

### WHAT'S COMING UP

October 5th -KS2 Reading workshop for parents 9am 10th -KS1/KS2 Maths mastery workshop for parents 9am 11th - Flu Immunisations 19th - Y2 Dress Up Day 19th - Open door 2.30pm 20th - Celebration Assembly 9.05am

November 2nd & 13th - New 2024/25 EYFS parents open morning 9am or 11am

14th - TLCs 3.30 - 17.30 16th - TLCs 3.30 - 1900

**December** 

11th-EYFS/YR 1 Nativity am school pm - parents times TBC 12th - EYFS/YR 1 Nativity pm to parents times TBC

13th - Whole school Christmas dinner 18th - Carol service whole school St Mary's Church -2pm

#### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Tuesday - Girls Football KS2 Tuesday - Cheerleading Y2-Y6 Tuesday - Film Club Y1/Y2 Wednesday - SCS Y1-Y3 Thursday SCS - Y4-Y6 Thursday - Netball - KS2

# BOCKING NEWS

I am Ambitious, Respectful, Responsible, Engaged and I Persevere. Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 30th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly been an action-packed week at our school, with lots of exciting activities and news to share.

Firstly, I would like to take a moment to celebrate our boys' football team. On Monday, they participated in a exciting tournament and their perseverance, sportsmanship, and overall attitude were truly commendable. Despite facing some tough competition, our boys never gave up and played their hearts out. They showcased exceptional teamwork and skill, and their positive attitude both on and off the field was great to see. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them, and I am sure you join me in congratulating them on their performance. We now look forward to starting our league games for both girls and boys against the Braintree Schools over the year.

In other news, some of our Year 2 children took part in a football festival. They had a fantastic time participating in a carousel of activities throughout the morning. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and enjoyment as they played and developed their football skills. Sports events like these not only promote physical fitness but also teach valuable lessons about teamwork, discipline, and perseverance. Well done to all the Year 2 children who took part!

On a different note, I am saddened to inform you that the PTSA (Parent-Teacher-Staff Association) has had to dissolve due to a lack of members and volunteers. It is unfortunate that we were unable to sustain this valuable organisation, which has always played a crucial role in supporting our school community. However, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the parents and volunteers who have dedicated their time and effort in the past. Your contributions have made a significant difference, and we are grateful for your support. If you would like to take up this role and begin a new chapter of support for the school, please come and talk to the school office.

Lastly, I would like to draw your attention to an important matter regarding our children's safety. It has come to our attention that a number of children have been playing inappropriately at the park after school, with and without adult supervision. This behaviour is not only concerning but also affecting the younger children's enjoyment of the equipment. I kindly request that you keep an eye on your children and ensure they are playing responsibly and respectfully and follow our school values outside of school. By doing so, we can ensure the safety and happiness of all our children.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or your child's teacher in the first instance so we can resolve issues quickly. As a school, we believe in fostering open and transparent channels of communication between our staff and parents. It is crucial for us to work together in the best interest of our children. Therefore, if you have any concerns or queries, please come and talk to our staff directly.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cagney

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## STAR OF THE WEEK

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to: Neo (EYFS) Livia (Yr 1) Matilda (Yr 2) Irene (Yr 3) Lacey (Yr 4) Stanley (Yr 5) Jasmine (Yr 6)

#### **AR READERS**

Quiz Scores 100% Year 2 - Lily-Rose

Word Count Winners Year 4 40,392

#### TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



WINNER - Brunel HOUSE - Year 4 Year 3 - Ella Year 4 - Skylah Year 5 - Aaron Year 6 - Hope

#### ATTENDANCE

96% - Year EYFS 100% - Year 1 96% - Year 2 96% - Year 3 96% - Year 4 91% - Year 5 96% - Year 6

Attendance target should 95%

# **CLASSROOM NEWS...**

#### YEAR EYFS

In EYFS we are excited to have started phonics. We are really enjoying learning all about letters and have carefully spotted the ones we know in our environment. In Literacy, we are looking at the story of 'Monkey Puzzle.' We are getting very good at remembering the sequence of events in the story and are looking forward to creatively retelling it with actions next week. This week in Maths, Miss Freeman introduced us to 'Maths Monkey' who helps us to learn all about numbers – he is a very cheeky monkey. We helped 'Maths Monkey' this week to count objects one at a time and he showed us how we can count sounds using a drum!

#### YEAR 1

It has been a great couple of weeks in Year 1 and we have all been very busy with all of our learning. The children have all been challenging their brains during our continuous provision activities and the work the children have completed independently has really shown their perseverance and commitment to learning. The children have worked very hard in Science this week and have been identifying and sorting different materials with different properties.

# YEAR 2

This week in Year 2, we have been writing our own 'wanted' posters for the big bad wolf in our English lessons. We used adjectives and adverbs which we have been creating in the week to write some excellent sentences for our posters. In History we continued looking at significant figures, and we worked in groups to design a space rocket that Neil Armstrong or Mae Jemison could have used to get into space and then explained our design to the class. Our P.E lessons this week have focused on our defending skills and we worked with our friends to stop opposing teams from getting possession of the ball. We finished our topic on place value in Maths and are looking forward to starting addition and subtraction next week. We have had a large focus on being kind and inclusive this week and created a class poster to remember the key parts of being a good friend.







