



ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY

Principal: Mr John Linehan



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Dear RBA Families,

It was lovely to have a bit of sunshine this week and I always enjoy the sights and sounds of hundreds of children playing happily in the sun.

The welcome arrival of the warm weather has prompted me to remind you of our summer uniform expectations. After Easter, students are welcome to wear our optional summer uniform, which comprises a plain or embroidered white polo shirt with plain black trousers, tailored shorts or knee-length pleated skirt. In addition, students should wear black or white socks with black flat school shoes or black ankle boots, not trainers please.

The week started with an out of this world opportunity for year 5 with the arrival of the mobile planetarium. Something akin to a hot air balloon was pumped up and filled with projectors and lights in order to treat students to a wonderful show from which they learned a great deal about space and the night sky.

On Wednesday, we had our second drop down day of the year where students really got to immerse themselves in an area of the curriculum. Year 5s had either their trip to the Hindu Mandir or a day focused on religious education; year 6 worked intensely on their SATs improvement areas; year 7s learned about the importance of learning another language and the career pathways that offers and year 8s either analysed a sporting performance or built and flew a plane after learning about aerodynamics. Students had a great day and produced some excellent work.

In addition, this week, we have been delighted with the number of students who have made their journeys to and from school a little more active. Young people are very interested in the environment and sustainability and it was great to see them doing something tangible to reduce carbon emissions.

In related news, the Great British Spring Clean comes to Shefford from 10am on Saturday. Members of our community are invited to pop along for a stroll around Shefford with family, friends; to meet like-minded local residents and to help keep our streets and green spaces tidy. Please see the flyer for more information.

We finished another busy week with our Red Nose Day events. The non-uniform day, as well as Beat the Goalie and Soak the Teacher, will have raised a great deal of money for such a good cause. While Beat the Goalie was popular, it could not compete with the money raised from Soak the Teacher, which may have had something to do with the fact that Mr Guiney was one of the teachers they got to throw wet sponges at ...!

One of the best parts of my job is hearing about the wonderful things students do outside of school. As such, I was very proud this week to hear about Liam in year 6 achieving first place at the Bedfordshire Music Festival for Piano Grade 4. He performed exceptionally well and received a trophy as well as a certificate of distinction - well done Liam!



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Just as impressive, from the realm of sport, was the news about Isla in year 8 stepping up to the u17 and u18 age categories for both Bedford Hockey Club and Bedfordshire, even helping the latter to second place in the county tournament! To be playing up so many age groups is a massive achievement and we look forward to how far her great talent for hockey can take her - well done Isla!

Before I finish for this week, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that BEST has determined and published our Trust Admissions Policy for September 2027, which you can navigate to via our school website.

Thank you as ever for your time this week and I hope you have a great weekend.

John Linehan

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