



ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY

Principal: Mr John Linehan



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Dear RBA Families,

Phew, another big week at RBA comes to a close!

I shall start this week with how incredibly proud we all are of the KS3 girls and boy's cross-country teams who both competed in the English National Cross-Country Cup Final in Rugby on Saturday. I am delighted to say that the girls came 22nd overall and the boys came 9th overall (and were the highest placed state school); a real achievement from both teams and testament to the hard work and training they put in on our school field.

Mrs Cooper already had some KS2 students out there this week so the next batch may emulate them in the next couple of years!

The national success story at RBA does not end with the cross-country team as we also had Lorelei, in year 7, place 4th in the whole of England with her song and dance duet submission for the Dance World Cup. As she was in the top four, she has made it through to the final competition, which will take place in Dublin in July. This achievement is all the more wonderful as there were over 9,000 submissions this year! She has worked incredibly hard over the past year and we are absolutely thrilled for her.

On the topic of dancing excellence, I was privileged to be in the audience for the Gym and Dance Display on Wednesday. The standard was incredible, as was the military precision with which the acts came on to the stage in a constant stream of talent. Mrs Marshall, Mrs Trim - and an army of helpers - do a wonderful job and created a magnificent spectacle for our students to showcase their superb skills.

An additional well done this week goes to the winners of the BEST Christmas card competition. Although the overall winner was from SWA (a former RBA student so that's a win for us in my book) we were delighted to learn that Mathumitha K was the RBA winner and that Aurelia J, Oliver K and Elaina S were all highly commended - well done to them all.

The spirit of Christmas was particularly strong here this week with the year 5 panto trip on Wednesday and Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday. My tub was very full on the gate as students arrived and donated their coins so thank you all for your contributions, which will go to Save the Children and make a real difference.

Similarly, your donations towards our Readathon have also been coming in and the total now stands at more than £1,200! Again, we thank you for your generosity; this money will also go to a very good cause and help make the lives of children in hospital a little bit brighter.



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Looking ahead to the final week of term, we reach a Christmas crescendo with the Great Bloomfield Bake Off on Tuesday, Christmas lunch on Wednesday, our VOICE rewards event on Thursday and a whole school Christmas assembly (and Bloomfield’s Got Talent) on Friday.

It is going to be a brilliant week and one which will set our students up nicely for a lovely festive break.

Thank you for your time in reading this update; I hope you have a great weekend.

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