

## WHATS COMING UP

## DOORS OPEN TO CELEBRATE END OF SPRING TERM!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week sees yet more chances for parents and family to come in to school and join in with the fabulous learning that is happening here at Bocking:

- **29th March- EYFS, Year 1 Read with Teddy (last one)**
- **30th March - Year 6 Residential Trip**
- **4th April to 18th April - Easter Holidays**
- **19th April - Non pupil day**
- **19th April - New School Menu starts.**
- **Tuesday 29th March at 09:10** - Year Reception performance in the main hall.
- **Tuesday 29th at 14:30** - Yr 1 & 2 Easter singing extravaganza performance in the main hall.
- **Thursday 31st at 14:30** - first ever Open Door afternoon, where parents are invited to join in with their child's learning in their classrooms with Yr 3 & 4 showing off their learning in the main hall at 1430. It would be lovely to see many of you in school joining in with the learning.
- **Friday 1st April at 14:40** - join us celebrating the children's successes in our Celebration assembly.

Thank you to all the parents that made appointments for TLCs. We had an average of 90% attendance - I hope that you found the TLCs useful, I know the teachers were very proud of all the children who spoke so confidently about their strengths in learning.

After Easter we are excited to be welcoming two new members of staff to our team. Mrs White will be joining the office team as our Finance & HR Assistant and will be working alongside Mr Carmoody during a hand over period. In Reception class, Miss Hildrow will be teaching on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with Miss Beard continuing on Thursdays and Fridays. Miss Hildrow will be visiting school next week to get to know the children and familiarise herself with Bocking.

As the state of the field has improved along with the weather we are now allowing our children to play on the field at break and lunchtimes. Abberton Rural Training (ART) in partnership with Braintree District Cultural Partnership have been successful in obtaining 420 Wildlife friendly trees through the Woodland Trust to distribute to schools in the Braintree District. We have been very lucky to have been given 17 trees to plant on our field, there are a mixture of Blackthorn, Silver Birch, Hawthorn, Rowan and Oak. These are being planted around the field and Outdoor learning area and are very delicate at this immature stage.

Our newly formed Houses have been collecting points over the term, through Star of the Week and whole school competitions to try and be the term House winner. This term the House winner is Franklin with 54 points. Children that are in Franklin House are welcome to come to school on the last day of term in non-uniform as a celebration of their win.

Mrs Cagney

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## Stars of the Week

**Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:**  
**Florentina (EYFS)**  
**Noah (Yr 1)**  
**Isobel (Yr 2)**  
**Ellie (Yr 3)**  
**Krystal (Yr 4)**  
**Alfie (Yr 5)**  
**Charlie (Yr 6)**

**Please do not let your children play on the field or Outdoor learning area afterschool**



## AR READERS

Year 6 read 267,517 words this week.

**100% Reading**

### Quiz Scores:

**Year 2** - Freddie, Poppy, Aimee, Ann-Mary, Isobel, Thomas, Lia

**Year 3** - Billy, Oliver J, Ellie, Oliver P, Elsie-Rose

**Year 4** - Summer

**Year 6** - Rafi, Ben

## Attendance

This week's class

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EYFS: 94%

Year 1: 85%

Year 2: 95%

Year 3: 92%

Year 4: 97%

Year 5: 96%

Year 6: 95%

## TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



Winners - **Year 2**

House winners- **Brunel**

Y2- Blake

Y3- Daisy

Y4- Lenny

Y5- Sam

Y6- Bella

## REMINDERS

Please ensure the school office is notified of your child's absent by 9am

# CLASSROOM NEWS

### From Year 3

As part of our RE learning, Year 3 started the week with a trip to visit St Mary's Church. Reverend Rod welcomed us to the church and showed us many of the key features inside a church. We enjoyed looking at the font and seeing the ornate shell which is used when the baby is baptised. We also found out about the chalice and paten used for Holy Communion. We were able to stand in the pulpit and enjoy the view across the church. We were fascinated by what we had been shown and asked lots of interesting questions. A big thank you to Reverend Rod for showing us.



### From Year 4

In English we have moved onto poetry and have been learning the poem The Sound Collector. In Art we have been studying an artist called Joan Miro. He specialises in bright abstract paintings and sculptures. In History we have been finding out what life would be like living in a castle.

### From Year 5

This week the children have been innovating their own emotive narratives. Using the model text we have been looking at the past couple of weeks, the class planned and wrote their own poaching story from the animal's point of view. All the adults in class have been incredibly impressed with the range of extended noun phrases, use of similes and metaphors and the accuracy of punctuation techniques. The children have worked really hard at editing and improving their work using their editing stations. It is really wonderful seeing Year 5 being so independent with their learning, and identify their own writing targets. Well done year 5!



### From Year 6

This week, in Year 6, we have been focussed on our residential trip and completing tasks to prepare us for this. We have researched Essex Outdoors as well as find out all about the different activities available to us. We have written kit lists and talked about our worries as well as what we are excited for. In English we have finished writing our suspense narratives and in Maths have been revising area, perimeter, and volume. Now we are able to mix across the school, we have also met with our EYFS buddies to read with them. this week we took them outside to read in the sun; it was wonderful to see.