



ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY

Principal: Mr John Linehan



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Dear RBA Families,

As ever, there was lots going on at RBA this week, much of which - I am proud to say - aligns with our value of Community.

Firstly, I was proud to hear about the bookmarks that Lottie and Rose in year 6 have been making to raise money for The Dogs' Trust in Hitchin. They have already raised over £140 - well done girls!

On Wednesday, our year 8 sports leaders and PE ambassadors also gave back to the community by running a transition sports festival today for year 4 students from local lower schools. They all represented RBA fantastically and received fabulous feedback about how encouraging and nurturing they were with the little ones.

Later that day, it was the turn of our staff to get involved in the community spirit as we took part in our annual cricket match against staff who work on the Southill Estate. You might think that Mr Marshall getting bowled out by Harry in year 7, who was drafted in to help the adults, would have been my highlight of the match - but you would be wrong!

For me, the highlight of the match actually came from our pastoral support worker Mr Bridges, who could only play on one leg due to his calf injury (and who therefore needed a runner), coming on at the last batsman and scoring an incredible 20 runs, including the run off the last ball that won RBA the match!

It was a wonderful evening in stunning grounds and we are very grateful to the Southill Estate for the opportunity.

Whilst staff sporting heroics are all well and good, the real stars are always the students and that was the case again this week when our KS3 athletics team won the first fixture of the season against a number of local schools - we are off to a great start and excited to see how far the team can go this year.

It is also brilliant that RBA students are getting success on sports teams outside of school. That is particularly true of the Shefford Saints U12 Blacks team this season, who have 10 RBA students in their ranks, and who won their league by going 21 games unbeaten! They also have the chance to do the league and cup double by beating Watton Youth Dragons this Saturday so good luck boys!

In a slight shift in the positive tone, I would again like to make you aware that foam or liquid filled 'squishy' toys are not permitted in school. We have had a number of incidents this week where they have burst and then come into contact with skin or made a mess of the learning environment. As we do not know what is in them, and they are detracting from focus in lessons, if students have such items next week, they will be confiscated until the end of the day. I hope that you can remind children of this and support us to ensure that they do not come into school.

Finally, I could not write to you this week without giving a little mention to our year 6 students who sit their real SATs exams next week - they have worked so hard and we cannot wait to see how they get on; we are immensely proud of them regardless.



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There is a little poem and message from the year 6 team below:

Dear Year 6,

*This weekend, don't get stressed,
During SATs just do your best,
You need to remember you have been blessed,
With skills and talents that SATs can't test!*

Good luck, you have already done us proud

Make sure you have a nice, relaxing weekend, get plenty of sleep and come in ready to show off what you know on Monday morning.

Best wishes from all the year 6 team

Thank you as ever for your time this week.

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Principal



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