

WHAT'S COMING UP

March

- 26th - Y3 Egyptian Dress Up Day
- 26th - 28th Y6 Mersea Residential
- 26th - PTSA Easter Egg Hunt after school
- 28th Celebration Assembly 09:05

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

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB EXCEPT

Wed - SCS Football (Y1-Y2)

Thu - SCS Football Boys and Girls Y3-Y6

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you have had a fantastic week. It has been a week filled with exciting events and learning opportunities for both our students and staff here at Bocking Primary School.

One of the highlights of the week was a special visit from Baloo, an extraordinary Essex Police Dog. Baloo's journey has been one of resilience and determination. Unfortunately, in October 2018, Baloo's career as a police dog was cut short when she was involved in an accident while pursuing a suspected criminal. Her injuries were severe, requiring metal plates to be inserted into her pelvis and the amputation of her front leg.

Despite the challenges she faced, Baloo's handler, PC Ashcroft, made the difficult decision to rehome her. This decision has allowed Baloo and her handler to share their experiences with us, visiting schools and teaching children about personal safety and the important role that police dogs play in keeping our community secure. Our students had the opportunity to interact with Baloo, asking insightful questions and thoroughly enjoying their time with her.



In other news, I am thrilled to announce the success of our boys' football team in their recent match against Shalford. They emerged victorious with a remarkable score of 7-3. What makes this achievement even more remarkable is that the match was played with an official sound ball, specifically designed for a young person from Shalford who is partially sighted. The boys adapted their tactics and played the ball on the ground, showcasing their versatility and determination. Well done, boys!

As we look ahead, I would like to inform you that our Year 6 children will be embarking on their residential trip to Mersea Outdoors next week. We wish them an unforgettable few days filled with fun and learning. Let's hope the weather is kind to them, as they have experienced everything from snow and gale-force winds to sunshine and showers over the past two years!

Have a good weekend
Mrs Cagney



STAR OF THE WEEK

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

- Sidney (EYFS)**
- Abby (Yr 1)**
- Noah (Yr 2)**
- Zachary (Yr 3)**
- Stanley (Yr 4)**
- Maximus (Yr 5)**
- Oliver (Yr 6)**

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR 3

In DT this term, Year 3 have been looking at packaging and shell structures. We have taken apart lots of boxes to understand how they are put together and thought about how the design of the box can make a product more appealing. We had a go at making different 3d shapes using nets and this week we began creating our own design for a pencil pot. We found it quite challenging to work out what our design needed, and a few of us found that once we'd cut out our designs we actually couldn't build them because we'd forgotten to add tabs! However, undeterred, we tried again until we had successfully created a prototype to build properly next week.



AR READERS

Quiz Scores 100%

Year 2 - Huxley

Year 3 - Ronnie, Maxwell

Year 4 - James Q

Word Count Winners

Year 4

492,002

YEAR 4

I now know lots about Boudicca. She was brave, unstoppable and a role model. I have learned how to divide numbers by 10 when they become a decimal number. We all know the Macbeth story really well now and found it really interesting. In RE, I learned about how Jesus had to carry the cross even when he fell down lots of times. We had a great visit from Baloo, the happiest, adorable and cuddliest dog ever! She taught us to never give up if something happens to you.

By Year 4 Learning Ambassadors: Freya and Scarlett.

YEAR 5

In Year 5, we have been writing discussion texts in our English learning. The children impressed me with how much they knew about the ongoing issues around them. We had questions such as "Should we have mixed gender football teams?", "Should XL bullies be banned?", "What impact is vaping having on our environment?" The children have had some amazing, in-depth debates about these topics and have been very mature with their answers. In Maths, we have been focusing on statistics and the children showed perseverance when drawing and plotting line graphs.

YEAR 6

In Year 6 this week we have been working really hard sitting practice SATs. We have all shown great resilience and determination and this has shown in our results. We are getting really excited as we prepare for our stay in Mersea Island next week and have been discussing all that we will be doing. Our football team really shone on Thursday being totally inclusive, they tried their hand (foot) at playing with a ball for the visually impaired, it was much heavier and harder to play with but it was great to see everyone being able to take part in sport.

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



WINNER: Brunel
Year 4

Year 2 - Huxley

Year 3 - Irene

Year 4 - Scarlett

Year 5 - Arham

Year 6 - Riley

ATTENDANCE

95% - Year EYFS

82% - Year 1

94% - Year 2

94% - Year 3

94% - Year 4

90% - Year 5

90% - Year 6

Attendance target

95%