

WHATS COMING UP

- 14th-18th February Half Term
- 22nd February - EYFS, Year 1 Read with Teddy
- 28th February - Years 1 - 6 VR Day
- 3rd March - World Book Dress up day
- 3rd March - Travelling Book Fair
- 30th March - Year 6 Residential Trip
- 4th April to 18th April - Easter Holidays
- 19th April - Non pupil day

PUPILS HEAD TO THE POLLS!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yet another half term has whizzed by which brings us to almost half way through the year. There has been some amazing learning going on this half term; trips to the Arctic and Kenya, music through the ages, boxing in PE and creating circuits in science are just a few to name. The staff work so hard to make learning fun and engaging for the children and I want to thank them for their hard work.

Alongside the learning has been lots of opportunities to score house points this term. One of our year 6 pupils approached me about adding house points to weekly Star of the Week and other competitions that will then accumulate toward a house winner per term. The year 6 prefects will run this system and collate the points each week and give me a running total to announce in the celebration assembly on a Friday. I will be asking the children what they would like as a house 'award' for the end of each term - watch this space!

You might have spotted our Polling Station signs yesterday. Our year 6's applied for the position of Head boy and Head girl last week and 2 boys and 2 girls were short listed to go through to the final whole school vote. On Wednesday the 4 candidates prepared a short speech and went round to each class to present to the year groups. The presentations were excellent and staff commented on how confident and professional the pupils came across. It is not an easy thing to do, to stand up and present to others, they should be very proud of themselves. Each pupil and staff member throughout the school then had the opportunity to vote - using an actual ballot box and station - for their preferred candidate. Counting then commenced in the office with Mr Carmoody updating the staff on exit polls throughout the day. It was extremely close! We can announce that the candidate that was voted as Head boy is: Ben, and Head girl is: Bella.

I want to thank Mr Carmoody for getting us the Polling station and the creating ballot cards so that we could make the experience for the children so realistic.



Half a lovely half term break, we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 21st February. Don't forget that the school gates open at 08:40 in the morning and that ALL children should be in their learning by 08:50. Please make sure that your child is in school on time every day.

Mrs Cagney

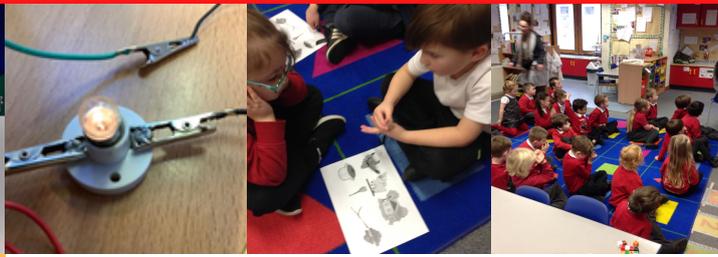
Stars of the Week

KS1 certificates were presented to:
Matilda (EYFS)
Jake A (Yr 1)
Leo (Yr 2)

KS2 certificates were presented to:
Daisy (Yr 3)
Moses (Yr 4)
Hollie (Yr 5)
Rafi (Yr 6)

PE Star Players

Each year group were able to take part in boxing, which is a specialised programme with Mr Porte this week. The children really enjoyed it.



AR READERS

Year 5 read 277,833 words this week.

100% Reading Quiz Scores:

Year 2 - Leo, Olivia B, Stanley, Poppy, Freya, Louis, James R

Year 3 - Jaskirat, Kaya

Year 5 - Merissa, Michael

Year 6 - Ben, Isabelle

CLASSROOM NEWS & TOPS TIME CELEBRATIONS

From Year 1

Year 1 have had a very busy week this week. On Monday we finished our History topic with a walk around Bocking Village visiting St Mary's Church and Bocking Windmill. On Tuesday we had the mobile zoo visit, we learnt about reptiles, mammals, birds, fish and amphibians ready for our animal topic next term. We got to look at or touch prairie dogs, a tortoise, a hedgehog, a guinea pig, a gecko, a snake, a skunk and a tree frog.



Attendance

This week's class attendance:

- EYFS: 97%
- Year 1: 90%
- Year 2: 92%
- Year 3: 92%
- Year 4: 96%
- Year 5: 97%
- Year 6: 93%

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



Class Winner
Year 2

Most points earned-

- Year 2- Blake
- Year 3 - Daisy
- Year 4 - Amelia-Lily
- Year 5- Samuel
- Year 6- Emma



From Year 2

Year 2 have had an exciting week with the visiting zoo which was amazing. We held an assembly to advise year one children how they can help save the polar bears and today we made clay animals. What a fantastic week!

From Year 6 - Dancing around the decades

We loved seeing the children dressed up for their dancing around the decades day.



TOPS TIME CELEBRATION



National Storytelling Week Book Review Winners

Congratulations to the pupils for their outstanding work on their book reviews. It was a very hard decision; however, the winners are:

EYFS: Aniamina, Year 1: Violet, Year 2: Louis, Year 3: Jaskirat and Hannah, Year 4: Amelia-Lily, Year 5: Polly and Year 6: Sophia Bruce



REMINDERS

Gates open 08:40 in the morning.

Ages 4-5 pants and clothes please donated to EYFS.