

Friday 17th March 2023

WHAT'S COMING UP

March

22nd - 24th - Y6 Residential
28th - TLC 3-7pm
29th - Open Door 2:30
30th - TLC 3-5pm
30th - Opera House Trip

April

3rd - 14th Easter Holidays

May

1st - Bank Holiday
8th - Kings Coronation
Bank Holiday
9th - 11th May Y6 SATS
26th - Non Pupil Day
29th - 2nd June Half Term

Stars of the Week

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

Alex (YR)
Joseph S (Yr 1)
Sonny (Yr 2)
Elliot (Yr 3)
Elsie (Yr 4)
Leo (Yr 5)
Will (Yr 6)

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mon - Me Time - Y1-Y6
Tue - Mindfulness - KS1
Wed - SCS Football Y1-Y3
Thu - SCS Football Y4-Y6
Friday - KS2 Drama KS2
Friday - Miss Lemon
Drama Club

Dear Parents and Carers,

Red Nose Day today has been a great success. The children came together to raise money-and smiles- for Comic Relief to help people through the toughest times of their lives. Since democracy is part of our British Values, the whole-school voted to come in to school today with crazy hair and I am delighted to announce that they have raised £129.55 by doing so!

Another great success of the week was the ration-cooking day hosted by Year Five. One element of the Design and Technology curriculum is Food Technology. The children in Year Five were tasked to find recipes for a starter, main and desert, based on the rations that were available during WWII. They then prepared, cooked and shared their three courses (carrot soup, trench stew and honey and ginger biscuits) with their family members in the afternoon, listening carefully to their feedback to fill in their evaluations. The children were elated with the turn-out of parents, the hall was busy and it was wonderful to see the children proud and willing to share their work and achievement from their WWII unit with their families. We were astounded with the children's maturity and exemplary behaviour throughout the day- this was also noted by Mrs Edom-Baker, the CEO of Attain Academy too. Well done Year 5!

I would like to remind you all of the parents' evenings we have coming up on Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th March. Our parents' evenings are a way for you to find out about your child's learning from both your child and their teacher. Your child will show you work that they are proud of and you will find out about their successes, their next steps in learning and how you can support your child at home. Booking for this needs to be made via Eschools and the deadline to do so is this Sunday. We do hope to see you there!

The children in Year 6 are getting very excited for what next week has in store for them- Residential Trip. Residential trips have a multitude of benefits. Whilst our children are at Essex Outdoors Mersea next week, they will complete outdoor activities designed to: develop their confidence; improve self-esteem; strengthen relationships with their peers and teachers; learn to motivate one another and make life-long memories. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return.

At Bocking Primary School, we are also looking for ways to improve. Our school governing body is a key part of this and we are currently looking for people to volunteer to join our governing board. The role of a school governor is to support with setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction; holding the Headteacher to account for the performance of the school; and overseeing the performance of the school.

Online safety update:

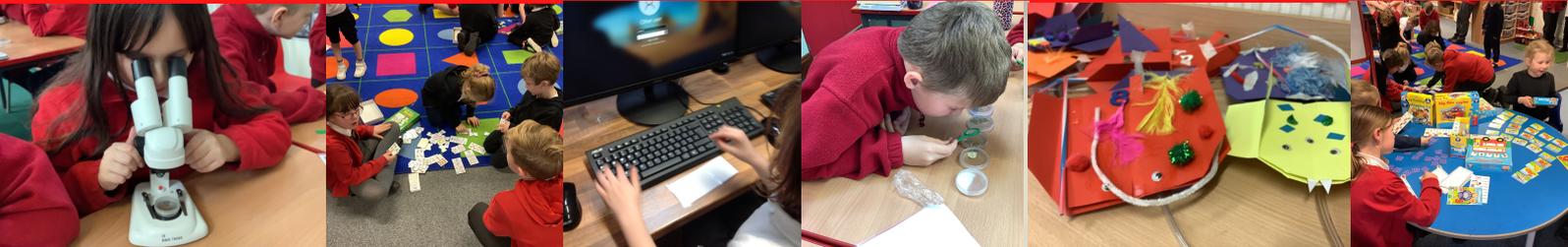
Parenting the digital world is difficult, no-one can deny that. For many of us we didn't grow up in a world of technology, therefore we don't have 'lived experience', we're just trying our best. With the exploitation of children getting significantly worse each year, conversations about keeping ourselves safe online are so important.

The Internet Watch Foundation have put together a brilliant guide for parents. You could use some of the conversation starter examples that are within the guide here:

<https://esafety-adviser.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cdb59b76f0e1ad9db768db345&id=aebb155414&e=4f82238b4e>

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cagney



AR READERS

Quiz Scores 100%

Year 2 - Jake A, Zachary, Amelia, Millie C, Jake D, Lucas, Tyler, Sonny, Levi, Ella-Rose, Noah, Albie, Hector

Year 3 - Oliver, Thomas,

Quiz Scores 85%+

Year 4 - Oliver J

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



Winners - **Brunel**
House - **Year 4**

Year 2 - Kaiden
Year 3 - Katy
Year 4 - Hugo
Year 5 - Connor
Year 6 - Sam

Attendance

This week's class attendance:

EYFS: 91%

Year 1: 95%

Year 2: 99%

Year 3: 93%

Year 4: 87%

Year 5: 90%

Year 6: 95%

Target Attendance 95%

Notices

- Please ensure your child has a water bottle.
- Only plain navy or black tracksuits for PE
- Please name all Uniform and items that are brought into school.

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR EYFS

As part of our topic, this week we had a visit from Essex Police to talk about their role within the community and how they are here to help us. The police showed us the different parts of their uniform, and we were even lucky enough to try some of it on! Some of the uniform was very heavy, due to containing 'chain mail' for protection. The two officers gave us a demonstration of how to use their radio, and when we listened carefully, we could hear the control room at Chelmsford! They left us with some homework, to learn where we live should we need to give it in an emergency. We really enjoyed our visit and will continue to learn about the 'people who help us' with more visits from people in our community.



YEAR 1

Over the past few weeks in Year 1 we have been very busy with all of our learning. We participated in National Science Week and joined with Year 2 to learn about how tractors are connected to space. Then in the afternoon we went outside and got to watch some crazy science experiments. We got to see what happens when fizzy drinks are mixed with Mentos and then what happens when different sauces are mixed with baking powder. All the children were very excited with the results. We finished we week by starting to generate ideas for our English text, and the children's imagination and contributions have been excellent.

YEAR 2

We have been learning so much in year 2! We are still really enjoying our topic on The Great Fire of London. We can accurately recall so many facts about why it occurred and why is caused so much damage. In the next few weeks, we will be burning paper and card houses and replying to Lord Bloodworth with our ideas on how London should be rebuilt. We have been applying our history learning in our English lessons too, writing diaries and non-chronological texts about the fire. We have combined our computing and maths lessons to learn lots about interpreting and creating pictograms to represent data. We loved using the (free) website, J2e to create pictograms on computers. Science week has been hugely popular with the class watching live videos online, experiments on the school field and using microscopes- what a busy and fantastic week.

