

# The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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*Friday 11th November 2022*

What a busy week! On Monday, we welcome Wayne Dabner to school for an assembly - he is keen to begin teaching guitar lessons again at school and I know he has a few children booked in for a taster session next week. If you are interested in your child having lessons, please contact the school office.

On Tuesday, Jackie and Pete Murray led an assembly for the children on becoming a 'Nature Reserve Expert'. They will be back in school next Tuesday to lead another assembly and take workshops with the Key Stage 2 children. Jackie and Pete live in Little Bytham and were heavily involved in the Osprey project at Rutland Water. They had an association with the school a few years ago and we are looking forward to welcoming them back and working with them more regularly.

We also held our open morning on Tuesday and welcomed several new families to look around the school. The window for applications opens next week: [Going to primary school in Lincolnshire](#).

This week, we received a sizeable donation from Little Bytham Parish Council which, together with an earlier donation from Castle Bytham Parish Council, will be used to purchase further books for our RWI phonics scheme and additional reading books for the older children in the school. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of those in our local community who have helped contribute towards these resources.

Final panto numbers will be taken next week for the trip at the end of term. Please ensure you have logged onto paperwork and completed the consent form if you would like your child to attend.

Please remember that next Friday, we will be wearing spots and/or yellow to mark Children in Need. We politely request that all donations are made via the website: <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/> - we will not be taking cash donations in school.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin.

## Key Dates

w/c 14.11.22

Fri 18th Nov

Children in Need wear spots and/or yellow.

w/c 21.11.22

Fri 26th Nov

Year 6 online safety workshop

w/c 5.12.22

Wed 7th Dec

Hedgehogs/Squirrels Nativity

w/c 12.12.22

Mon 12th Dec

KS2 carol concert

Wed 14th Dec

Panto!



## This week's award winners are:

### Hedgehogs Class

Jonathan has won the excellence award this week for using the book corner in a very mature way by reading books using story language with his friend, taking turns to listen to stories, asking appropriate questions and treating the books well, well done Jonathan!

### Squirrels Class

Riley and Bonnie have both been awarded the Excellence Award for their excellent work in maths this week.

### Foxes Class

Charles received the Award of Excellence for showing some great skills and ball control in hockey.  
Bentley received the Award of Excellence for trying so hard and showing great enthusiasm in reading, including answering questions about events in the story.

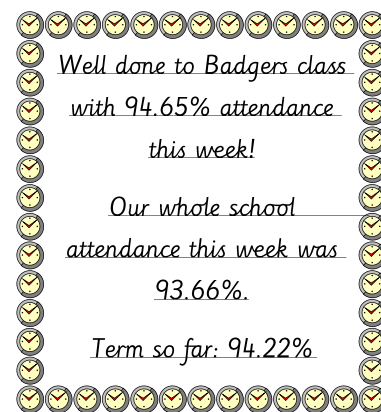
### Badgers Class

Lily-Anna has been awarded the handwriting award for consistently joining her handwriting and presenting all written work beautifully.  
Lydia has been awarded the Award of Excellence this week for her fantastic work in Maths.  
Brodie has also been awarded the Award of Excellence for her perseverance in Maths.



## PE for Term 2

**Hedgehogs:** Tuesdays  
**Squirrels:** Mondays and Fridays (Fridays at Witham Hall)  
**Foxes:** Tuesdays  
**Badgers:** Mondays



Well done to Badgers class with 94.65% attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance this week was 93.66%.

Term so far: 94.22%

## Hedgehogs Class



This week Hedgehogs have enjoyed talking about celebrations. On Wednesday afternoon we all brought in our favourite foods and shared them with each other. We spoke about when we eat special food and we also talk about food and celebra-

tions from other cultures. We enjoyed having a party and danced to music until it was home time!

We also spoke about having different interests this week in our PSHE lesson. We made a paper chain to show that we can all like different things and still be connected.

In maths we made 3 in different ways such as 3 1s, a 2 and 1 and a 3 and a 0. We love re-telling our bear hunt story and would like to perform this to you on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 2:45pm. We will film this and add to tapestry if you are unable to make it in person.



## Squirrels Class

Squirrels thoroughly enjoyed their first visit to Witham Hall. This term, we are focusing on gymnastics skills. We had to think of ways to travel on our mats and then hold different balances. We have some very inventive and flexible children in Squirrels and they performed some fabulous movements.



We are really enjoying our Moon Zoom topic, where we have asked some really unusual questions. We are currently looking at the race to the moon, and learning about Neil Armstrong.

## Foxes Class

In English this week we have been reading a variety of instructions and then writing our own demonstrating the features of instructions such as imperative verbs, adverbs and time conjunctions. In science we have had fun investigating magnetism and forces using a variety of materials.

In maths we have focussed on multiplication and division. We have drawn arrays to represent multiplications, trying hard to learn our times tables.

In PE we continued to learn more hockey skills. We learnt how to 'trap' the ball by putting the stick low to the ground and played our first hockey game!



Some of us signed up to join art and craft club this term. We are making clay tiles with our names on to hang on our bedroom doors.

## Badgers Class

This week, we began our Science unit about forces. Children planned and conducted their own investigation to find out how friction works. They used a range of different surfaces to test whether more or less friction was applied on a smooth surface compared to a rough surface when a car was rolled over the surface.



In P.E, Badgers continued learning the skills of netball and the importance of footwork and landing correctly when catching the ball.

In English this week, children planned and wrote a poem called 'Junk'. They learnt to use rhyming couplets and they used the same format and style as the given poem.