

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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Friday 10th March 2023

And so we come to the end of another week, marking half way through this term already!

On Tuesday, we welcomed Mrs Christine Hawkes back to school to lead an assembly linked to this weeks value 'Respect'. On Wednesday, our Year 5 Bronze Young Ambassadors led an assembly with support from Inspire + linked to the Kindness Awards, which well be trying hard to earn over the remainder of this school year - more information to follow! A huge well done to Leah, Charlie, Ethan and Harvey who spent time practising their words for the assembly and spoke confidently in front of everyone. On Wednesday, we also celebrated World Maths Day, and the classes all participated in a range of maths activities throughout the day - see the class page for more information.

It has been a challenging end to the week with disruption due to the weather. I understand that, for many, it was too difficult to safely travel to school this morning but for those staff and children who made it in, although a different day, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and I saw some fantastic 'indoor' snowmen! I am also incredibly relieved to see the sunshine now, so hopefully we can look forward to a warmer, week next week!

There is proposed strike action on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th March. Teachers are not obliged to provide advanced notice of their decision to strike but as far as I am aware at this point, the school will be fully open next week. If this changes, I will endeavour to provide as much notice as possible.

On Friday 17th March, it is Red Nose Day. Children are welcome to come to school wearing something red with their uniform if they would like to, to mark the day. We will not be collecting donations to the charity in school but please go to [Donate | Comic Relief](#) if you would like to make a donation.

This term, we are inviting guests to school to talk about their job role as part of National Careers Week which falls in March. If you are interested in sharing information about your own role and your journey to your career (as well as being confident enough to share this with a group of excitable children), please do let me know! Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin

Key Dates

w/c 13th Mar

Mon 13th - Sam Rud-dock assembly

Wed 15th/Thurs 16th
Proposed teacher strike action

Thurs 16th

Year 5/6 Rugby tournament

Fri 17th

Red Nose Day - wear red

w/c 27th Mar

Thurs 30th

Final football league match against Uffington

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



PE for Term 4

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays

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

Foxes: Tuesdays

Badgers: Mondays



Well done to Squirrels class

with 95.41% attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance this week was 92.79%

Spring Term: 96.01%



This week's award winners are:

Hedgehogs Class

This week, our award goes to Jonathan for showing new confidence in speaking to the class. Jonathan joined in beautifully when retelling our Talk 4 Write story "Jack and the Beanstalk" and remember key parts. Im so proud of you Jonathan!

Isabella also received the award this week as she had a fantastic attitude to her learning and completed tasks on time straight away. Well done Isabella, you have shown great perseverance!

Squirrels Class

Maya receives the Award of Excellence for handwork and improvement in guided reading.

Orson receives the Award of Excellence for his independence in writing about the weather.

Foxes Class

Thalia receives the Y4 award this week for creating a net to measure and build a box for chocolates as part of our maths day challenges.

Enya receives the Y3 award this week for teamwork in a grammar activity to correctly group homophones and their definitions.

Badgers Class

Lydia has been awarded handwriting of the week for consistently presenting written work beautifully.

Teddy receives the Award of Excellence for his determination in P.E this week.

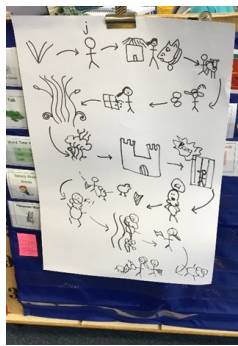
Grace receives the Award of Excellence for her perseverance in Maths this week.



Hedgehogs Class

This week, the Hedgehogs had to be very quiet in forest school as we were listening to bird song and waiting to spot some birds in our forest school area. We noticed that there are many bird boxes and are hoping that the birds choose to lay their eggs in them when the weather warms. We have been adding quantities together this week using a range of different resources such as loose parts, numicon, dice, dominoes and cubes.

We have finished our story map of Jack and the Beanstalk and the children have done so well retelling this by heart. We made our own story maps this week and next week we will begin to innovate this famous story to add our own twist.



We celebrated World Maths Day on Wednesday and enjoyed all things maths to play with applying the skills that we have learnt across the year.

Squirrels Class

World Maths Day

We had great fun on Wednesday during World Maths Day, the children went into different groups and moved around the areas of the classroom. We were looking at how maths is all around us and linking it to our current topic of Childhood and they played lots of maths games with Mrs Foster. We looked at how we need maths in everyday life and when shopping and buying toys. The children helped make our maths area into a toys shop. We will be linking the teaching of money into the provision to help secure their understanding. Mrs Kerton got their brains thinking by doing a variety of problem solving activities.



Foxes Class

Foxes class looked forward to World Maths Day on Wednesday with great excitement this week. Foxes love maths! Children explored geometry to create nets and build 3D boxes. They used weights and measure, cooking truffles to put in their decorated boxes. Children also explored statistics by collecting data in a maths investigation using smarties to discover which colours there were most and least of in their tube. They created tally charts and a bar graph to answer questions and compare the data they had collected. They also got to eat a few smarties afterwards! We learned about how maths is all around us, in everyday activities and how maths is needed in all sorts of careers.

In our spelling and grammar this week, we have been revisiting homophones (words that sound the same but have different spellings and meanings). We worked in teams to complete the challenge to group the spellings and definitions of the word.



Badgers Class

We have had another busy but great week in Badgers class. In P.E, we have continued our learning in athletics and this week we focused on learning how to do the long jump. It was great to see the children's determination grow as they worked to increase the distance they jumped. Children completed a rotation of activities, each focusing on a different aspect of the long jump.



In English this week, we entered a time machine, travelling back in time to the Victorian Era or forwards 3 decades to 2050. Children researched their chosen time period and wrote a non-chronological report about different aspects of life including travel, leisure and school life. The final pieces of writing were fantastic, children listened to the features they needed to include and to feedback on how to improve their writing.

On Wednesday, for 'World Maths Day', children worked in groups to solve different mathematical clues in an Escape Room. Children worked really well in their groups; they discussed each clue and worked them out together. Unfortunately, no team was able to escape; but all groups showed lots of perseverance, teamwork and resilience!