



Dear RBA Families,

Our students are so incredibly talented that I am constantly receiving news of the fabulous things they achieve outside of school.

Last weekend was no exception, as seven RBA students took part in LAMDA exams with The Studio for Performing Arts. Between Prim, Yasmin, Izzy, Daniel, Theo, Lilliander, and Lizzy, they sat 15 exams across Speaking Verse and Prose, Acting, and Musical Theatre disciplines. They have all worked incredibly hard to prepare for these, which for some were their first solo exams and we are looking forward to hearing their results in a few weeks' time!

On Tuesday of this week, our KS3 girls' and boys' teams competed in the regional athletics finals. The students produced an exceptional performance and chalked up one of the highest points totals we have ever achieved. Although we were just shy of the threshold required to make it to the national finals, the students did an incredible job and should be very proud of their achievements.

In addition, we attended the county cricket tournament this week and, while our boys did brilliantly to win the plate part of the competition, our girls team won the whole thing and are now county cricket champions - well done girls!

We were also treated to more sporting prowess on Thursday, when our rearranged KS2 Sports Day finally took place. Fortunately, the weather held off for us and we were able to witness some truly fabulous performances. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support the event, and a huge thank you to our wonderful staff body, especially the PE team, and the PSA volunteers for giving the students such a fantastic day.

This week, we also celebrated "Thank a Teacher" week and as part of that we asked students to write an appreciation card for a member of staff—including the many other wonderful adults who work at the school as well as teachers—as a way of showing our appreciation for the care and attention our staff give to students every day.

Looking ahead to tomorrow, Miss Tipper will be running an eco-stall at the Green Fair alongside some of our Eco-Council students on Saturday, 20th June, at 2:00pm at St Michael's Church. This coincides with Shefford Fun Day and they would love to chat to some of you about the environment and sustainability if you can spare the time.

Further ahead, next week we are holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the LRC from Thursday, 18th June, until Tuesday, 23rd June. This is a wonderful opportunity to browse a wide range of books—with prices starting from £1.99—as well as a selection of stationery. Please refer to the email sent on Wednesday for further details.



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Next week also sees us recognise World Wellbeing Week in school. Our KS2 students will receive their own Wellbeing Week leaflet via our MCAS app, which includes a variety of daily activities to choose from and try out. In addition, all students will be encouraged to be mindful of their wellbeing and to complete an activity each day under the following headings:

- Monday: Take Notice
- Tuesday: Connecting
- Wednesday: Keep Learning
- Thursday: Be Active
- Friday: Giving

Lastly, we are looking forward to welcoming many of you into school next week for our hugely anticipated school production, 'Dare to Dream'. Students had a full day of rehearsals on Tuesday and will be back in school again this Saturday to ensure they put on the best performance possible.

Their first taste of performing this show to an audience will be for our new Year 4 students as part of their transition to RBA on Monday; we cannot wait to meet our new year 4s and to see our students' hard work come to life on stage next week.

As ever, lots to look forward to at RBA - I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

John Linehan

Principal



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