

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 14th January 2022

On Monday, we had an assembly about 'World Religion Day', which will be held on Sunday 16th January. The children in Badgers and Foxes classes impressed me with their ability to identify lots of different countries' flags and religious symbols too. The children identified that although there are many different beliefs around the world, religions tend to share the same messages about being kind to others and treating people how we would hope to be treated ourselves and we have seen some tremendous examples of kindness and respect over the course of this week from children in all classes.

Parents' evenings will be held in the last week of term, again via Google Classrooms rather than appointments in school. If you need support accessing Google Classrooms, please contact the office to reset your password. Appointment times will be released w/c 24th January.

Don't forget that if you have a child due to start Reception in September 2022, please ensure that you complete your school place application by 15th January 2022

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin

Cold Weather

With the weather turning colder once again, please ensure that children come to school with a warm coat, hats, gloves and scarves.

Children should also have jogging bottoms for PE so that they keep warm.

Please ensure all items are named!

Key Dates

Term 3

Tues 4th Jan to Fri 11th Feb

w/c 10th Jan

Cosmic yoga club (R/Year 1) and Football club (Y2-Y6) sessions begin

w/c 31st Jan

SEND parents evening slots - days/times TBC

w/c 7th Feb

Parents evenings - days/times TBC

This week's award winners are:

Hedgehogs Class

Ronnie for showing resilience, determination and bravery in PE. He can now independently jump off the horse despite his fear last term

Zara for her handwriting about space, her independent reading in the classroom and her paired maths work with Ronnie.

Squirrels Class

Thomas for answering questions and writing great explanations about verbs.

Oliver Jackson for working in a team to create a wonderful friendship poster.

Foxes Class

Bentley for a huge confidence boost during the swimming session this week.

Ethan for amazing efforts in English, writing fantastic sentences and contributing these confidently!

Sam for trying so hard to join his handwriting more consistently.

Badgers Class

Alfie for working so hard in all areas of the curriculum and as a result making fantastic progress, especially in maths and writing.

Jacob for his enthusiasm in all lessons and for his wonderful writing about the journey of a red blood cell!



PE for Term 2

Hedgehogs - Thursday

Squirrels - Friday

Foxes - Wednesday

Foxes - swimming - Thursday

Badgers - Friday

Please remember to send your child into school wearing uniform and with a separate bag for kit to change at school this term!



We understand that children are sometimes ill but we are celebrating attendance each week. If your child is well enough to be here, please ensure that they are!

This week's attendance: 93%

Hedgehogs Class

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In maths this week, we have been comparing size and mass. We have used the words heavy, light, the same to describe objects and then weighed them.

We have even become human weighing scales.

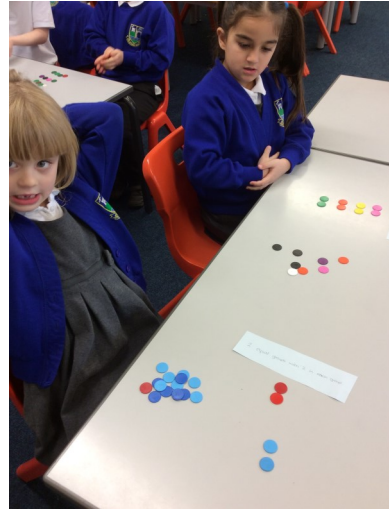
We have also explored of paint mediums, techniques and textures in art this week to create space images. We have used inks, wax crayons, water colours and salt to create pictures, then practiced our cutting



Squirrels Class

This week we have been using equipment to explore the two, five and ten times table. We have been building equal groups of numbers, making and drawing arrays. In science we have continued to investigate materials, thinking about their properties and beginning to use scientific language. Our English lessons this week have been focussed on grammar. We have thought

about sentence structure and edited written work. The class has also asked and answered questions about nouns, proper nouns and verbs. In our art lessons we have thought about primary and secondary colours and have made labelled colour wheels. We have had some wonderful discussions about how to be



Foxes Class

In Foxes class this week, we have been investigating in Science.

Our new topic is *Animals including humans* and the children learnt about the human skeletal system. The children were given the task to investigate the human femur bone and answer the question, 'does the length of the femur bone determine how far a human can jump? Children worked together to measure the length of childrens femur bones and then measure the distance of their jump. The outcome was that even if a human has a shorter femur, they can still jump a long distance.



The children have continued with their swimming sessions this week. It was amazing to see their confidence booming and all children in the water, enjoying themselves whilst learning an incredibly important skill too!

Badgers Class

As part of our 'Blood Heart' topic, Badgers Class have been learning about the circulatory system and parts of the heart. They have started to write about the journey of a red blood cell around the body, as if they are a red blood cell! I have been very impressed with what they have produced so far, with lots of fantastic descriptions about being squeezed through valves in the heart and having to pick up and carry oxygen from the lungs. I look forward to sharing their writing with parents when we have our Parents' Evenings.

In PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education) the topic is 'Dreams & Goals', so the children have been looking at different careers, how much people earn in their jobs and appreciating what contributions people make to society. In groups, they ranked jobs from most to least important, they then shared their ideas with the class and discussed the need for various jobs and what they thought about them.



Badgers also played 'Career Charades' - can you guess what is being mimed in the photo?