



ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY

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Dear RBA Families,

It has been another week of excellence once again at RBA with high standards of behaviour contributing to a calm and purposeful learning environment. It was also a pleasure to see the students mix so well together at break and lunchtime; whether they are reading in the LRC, doing gymnastics on the astro-turf or playing football on the field, they all get on so well.

Our behaviour curriculum focus for this week was **independence** and we can see the beginnings of growth in this area amongst our students. Our focus on the 5Bs, as a means to build resilience and responsibility, is starting to bear fruit - as a little task, it would be interesting for you to ask your children what the 5Bs stand for to see if they remember - I hope they do!

We are also continuing our focus on the craft/skill of writing this year and students are similarly starting to construct better sentences and are linking them together more securely. As part of this drive, please encourage them to complete a BBC 500-word story entry to help them practise the skill of writing and (hopefully) to see writing as a creative, enjoyable enterprise.

You know that I am never shy of mentioning reading at RBA and I am delighted to tell you that last week saw our first Word Millionaire of the year. Maria in year 6 has hit that milestone already. Well done to her; as such a voracious reader, I am particularly looking forward to seeing how high her word count can get this academic year!

It is also National Bookshop Day this Saturday, the 11th of October. Why not take this opportunity to pop into your local bookshop to discover exciting stories, explore new adventures and share the joy of reading together?

Parents/carers of children in year 5 and 6 might be interested to know that students now have access to two pieces of software to help them improve their literacy and numeracy at home. Century is the maths software and you can find out more about that by clicking [here](#). For literacy, we have purchased access to Spelling Shed and again, more information about how it can help is available by clicking [here](#). Logins for both pieces of software should be in student planners.



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In related news, our Year 6 SATs information evening is running on Tuesday the 21st of October. More information will come out separately but software, like those mentioned above, will be explained alongside key information, resources and dates around the SATs, making it a must-attend event for those of you with a child in year 6.

We are making a slight change in how we manage lost property; we will be posting images of coats and other items (that do not have names written in them) on our Facebook page. If your child has lost something, please pop on there to have a look. Items that go unclaimed for a prolonged period of time will be donated.

Lastly, we are now less than two weeks away from our first VOICE reward event, on the afternoon of Thursday the 23rd of October, during last lesson. This is where all the students who have lived our VOICE values for the whole half-term get to take part in a fun activity with their form to reward and celebrate their positive attitude to school. We are on course for a record high percentage of students meeting the criteria to be invited so it will be a great event.

Thank you as ever for the time you take to read this update - have a great weekend.

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