

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### July

- 4th - Sports Day KS1 AM then picnic lunch for whole school, and KS2 PM
- 9th - Y6 Production PM
- 10th - Y6 Production Evening
- 19th - Celebration Assembly
- 23rd - Leavers Assembly

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Tue - Minime Mindfulness
- Wed - SCS Football (Y1-Y4)
- Thu - SCS Football Boys (Y5/Y6) and Girls (Y3-Y6)

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great pleasure that I share with you the remarkable events and achievements that have taken place at our school just this week. Our students have been engaged in a diverse array of activities, showcasing their talents and enthusiasm across various areas.

One of the highlights of the week was the Attain Cultural event, which also featured a writing competition. This event provided an excellent platform for our students to express their creativity and hone their literary skills. Thirty of our pupils spent an entire day rehearsing for the concert. This collaborative effort brought together all seven schools from our trust to showcase their talents on the theme of "Protect Our Planet". Charter Hall was filled to capacity with friends and family, all eager to witness this spectacular show. Our students' hard work and dedication were evident in their brilliant representation of our school.

In the realm of sports, our Year 4 students participated in a mixed football tournament, demonstrating their teamwork and sportsmanship. Many of these young athletes were playing their first competitive match, and their performance and attitude was nothing short of outstanding. Our cricket enthusiasts had the opportunity to watch an exciting match between England U19s and Sri Lanka U19s, broadening their exposure to international sports and more locally, the Key Stage 2 Athletic finals were another thrilling event, with students cheering on their House peers in a display of school spirit. Certificates will be presented to the winners next week, recognising their impressive achievements.

In our ongoing commitment to student well-being, we organised a Mental Health Support workshop for our Year 6 students, equipping them with valuable tools for emotional resilience as they begin work on their transition to secondary school. At the other end of their school journey our youngest learners in the September EYFS cohort enjoyed a stay and play session, exploring their outdoor area in the lovely sunshine and familiarising themselves with their new surroundings.

This week saw a Trust Trio visit which provided an opportunity for our students to share their experiences at Bocking Primary. The Year 3 and Year 4 school councillors articulated the positive aspects of our school life with remarkable clarity. When asked about managing their various activities alongside their studies, one student insightfully remarked, "It all links with our learning," while another emphasised, "We can cope with all of this because we work as a team." Our Head Boy and Girl, reflecting on their time at Bocking, struggled to identify areas for improvement, instead highlighting the diverse opportunities offered, such as the opera trip and zoo visits, as the best aspects of our school.

These recent events and the opportunities afforded to our students truly encapsulate the essence of Bocking Primary School. None of this would be possible without the dedication and hard work of our exceptional staff team, whose meticulous planning and preparation bring these enriching experiences to life.

### **Staff changes:**

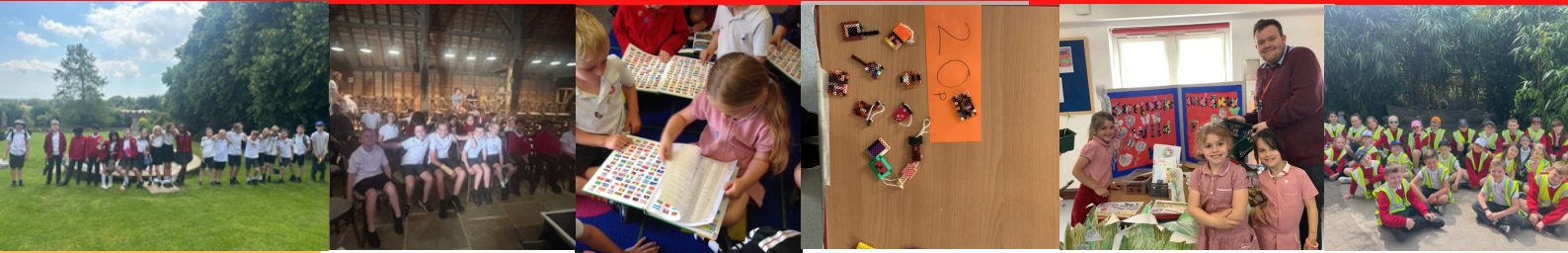
It is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to Miss Waters at the end of this term. She has been an integral part of our school since 2018. Miss Waters has decided to take some time off from teaching to explore the world and embark on new adventures. Her dedication and leadership in Geography and History have made a significant impact on our school community, and she will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best on her travels and look forward to receiving postcards from every destination she visits!

On a brighter note, I am delighted to announce that we have two new members joining our teaching team. Miss Sherman and Miss Corben will be starting their teaching careers with us, bringing fresh perspectives and enthusiasm to our school. We are excited to welcome them aboard and are confident that they will contribute positively to the learning experiences of our pupils. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Miss Sherman and Miss Corben as they begin their journey with us at Bocking Primary School, they will be popping in over the next few weeks to get to know the pupils and the staff team. We are certain that they will quickly become valued members of our school community.

Also joining the teaching team will be Mrs Reid who, officially starts her teacher training with us in September.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these staff changes, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Cagney  
Headteacher



## STAR OF THE WEEK

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

**Skylar (EYFS)**  
**Olivia (Yr 1)**  
**Arabella (Yr 2)**  
**Tyler (Yr 3)**  
**Katy (Yr 4)**  
**Alaia (Yr 5)**  
**Amelia S (Yr 6)**

## AR READERS

Year 2 - Winter, Ellie,  
 Aniamina, Lily M  
 Year 4 - Stanley, Ruben  
 James Q

## TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



**WINNER: Franklin**  
**Year 4**

Year 2 - Huxley  
 Year 3 - Irene  
 Year 4 - James q  
 Year 5 - Daisy  
 Year 6 - Amelia T

## ATTENDANCE

95% - Year EYFS  
 99% - Year 1  
 88% - Year 2  
 96% - Year 3  
 91% - Year 4  
 99% - Year 5  
 91% - Year 6

**Attendance target**  
**95%**

## CLASSROOM NEWS...

### YEAR 3

Year 3 are about to write their own persuasive leaflet. However, we didn't feel that there was a city interesting enough for us to want to visit, so we designed our own. All around the classroom, there are amazing pieces of art showcasing the exciting places you can visit in our Year 3 city. These include fantastic mountain ranges (with waterfalls), a school, garden centre, sports field, ice-cream shop, hospital, swimming pool and airport. We even have our own race track! We are also excited to share the results of our science experiment. We found that without light a plant will grow, but the leaves are pale and it grows very tall. Without water, the plant grows yellow wrinkly leaves. We also discovered that if you put your seed pot in the fridge, nothing happens!

### YEAR 4

This week we have been doing co-ordinates in maths, it was good. We have been doing lots of PSHE lessons, learning about growing up and changes that happen. In English, we have been writing our non-chron text all about rainforests. We have been very busy with the Attain concert, a football tournament and a cricket match so it's been an odd week! In PE, we have been practicing for sports day and we had our competitive sports day too. By Year 4 Learning Ambassadors, Willow and James R

### YEAR 5

This week has really been a blur, filled with lots of fun and hard work. The children have shown lots of perseverance in our Maths learning, as we have faced some tricky topics: especially converting between metric and imperial measurements. In topic, the children created powerpoints about a river around the world and stood up in front of the class to deliver their presentations. I also have to mention last weeks trip to Layer Marney Tower, where the children took part in the Wild Arts learning, watching the Magic Flute. The children were so engaged and performed our song with such confidence. This unit of Opera learning has been great fun and all the children have shown their focus and dedication to learn new skills



### YEAR 6

This week, in Year 6, we have been busy learning our play. We are keen to embody our characters and are thinking carefully about what the words they are saying mean in order to deliver the correct intonation. In English, our persuasive skills were put to the test while persuading someone to holiday in a destination of our choice, while in maths we have been learning how maths skills apply to real life - this time when choosing a holiday destination too. We continue to make good progress in swimming and many of us are working outside of our comfort zones to do so. Yesterday, we had our final Mental Health in Schools Team transition workshop, where we learnt more about what to expect in Year 7. Finally, today, many of us have our transition day to Tabor too.