

# The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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## Friday 10th February 2023

How quickly the end of term has arrived! This week, we have been thinking about online safety to tie in with 'Safer Internet Day' on Tuesday 7th February. Well done to our Junior Online Safety Officers who created and delivered an assembly on ways to stay safe when online. The JOSOs are also running a competition and have asked all children to create a poster promoting internet safety. The competition closes on Wednesday 22nd February and a winner for each class!

On Tuesday, the Foxes class astounded their Sports Coach with some fantastic netball skills, resulting in a great end of term game! The football team also played incredibly well against a challenging team on Thursday - please see Miss Russos match report on the final page of the newsletter. The football league matches will continue next term, with the first match on Thursday 23rd February away at Bluecoats school in Stamford - look out for a parentmail about the team and return of kit!

We discussed attendance in our celebration assembly today and very nearly the whole school achieved 100% attendance this week! Certificates have been presented to those children with 97%+ and 100% attendance for the term and the class with the highest attendance overall - the Squirrels class - have been awarded a non-uniform day to celebrate. Mrs Jack and Mrs Morris will confirm which date this will be held towards the beginning of next term. Thank you for your support in ensuring children come to school on time, every day.

Please don't forget we have two vacancies currently on the Governing Board, for a parent and Local Authority Governor. If you are interested in one of the roles but would like more information, please do ask! We are also currently advertising for a caretaker with a closing date of Monday 20th February. Please see the school website for more information if you know someone who may be interested in the post.

Looking at the calendar, next term is already looking like it's going to be busy! I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable half term, we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 20th February, refreshed and ready to go! Have a lovely week, Mrs Martin.

Key Dates	
w/c 20th Febr	
Tues 21st	Badgers First Aid lesson
w/c 27th Febr	
Wed 1st	proposed teacher strike action
w/c 6th Mar	
Wed 8th	Bronze Young Ambassador assembly
w/c 13th Mar	
Mon 13th	Sam Rud-dock assembly
Wed 15th/Thurs 16th	Proposed teacher strike action
Fri 17th	Red Nose Day

Please remember to send children to school with a named water bottle, hat, gloves and coat!



### This week's award winners are:

#### Hedgehogs Class

This week's award goes to Naomi for being really brave at school and persevering with activities even when tired. Naomi always manages a crack smile and look on the bright side of life when the adults support her, well done Naomi-what an important life long skill you have!

#### Squirrels Class

This week's award of excellence goes to Alara for her independent art printing.

The whole of Squirrels class has been awarded the award of excellent for their brilliant team work in their Jigsaw challenge this week.

This week's handwriting award goes to Oliver for his continued effort in joining his cursive writing.

#### Foxes Class

Esther for amazing narrative writing this week and creating some very interesting characters within her plot.

Thomas for using the vocabulary of emotions within The Zones of Regulation to describe how he feels every morning.

#### Badgers Class

This week's award goes to Jack for being a coding expert in Computing this week.

Harvey has been awarded the Award of Excellence for his great piece of artwork.

Archie has been awarded his pen licence for a huge improvement in his handwriting and joining more consistently.

### PE for Term 4

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays (Fridays at Witham Hall)

Squirrels: Mondays (Fridays for Year 1 at Witham Hall)

Foxes: Tuesdays

Badgers: Mondays



Well done to Squirrels class

with 98.86% attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance this week was 97.6%

Spring Term: 95.94%



### Hedgehogs Class



This week Hedgehogs have been exploring the outside. First we looked for moss in our forest area and described its texture. Then we made snow dough in our tuff trays in our garden. We used flour, glitter and water and made quite a mess! We also used the outside to design, built and test cars on ramps.

We have started to look at odd and even numbers this week in maths and used a variety of resources such as animals, Numicon and 10 frames to help us with this concept.



### Squirrels Class



This week in Squirrels, we have been very creative, in Jigsaw we had to design and make fantasy birds working in cooperative teams. The children worked really well together. They had to cut them out themselves and we have proudly displayed them on our PSHE board in the classroom.

In art we have been exploring different printing techniques. This week we used plasticine to make a mould and then print from the impression to make a pattern. The children then mounted their work in their art sketch books.

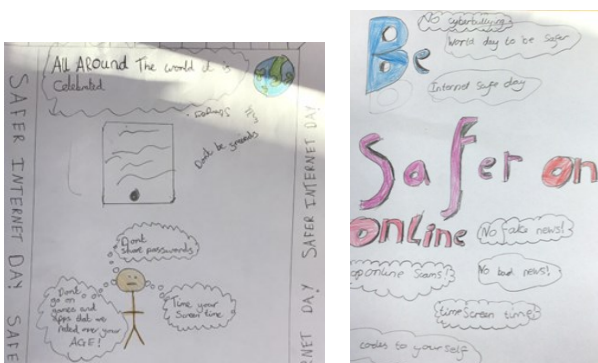


### Foxes Class

This week Foxes have been using their historical knowledge to write their own Roman myth with a purpose, setting, creating our own characters and writing about their feelings, developing the plot with a beginning, middle and end. We wrote using a range of sentence types and included direct speech.



On Tuesday it was national Internet Safety Day across 180 different countries. We designed a poster to raise awareness of this year's theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.'



### Badgers Class

In Badgers this week, we have had a focus on the creative part of the curriculum. On Wednesday, we had an Art day where our focus skill was printing. Children were given a poem as a stimulus and they created a 'poetry zine' (a visual poem) showing their interpretation of the poem. Once children moved past the idea of embracing the mistakes, they were able to produce some really great pieces of art.



On Thursday, we had a computing day. The unit we covered was coding where children learnt how to change a variable before creating a catching game using this skill. Badgers were engrossed in the games, using coding to program different sprites.



## Bythams vs St Augustines Football league match

The Bythams started the match strong: attacking persistently in the first 2 minutes but St. Augustines led a counter-attack, scoring early into the first half. With the score 1-0 to St. Augustines, Bythams came out fighting and managed to win a corner. The team created a brilliant chance as Jack crossed the ball in to Samuel who almost equalised. Six minutes in and the ball was going end to end. St. Augustines on the attack again kept our defenders Teddy, Brodie and Taylor busy and Ethan, as always, was saving shots left, right and centre! With 2 minutes before half time, the midfielders worked collectively to push up to the attacking box and have a shot where Jack just missed out on a goal. Harvey then gained a corner just before half time but, unfortunately, it led to nothing.

In the second half, Bythams started off with the first attack with Samuel, Jack and Louis passing up the pitch. Harvey then kept the ball in our attacking half by putting pressure on the opposition and tackled well. Ethan booted the ball from our defensive box up to Jack in our attacking box who skilfully moved past the two defenders and passed to Louis who powered an amazing kick at goal but missed out by inches. Eleven minutes in, St. Augustines scored another goal, 2-0. As the team came to the end of the second half, all tired from their triumphant effort, St. Augustines sneaked another goal in, the score was now 3-0 to them. With 1 minute to the end of the match, Bythams received a corner, which unfortunately just missed out on goal again. Right down to the last minute Bythams were not giving up as Jack tackled the defender and took a shot which was saved by the oppositions goalkeeper. The match ended 3-0 to St. Augustines but Bythams put up a spectacular fight. Well done to the Bythams team and a special mention for Taylor for getting player of the match for a strong defending performance. T

Thank you to all the parents who came to support.

Miss Russon, Sports Apprentice