



ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY

Principal: Mr John Linehan



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Dear RBA Families,

What a busy week it has been!

On Sunday, I was honoured to take some RBA students to the Shefford Remembrance service. The sun shone on what was a very moving service and the students who came along did RBA proud.

Additionally, on Sunday, Matilda, Martha and Poppy in year 6 performed two songs live on the Sadler's Wells stage in London - in front of an audience of 1500! All three of them were absolutely fantastic and great ambassadors for RBA showing Vitality, Independence and Excellence - well done girls.

The week proper started with our first round of mock SATs for year 6 and they were incredibly focused and mature throughout. They certainly displayed the value of excellence in their hard work and perseverance and I am very much looking forward to seeing how well they have done. Please keep on pushing Century, Spelling Shed and daily reading at home to help them continue to improve.

On Thursday, we had one of the biggest nights of the school year - Year 4 Open Evening. As ever, even though our staff put on a wonderful night, the stars of the show were again the student helpers. Their friendliness, enthusiasm and kindness sold RBA to our prospective parents/carer far better than I ever could. Thank you to them and also to you for allowing them to come and help out on the evening.

We finished the week with Children in Need and the associated annual magic trick in the cafeteria - making 1,000+ Pudsey biscuits disappear! Children loved the biscuits and the MUFTI day and I am sure we will have raised a good sum of money for a very worthwhile cause.

In addition to the events above, throughout this week, I delivered assemblies to each year group on ways in which families can reduce their carbon footprint as part of our participation in Cut Your Carbon month throughout November. Students listened very respectfully to the need for change and I anticipate some questions might be asked of you about the temperature that you wash your clothes and the number your thermostat is set to! If you would like to find out more, please click [here](#).

In related news, we are also looking forward to welcoming representatives from Eco Schools into RBA on the 24th of November when they will present our certificate for achieving Eco Schools status and touring the site to learn about the changes we have made to improve our sustainability.



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Lastly, we received two pieces of good news regarding attendance over the last week or so. Firstly, we got confirmation that our attendance was in the top 10% of all schools nationally and secondly, we were notified by the DfE that we have been identified as a centre of excellence for attendance and that other school across the company will have us highlighted to them as a school to visit and learn from. I do not underestimate the part you as parents and carers play in ensuring children attend school regularly and thank you for your part in helping us achieve that milestone and recognition.

Thank you for reading this update - I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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