



# BOCKING NEWS

**I am Ambitious, Respectful, Responsible, Engaged and I Persevere.**  
Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up  
Friday 16th February 2024

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### February 2024

- 26th - Return to School

### March

- 7th Travelling Book Fair
- 11th - Y2 Layer Marney Trip
- 12th - TLC's
- 14th - TLC's
- 15th - Y3/Y4 Stave House Music Performance 2pm
- 22nd - KS1 Stave House Music Performance 2pm
- 26th - Y3 Egyptian Dress Up Day
- 26th - 28th Y6 Mersea Residential

### 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

**Mon - Choir Club (Y3-Y6)**

**Tues - Lego Club (Y1-Y6)**

**Wed - Art Club (Y2, Y3, Y4)**

**Wed - SCS Football (Y1-Y2)**

**Thu - SCS Football Boys and Girls Y3-Y6**

**Fri - FITC - Multisport**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have certainly got lots to celebrate as what an amazing term we have had at Bocking Primary School! From sporting successes to VR workshops, themed days to Open Door events, our school community has truly thrived. I am delighted to share some of the highlights with you in this newsletter.

Firstly, I want to commend our girls' football team for their recent victory over Rayne. It is evident how much progress our girls are making in their football skills, and Captain Krystal has been leading the way with her exceptional talent. The entire team made a great contribution to the win, and we couldn't be prouder. After half term we move on to fixtures versus Lyons Hall!

Another massive success was the "My First Love Maths" workshop by Big Ideas. I am thrilled to inform you that over 10,000 children participated in this exciting event nation wide. Renowned mathematician Nira Chamberlain OBE, who travels the globe solving mathematical problems that scientists and engineers cannot, led the workshop. He even linked dancing to maths, discussing ways to prevent injuries among dancers. Nira shared his experiences, including tackling a two-week problem to prevent robots from taking over the world. He also provided valuable advice, emphasising the importance of perseverance by stating, "You can't be a good footballer without practice, and it's the same with maths."

Amidst the challenges posed by Covid-19, one positive outcome has been the development of online learning. We have witnessed how online workshops have successfully brought different experts into our classrooms. This has enriched our students' educational experiences and broadened their horizons.

I am also thrilled to report the success of our first PTSA Valentine's disco. I would like to extend my thanks to all the PTSA members and their supporters who made the evening possible. It was truly a great occasion filled with interesting dance moves when I had the opportunity to peek in!

Lastly, please note that we will be returning to school on February 26th. I hope everyone has had a restful break, and we are excited to welcome our pupils back for another term filled with learning and growth.

A reminder about Google Classrooms, please log in so your children can access their homework.

Have a great half term,  
Mrs Cagney

### Bocking Vs Rayne Football report

We played this match at Rayne Primary School. It was afterschool and we had spectators to cheer us on. There were two halves and the players on our team were me, Indie, Annabelle, Amelia T, Marion, Marley, Jasmine, Elsie and Poppy. We have been practising during after school football club on Thursdays with Mr Porte our coach. We would like to say thank you to him for dedicating his time to help us improve. Amelia and Marley played centre and I played striker. We worked together to tackle and cross in as attackers to score. Marion and Annabelle were the defenders and Elsie, Jasmine and Poppy played on the wings. It was their job to tackle to get ball so that we could score. Indie did a fantastic job as our goal keeper, trying her hardest not to concede any goals. The goal scorers were me and Amelia. I scored six goals and Amelia scored one goal. Indie, our goal keeper managed to save over 6 goals. The final score was 7-3 to us. Mrs Aldous said that we played really well and she was proud of our team work and fair play. After the match, each team chose a Player of the Match. Rayne decided to choose Indie for saving lots of good goals. We chose Lottie for playing well and not giving up. The key moment has to be when we were drawing 3-3 and then we scored another 4 goals to win 7-3!

We all had a great time playing and we are looking forward to our next matches soon!

**By Krystal.**

**Football Captain, Year 6**



## STAR OF THE WEEK

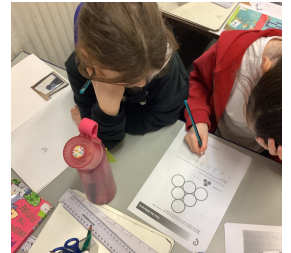
Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

**Pheobe (EYFS)**  
**Shanade (Yr 1)**  
**Rocco (Yr 2)**  
**Alice (Yr 3)**  
**Leo (Yr 4)**  
**Richie (Yr 5)**  
**Marley-Raine (Yr 6)**

## CLASSROOM NEWS...

### YEAR 3

This week in Year 3, we have been learning about length and perimeter in maths. We have investigated the length of different objects in the classroom using rulers and metre sticks. Then, we moved onto calculating perimeter. At first, we found it a bit tricky to work out how to find missing lengths in shapes, but we persevered and now we are really confident. We have learnt that in rectangles we can look for opposite sides being equal and for squares, we can multiply the length of one side by 4 to find out the answer. We also learnt that to make sure we added all the sides together, we could draw a line around all of the outside.



## AR READERS

Quiz Scores 100%

Year 2 -

Year 3 - Ronnie, Diogo, Levi, Albie, Linda

Year 4 - Thomas

Year 5 - Maximus, Oliver J

Word Count Winners

Year 5

221,431

## TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



**WINNER: Kingsley**  
**Year 4**

Year 2 - Huxley

Year 3 - Irene

Year 4 - Skylah

Year 5 - Oliver

Year 6 - Hope

## ATTENDANCE

75% - Year EYFS

95% - Year 1

98% - Year 2

94% - Year 3

91% - Year 4

94% - Year 5

88% - Year 6

Attendance target

95%

### YEAR 4

In Science and DT, we have been making our valentines cards that can light up using an electrical circuit. In our groups, we have been making circuits and then took it in turns to put it in our cards. In English, we were writing our electricity texts to persuade Mrs Cagney to help the school save electricity and money and our planet. In Maths, we are doing fractions and we can now compare mixed numbers. We did a live maths workshop with a real mathematician. It was great and so much fun! We love Maths in Year 4, even problem solving with our adults during open door afternoon. We have learned about how the Romans lived in our History lessons.

*By Year 4 Learning Ambassadors, Ann-Mary and Freddie*

### YEAR 5

Year 5 have had a jam packed half term. We have been working hard to improve our stamina in writing, increasing our vocabulary and improving and editing our work. All children have made great progress within English, and I am proud of the effort they have been putting in their writing. In Maths, we are coming to the end of our decimal learning and will be moving onto percentages after the half term. We have finished our Science learning on Forces and the children demonstrated their understanding of water resistance in our latest investigation, (note to self that playdoh and water make a lovely mess!) where the children demonstrated their curiosity to find out why something happens.

### YEAR 6

This term we have been looking at significant people in our local area, one of whom was John Ray. Amongst other things John Ray studied nature and botany. In our art lesson this week we sketched botanical images similar to those studied by John Ray. We also used watercolors to paint nature pictures. Ask your child what else John Ray was known for!