testing at home. If a positive result is shown, please ensure you book a PCR test, and remain at home. Children can attend if parent has a positive result, the same applies to siblings.

ENGAGED IN LEARNING

On the last Non Pupil Day, staff across the Academy Trust attended training on Oracy led by Jonathan Bond. The session explored practical ways to engage and motivate pupils in their own learning through the development of oracy skills. Oracy is the ability to communicate ideas, ask questions for understanding, and engage with others. Promoting oracy in the classroom builds speaking and listening skills. It can also help children improve their written language skills. With an oracy skillset, children can gain the vocabulary to say what they want to say and they'll learn how to structure thoughts in a way that makes sense to others.

NO PENS DAY

From this training, we held a 'no pens day' across the whole school. There was definitely a buzz of excitement when the children realised they didn't have to write anything all day but had the choice of recording their learning through different mediums. Throughout the day children were fully engaged, performing poetry, creating stories, explaining their mathematical thinking and going on their own bear hunts around the school playground. It was lovely to hear from our class ambassadors throughout Key Stage 2 about their learning when I visited their classrooms with some prospective parents.

CLASS AMBASSADORS

Our class ambassadors are pairs of children that explain the current learning to any visitor that comes to their class. This is yet another way our children are building their confidence in speaking and practising their conversational skills with adults. They made me very proud with the clarity of explanation of their learning and how they answered questions in such detail and with such confidence.

SCHOOL PE KIT

Please can I remind you that school PE kit is a plain white t-shirt with a plain navy blue or black tracksuit or shorts/leggings. Hoodies or tracksuits/leggings that are branded and colourful are not permitted as school uniform.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the parents that came to their parent evening appointments - even though this was not face to face, I hope you found it informative.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Christmas celebrations and planning is underway with plenty of ideas and exciting activities being discussed - a Christmas jumper day, visits to the church to see the Christmas tree festival, school & class decorating and even class parties are all on the list to make this Christmas period exciting and fun. Our new PTSA are also busy planning events leading up to the end of term so keep a look out for more details on how to support them and raise money for the school.

Stars of the Week

In our KS1 assembly this afternoon certificates were presented to:
Blake (EYFS) Albie (Yr 1) and Willow (Yr 2).

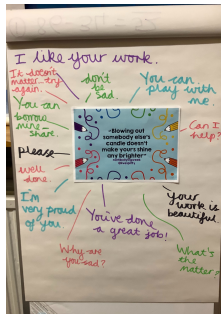
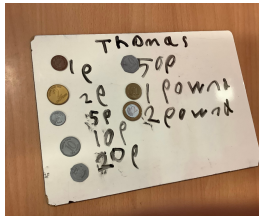
KS2 certificates were presented in class to:
Alaia (Yr 3), Reuben (Yr 4), Harrison (Yr 5) Zeni (Yr 6).



CLASSROOM NEWS

From Year 2

During anti-bullying week last week, we discussed the quote, 'Blowing out somebody else's candle doesn't make yours shine any brighter.' The children thought of kind words they could use towards each other and showed great understanding of what bullying is. On No Pens Wednesday, we worked on money during our Maths lesson. We practised ordering money on a game using <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/money>, a free website that can be used at home. Then we worked in partners to order coins and notes according to their value- not necessarily their size, and then we sorted coins too.



From Year 4

Year 4 have had a really busy week. We especially enjoyed No Pens Wednesday where we did lots of group work and drama. We acted out the Viking story of Beowulf, played games to help us learn our 3 times table and thought about how we can manage our emotions in PSHE.

From Year 1

Year 1 have been very busy with their learning this week. In Maths we have started a new topic on Place Value to 20. We have been counting forwards and backwards and writing our numbers in numerals and words. We have also been looking at tens and ones and have been using a part whole model to show how many tens and how many ones are in our numbers. We have also been looking at one more and one less for numbers within 20.

From EYFS

In Early Years this week, we have been starting to learn about the Nativity story. We have learnt lots of new vocabulary like 'frankincense' (not to be confused with Frankenstein!) 'manger' and 'Wise men.' We have continued to learn and practise our new letters in phonics and have been applying them in our free choosing time- writing letters, labelling pictures, and copying from letter mats.

AR Readers

Year 6 read 146,068 words this week.

100% Reading Quiz Scores:

Year 2 - James Q, Poppy, Ann Mary, Lacey, Blake, Isobel, Thomas, Elliott, Skylah

Year 3 - Bobby, Maximus, Taylor

Year 5 - Imogen

Year 6 - Rafi, Ben, Benji, Maisie



Attendance

This week's class attendance:

- EYFS: 100%
- Year 1: 100%
- Year 2: 95%
- Year 3: 99%
- Year 4: 95%
- Year 5: 96%
- Year 6: 98%

Introducing Mr Martin who works for Attain Academy Partnership. Mr Martin is on a secondment to Bocking working in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for the rest of this term.

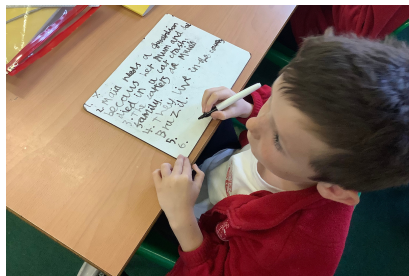




CLASSROOM NEWS

From Year 5

This week Year 5 have continued to work hard during their Whole Class Reading sessions. The children are really beginning to engage with the text and discuss their opinions with their Talk Partners effectively. We have been focusing on retrieving information from the extracts we have read and using evidence from the text to support our answers.



From Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have completed lots of drama and oracy work on No Pens Day and used fraction games in maths to put our fraction skills to the test. We had a visit on Tuesday and were able to ask lots of questions and find out first-hand about the Islamic community. We have been looking at the 5 pillars in our RE lessons and have been thinking of our own 5 morals and rules which we want to live by. This linked in with our PSHE, where we are considering the wider community.



From Year 3

As part of our Science, Year 3 have been looking at soils. We walked down the school path to look at the soil on the old Edith Borthwick site. We could see where the topsoil was and discussed what we might find in the soil there. We have also been working very hard on presenting our finished information pages all about volcanoes. We worked really hard on our presentation using pen for the first time.

