



Dear RBA Families,

This week I am absolutely thrilled to start by sharing the news that both our KS3 cross-country teams made it through to the national finals! The boys won their regional competition and the girls came second. This is the first time in eleven years that we have had a team make the national finals and I cannot wait to go along to support them on the 6th of December.

They have epitomised our VOICE values of both excellence in their performance and independence in their dedication to training - well done to both teams.

In other news this week, I hope that your child has brought home (and shown you) their sponsorship slip for our readathon. The money raised will be donated to Read for Good, a charity which supports hospitals across the UK, ensuring young patients have access to new, engaging books and visits from storytellers during difficult times. Doing good whilst fostering a love of reading makes taking part a win-win situation. Please refer to the email from Mrs Edwards for further information or click [here](#).

Something else that students should have brought home this week are raffle tickets for our annual winter fair prize draw. We always have wonderful donations to raffle off and the money raised makes a massive difference. Please dig deep and buy a few tickets if you can. Please also keep the morning of Saturday the 29th of November free so you can come along to support.

In linked news of a Christmas nature, we are pleased to launch the annual BEST Trust Christmas Card Competition. This will be set as a competition by the Art department and we would love to have as many students submit entries as possible. We have done very well over the last few years in getting an RBA student's entry chosen for the final version that is printed and sent out so please get designing!

Looking ahead, in addition to us taking some students to the Shefford Remembrance Parade on Sunday morning, students will also observe a Remembrance event at school next Tuesday; in which students from Shefford Lower, RBA and SWA will present. Students who are cadets are also very welcome to attend school in their uniforms on the 11th as a further mark of respect.

Also, next week, we have our annual open evening for prospective parents on Thursday. It is always a pleasure to share what we do at RBA; especially how our VOICE values sit at the heart of our positive and inclusive culture. As all three tours are fully-booked, I am hopeful of a busy evening speaking to lots of new families (and probably a few existing ones!).



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We end next week with Children in Need on Friday, which is a MUFTI day for the suggested, voluntary donation of £1. There will also be our famous Pudsey cookies on sale thanks to our wonderful catering team.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update; I hope you have a good weekend.

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Principal



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