

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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This week has been busy, with lots of different things happening in each of the classes!

On Monday, we welcomed athlete Dai Greene to lead our assembly. He showed us his three different gold medals and talked about his journey to become a 400m hurdler. The children asked some fantastic questions and it was interesting to see the different sizes and shapes of the gold medals.

Unfortunately, Tuesdays workshop for our Year 2 children about Healthy Friendships had to be postponed - this has been rescheduled for later in the term. Foxes class (with some Badgers) attended their first swimming session of the term on Tuesday and our staff were so proud of the children. They behaved well and were a credit to the school - lots of tired but happy children on their return to school!

Clubs started this week and there are still some spaces available. If your child is interested in joining the singing, multi-skills or football clubs, please enquire at the school office to find out more.

On Monday, you will receive a letter about our participation in the NSPCCs stay safe assemblies which will take place at the end of this term. Children in Badgers class will also have the opportunity to participate in a workshop when we return after the half term holiday - please read the letter for further information.

Sunday 15th January is the closing date for Reception place applications for September 2023. Please ensure you have completed your preferences by this date - [Apply for a school place – Before you apply - Lincolnshire County Council](#).

Next week, the weather forecast looks set to turn colder. Please ensure children come to school with named coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Well get outside when we can but it is important the children are well prepared!

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin

Key Dates

w/c 16.1.23

Thurs 19th

1st football fixture TBC

w/c 30.1.23

Thurs 2nd Feb

Year 2 Healthy Friendships workshop

w/c 6.2.23

NSPCC Stay Safe assemblies for Year 1 upwards

Half term Mon 13th to Fri 17th Feb

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 Jonathan for his great effort with his reading this week. He is correcting his own mistakes and he comes to the adults enthusiastically with his book during reading time.

Well done, Jonathan!

Squirrels Class

Laila receives an award for her hard work and sensible attitude during her maths lessons.

Alara receives an award for her hard work and neat handwriting during her phonics lessons.

Jessica receives an award for working hard during her phonics lessons and for her beautiful letter formation.

Foxes Class

Charles receives the Award of Excellence for great concentration following instructions to build a lighthouse using Lego.

Poppi receives the Award of Excellence for remembering the meanings of new words linked to our Roman Empire topic and creating a great mind-map.

Badgers Class

Eve has been awarded the Award of Excellence for a fantastic persuasive advert in English.

Lois has been awarded the Award of Excellence for increased confidence in Maths.

Mia has been awarded the handwriter of the week award for consistently presenting written work beautifully.

PE for Term 3

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays and Fridays
(Fridays at Witham Hall)

Squirrels: Mondays

Foxes: Tuesdays

Badgers: Mondays



Well done to Hedgehogs class with 100% attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance this week was **97.58%**

Spring Term: **96.73%**



Hedgehogs Class



Hedgehogs climbed a mountain this week! We watched videos of brave men and women summiting Everest and then we spoke about what they would need with them to help them. We packed our own backpacks, got our ropes ready, dressed warmly and then headed to our forest area where we 'climbed mountains'. The children had such fun, helping each other and using their imagination.

In maths this week we have been learning all about time, talking about the days of the week, months of the year, seconds, minutes and hours!

A particularly lovely moment this week was when we were talking about our topic of winter and we heard Vivaldi's 'Winter' from the 'Four Seasons' and 'The Skaters' Waltz by Emile Waldteufel. The children could sit and listen to the music or dance in any way they liked and we had some lovely interpretive dance!



Squirrels Class

Our art topic this term is all about printing. To start the topic, we printed with our hands and feet, which tied in perfectly with our 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' theme this term! We then found examples of flowers and drew them carefully onto our body printed artwork. In English, we are learning about writing instructions. This week, our Woolly Mammoth got extremely dirty and we had to think about the steps needed to get him clean using our bossy verbs. We then acted these out with our mammoth.



Foxes Class

Foxes class were brilliant when we visited Bourne Leisure Centre for our first swimming session this week. The children listened to instructions and behaved exceptionally well. They had to jump in from the side and swim on their front and back to assess their confidence and skills in the water. The instructors put us into groups for next week.

In English this week we have been writing a biography of Boudicca, Queen of the Iceni tribe, who led an uprising against the Romans. We have used lots of new vocabulary and about this period in history in our writing.



Our maths has focussed on linking multiplication and division. We are working hard on all times tables for fast recall.

In DT we have enjoyed designing and building Roman shields and swords and following instructions to build construct. We started our Zones of Regulation curriculum. Many Foxes find construction one of their most regulating activities for mindfulness and relaxation.



Badgers Class

We have been working hard on writing persuasive adverts this week.

Badgers class were tasked with the challenge to invent a unique chocolate bar of their own. They then used features of persuasive writing to create their own persuasive adverts.

We had some interesting flavours, even Willy Wonka himself may have had some questions about some of the inventions!!

Badgers have been hooked by our topic of Darwin's Delight. This week we learnt all about plant and animal adaptations. Children were fascinated by the facts they learnt about how animals adapted to suit their environments.

In P.E, we began this term's topic of invasion games. Skills of dribbling, passing and throwing were practiced.

