



Dear RBA Families,

It has been a chilly one at RBA this week! The journey to work was a bit hairy on Wednesday; please be careful on your way in and have a conversation with your children about road safety during the dark and icy months.

In a related request, please also encourage your children to bring their coats to school - I always worry about the students who come without one on cold and wet days despite having perfectly good coats hanging up at home!

This week we have given out more certificates for achieving 250 VOICE points than ever before at this stage of the year. This is reflective of our wider belief that behaviour and attitudes the learning at RBA are some of the best that they have ever been. Thank you to you and your children for the positive attitude you bring to school and learning.

We were also delighted to learn this week that over 400 students had their poems chosen for publication. If you would like your child's entry to be published, please note that permission for publication needs to be completed by Sunday, 23rd of November.

Next Monday is a busy day at RBA with our drop-down day for all year groups, where they can immerse themselves in various areas of the curriculum, and the visit from Eco Schools to award us our certificate for achieving Eco School status.

Looking a bit further ahead to our Christmas plans, we have a number of upcoming Yuletide events to make you aware of:

1. Our Winter Fair is happening on Saturday the **29th of November**. We have had many donations for the raffle and House stalls; thank you to all of our families who have donated. That support means the House stalls, craft stalls and raffle will be brilliant so please come along on the day if you can.
2. The BEST Christmas Card Competition is in full swing and the deadline of the **1st of December** is fast approaching. Please encourage your children to get creative and submit an entry.
3. We are supporting the national Christmas Jumper Day on **Thursday the 11th of December**. Students are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their red jumper or PE drill top for a voluntary donation of £1. Beyond the jumpers, normal uniform expectations apply for both uniform and PE kit.
 - a. Please note that we have a selection of pre-loved Christmas jumpers available to you for a minimal cost - if you would like to have a look please pop in to reception.
 - b. Students will also be encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper on the **last day of term** as well - with the same expectation around the rest of their uniform.



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4. Myself and other members of the senior leadership team will be serving students Christmas dinner on the **17th of December**.
5. **The last day of term** also sees our annual Bloomfield's Got Talent show; KS3 students have been auditioning over the last couple of weeks and the standard is incredibly high - I cannot wait to see their final performances!

In a similarly festive vein to the list above, Shefford Baptist Church is running a lovely community event tomorrow when they are showing The Grinch. This is a relaxed way for families to watch a film together on a big screen, with festive refreshments and some simple crafts for those who find it hard to sit through the whole film. It's free and there is no catch so please go along if you want an early dose of Christmas!

Whatever you choose to do this weekend, I hope that you and your family have a good one.

John Linehan
Principal



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