



ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY

Principal: Mr John Linehan



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Dear RBA Families,

And so we come to the end of a marathon half-term! I am pleased to report that we do so in great shape and that the value of excellence has been sustained throughout. This was especially evident in our VOICE reward party on Thursday afternoon, at which 98% of students were in attendance, due to having lived our VOICE values for the full eight weeks.

This week, we were also delighted with the turnout for our year 6 SATs information evening on Tuesday. There were a number of presentations given, which can be found on our website for your reference. Students should also have the CGP revision guides and workbooks to start cracking on with. Between those, reading, and the online resources like Spelling Shed, Century and TTRS, they should never be short of something to do over half-term!

One success of the half-term I have not celebrated in an update is that of our fabulous KS3 cross country team. Both the boys' and the girls' teams recently qualified for the regional round of the English schools cup. The girls dominated the county round against Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire schools and the boys came second (by only one point). We have not reached regionals for years but we have this year due to their dedication: meeting Mrs Cooper at lunchtime each week to train on the field together. Their grit and resilience is wonderful and we wish them success in the regionals.

Looking ahead to after half-term, we will be selling Poppies through reception from the first day back so please send students in with some money if they would like to support the Poppy Appeal. Similarly, Children in Need is quite soon after on Friday the 14th of November. We will have a MUFTI day with a recommended, voluntary £1 donation if possible please; Pudsey cookies will be also available on the day to purchase thanks to our fabulous catering team.

Children in Need happens the day after our year 4 Open Evening on the 13th and I am pleased to tell you that all three talks are fully booked. That is a good indication of the fact that my exceptional staff and cracking students continue to keep the reputation of RBA incredibly positive in the local community and beyond.

Jumping even further ahead, our annual Winter Fair will take place on Saturday the 29th of November between 10am and 2pm. There will be over 40 stalls to browse as well as festive music, refreshments and a grand raffle. This will definitely be the weekend the tree goes up in my house so please make a note in your diary to come along and get in the Christmas spirit early!



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As ever, this event cannot raise the funds it does for charity and the PSA without your support; if you or anyone you knows owns a business or has a contact that might be able to make a donation for the raffle please email Mrs Crowley at scrowley@bestacademies.org.uk

November is also 'Cut Your Carbon' month and we would like students to get involved as part of our climate action plan and work around sustainability. Eco Schools are challenging their students to complete six small carbon cutting activities at some point throughout November. These range from making three active journeys instead of using a vehicle to meal planning to avoid food waste. Please have a look at the attached checklist to see if you can get involved - students who have taken part can inform their tutors at the end of November and they will receive sustainability VOICE points for their efforts.

Finally, as the nights are drawing in, please could I ask you to reiterate messages around road safety with your children. We sometimes have parents reporting near misses with students running across the road and the darkness is only going to exacerbate that.

Talking about the Autumn/Winter months makes this a good opportunity to also prompt you to please encourage your students to bring coats to school after half-term. There was one particular wet lunchtime this week when they really needed them! Please also note that we have a selection of coats in our pre-loved stock that you can purchase if needed.

Thank you as ever for your time reading these updates and your wider support for our school - it is very much appreciated.

I hope that you and your families have a great half-term.

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