



ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY

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Dear RBA Families,

At RBA this week we marked International Women's Day (IWD) with a week of assemblies led by our wonderful female senior leaders. The theme of IWD this year is 'What we give, we gain', the message behind which being we should all work together in pursuit of equity for all.

As an additional treat, our fabulous choir sang at the end of each of those assemblies. They performed 'Speechless' from the live action version of 'Aladdin'. The song was a great choice to complement IWD as its key messages are about empowerment, self-expression, and resistance against oppression.

Additionally, over this week and next week, we are celebrating Science Week with a range of activities taking place. These include daily science facts in form times as well as:

- **Year 5s** are going to be treated to the opportunity to enjoy a mobile planetarium on Monday the 13th of March, which will bring the universe to life our sports hall
- **Year 6** have been taking trips down to our bottom field and visiting our tiny forest to look at the eco-system
- **Year 7** will be looking at the benefits of wind power and its wider benefits and applications
- **Year 8** are doing experiments involving the effects of growing plants under differing light sources

In other news, I am delighted to share that Chloe in 6E has been awarded a bursary for her dancing from the 'Together Forever Foundation' – a charity set up in memory of a young couple who lost their lives at the Ariana Grande concert. Chloe wanted to do some fundraising as a thank you and therefore will be running a bake sale for KS2 at break time on Tuesday 24th March - please send your year 5 or 6 child in with some money on that date if you would like to support her efforts and well done Chloe!

Looking ahead, from the 16th until the 27th of March, we are continuing our environmental drive by taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel, which is the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. As per Miss Tipper's email this week, students are encouraged to make active journeys to school, or an active journey either side of their car/bus journey to reduce carbon emissions.

Each morning form tutors will log how many have taken part using the website and will give out VOICE points. If over 15% of our school takes part daily we will be entered into a daily prize draw. At the end, we will analyse the data and give out House points to the top houses. I hope that you can encourage your children to take part.

Lastly, Friday the 20th of March is Red Nose Day and this will be a non-uniform day for students for the voluntary donation of £1. In keeping with the spirit of the occasion, students are encouraged to wear red (but please keep the Arsenal shirts to a minimum). There will be a range of events on, including a penalty shoot-out and the opportunity to soak the teacher - so please give them some money on the day if you can.

Thank you for your time - I hope that you all have a great weekend, especially the mums who will hopefully get treated on Sunday for Mothers' Day.

John Linehan

Principal



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