



# ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY

Principal: Mr John Linehan



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Dear RBA Families,

I cannot believe it is the end of another half-term already - I honestly do not know where the time has gone! It has been a truly fantastic half-term of exceptional behaviour and academic excellence. Looking back there have been so many standout moments, including the wonderful progress our Year 8s have made in their diploma work, the huge efforts made by our Year 6 students during their SATs and the exciting planning going on behind the scenes for our upcoming residential next half-term.

We have had even more reasons to be proud of our students this week. A group of talented students visited Shefford Lower School to lead a fantastic dance workshop, acting as brilliant role models for the younger children. Meanwhile, our KS3 athletics team achieved phenomenal success, with both the boys' and girls' teams winning the county round of the national competition. This means they will both be moving on to compete in the regional final next half-term, which is a magnificent achievement!

Wednesday was an incredibly vibrant day at RBA as we celebrated Culture Day across the entire curriculum. In PE, students tried their hands at Korfbal, a traditional Dutch game, and Throwball from India. Over in the Art department, there was brilliant focus on Japanese manga drawing, while our music lessons came alive with body percussion based on African drumming and Brazilian samba. Academically, students explored technology across the world in computing, ancient civilisations in history, and global biodiversity and ecosystems in science. To top it all off, the Food Technology offered students a delicious array of international cuisine, including poppadoms, plantain crisps, and pretzels.

On a different note, we have noticed a significant rise in students bringing Pokémon cards into school and trading them during social times. While we love the fact that they have shared interests and are engaging so positively with one another, we are aware that some of these cards can be worth a substantial amount of money. We kindly ask that you speak to your children about their collections to make it very clear which cards they are allowed to trade and which ones should stay safe. For now, we are happy for this hobby to continue, but if any disagreements over trades begin to arise, we will have to review that decision.

Looking ahead to our return to school, we are eagerly anticipating our upcoming sports days, which will take place on Wednesday 4th June for KS2 and Thursday 5th June for KS3. Please refer to our previous communications for the specific arrangements. We are very much looking forward to the supportive, community nature of these days and the sporting excellence that is always on display.

As the school holidays approach and the weather hopefully becomes warmer, Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service has asked us to share some vital information regarding water safety. Many young people enjoy spending time near rivers, lakes, and open water, but these environments can be incredibly dangerous, even for strong swimmers, so please speak to your children about the attached flyer and the dangers of open water.



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In a similar vein, please could I ask you to remind your children to be mindful of their own safety on their journeys to and from school, particularly if they travel by bike. We unfortunately had a nasty bike crash this week; ensuring that students are being careful and wearing the correct safety gear, such as helmets, are two vital ways they can help ensure their own safety when travelling.

On a related and deeply heart-warming note, I would like to highly commend Olivia in Year 5. She showed incredible community spirit this week by immediately alerting us when that child fell off their bike on the way to school. Because of Olivia’s quick thinking and maturity, our staff were able to get to the scene and support the student much more swiftly. Well done, Olivia, for being such a caring and responsible member of our community.

On that positive note I shall sign off for another half-term. I hope the promise of lovely weather comes to fruition over the break.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you all have a thoroughly relaxing and enjoyable half-term with your families.

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