



# ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY

Principal: Mr John Linehan



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Dear RBA Community,

It has been another week of excellence here at RBA and we have been able to give out a record number of positive points!

I hope that you have been able to see those points on Bromcom/the MCAS (My Child at School) App. The software has worked better for us this week after what were some national issues with connectivity last week. Please also be aware that, through MCAS, you are now able to see the reason your child has been awarded their VOICE points. We hope that this upgrade to the system will allow you to further celebrate your child's successes and their living of our VOICE values.

In other news this week, the PE team has been putting the fun into Fun Run, with our yearly jaunt around the field! While I saw lots of red faces after each group had finished, I also heard about some excellent finish times!

Also, this week, our year 6 students conducted themselves very well in their first SATs style assessments. While these were done more gently than the real thing, they were very mature and tried incredibly hard. It is the turn of year 5 next week as they do their baseline SATs tests in English and maths and we are looking forward to seeing how they get on and identifying the key areas they need to work on.

Around this time of year, we traditionally send information out about the importance of E-Safety. Safeguarding children online is of paramount importance and Childnet have a wealth of resources to support parents/carers in that endeavour - you can find out more by clicking [here](#). I also read a very interesting article about the impact of devices in children's rooms this week, which you can access [here](#). There is a national issue with students coming to school tired, as a result of reduced sleep or poor sleep caused by late night screen time, so it is well-worth revisiting the time at which their devices go off for the night. Better sleep will improve their progress in school and their mood at home!

You may have heard about the changes that CBC are making to school transport. Please be reassured that we are in constant contact with them about what the changes mean for our families and we are seeking clarification on a number of points. Once we hear back, we will update you on any pertinent information.



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Next week is National Recycling week and we will be speaking with students about the importance of recycling and sustainability. On Friday, some of our year 5s will also be involved in maintaining the tiny forest that was planted last year as a further step towards helping students understand the importance of environmentalism.

Lastly, next Friday sees our first MUFTI day of the year, this time in honour of Mr Fox. Sports kit is the order of the day where possible and all proceeds from the £1 voluntary donation will go to the Steve Fox Memorial Fund. We are hopeful that the memorial football match at Shefford Saint Sports Club that evening will also contribute significantly, if you come along, please bear in mind that it is a minimum C2 for booing the Principal!

Thank you for your time - I hope that you all have a great weekend.

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