

# The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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## Friday 16th June 2023

Happy Friday!

Another busy week at school! This week, the year 1 children and several of our year 2 children completed their phonics screening check. The children did really well and have made an enormous amount of progress across the year. We had a monitoring visit from the Local Authority to ensure the integrity and security of the tests and thankfully, we passed this with flying colours! Well done to all involved but particularly Mrs Jack, as our Phonics Leader.

Our Year 4 children have now completed their multiplication tables check too. This is a timed activity, where the children have 6 seconds to answer multiplication questions up to and including 12 x 12. Results from all statutory assessments will be shared with end of year school reports.

On Wednesday, we had a visit from the English Hub, as we continue our journey with them as a partner school this year. This is a two year programme, which Mrs Ives and Mrs Cook will continue next year to ensure our phonics provision for the children is as strong as it can be and supports the children well with early reading. Thank you to those of you who were able to join Mrs Morris for the 'Reading for Pleasure' workshop this afternoon. We are really looking forward to the children having access to so many more texts which will hopefully fuel a love of reading!

On Thursday, Foxes class with our Young Sports Ambassadors in Badgers class, travelled to Grantham Meres Stadium to participate in the Mini-Olympics, hosted and organised by Inspire +. A huge thanks to all of the staff and pupils - it seems that they had a fantastic day and represented the school well - please see the following page for more details and photos.

Next week, the school photographer will visit on Monday and we also have our non-uniform day on Friday 23rd June, organised through FOBS. Please do support this if you can, we are grateful to FOBS for agreeing to pay for all trip transport over the course of this term, helping to reduce costs for our families.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin

### Key Dates

Mon 19th June

Class and Year 6 group photos

Fri 23rd June

Non-uniform day

w/c Mon 26th June

Mon 26th

Year 6 trip to PGL

Tues 27th

Year 5 to Casterton

Science Day

Thurs 29th

2:30pm Parent/Carer workshop on nutrition

w/c 10th July

Weds 12th

Hedgehogs trip to

Rutland Water

Thurs 13th

Y6 Leavers' performance

Fri 14th

Sports Day 1:30pm

Fri 21st July

Last day of term

### PE for Term 6

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays

Squirrels: Fridays

Foxes: Tuesdays

Badgers: Fridays at Witham Hall



**This week's award winners are:**  
This week the award goes to Jack Hawkins for trying really hard in his writing this week, using initial sounds and writing words with some adult support, well done Jack!

**Squirrels Class**  
The Year 1 award of Excellence goes to Arabella for her improved confidence and hard work during her maths lessons.

The Year 2 Award of Excellence goes to Riley for his wonderful independent writing about the trip to Great Wood Farm.

**Foxes Class**  
The Year 3 award goes to Thomas for shooting some great goals in the netball event at the mini-Olympics  
The Year 4 award goes to Magdalena for some super long jumps at the mini-Olympics

**Badgers Class**  
Dottie receives the Award of Excellence for a fantastic explanation text in English using lots of adventurous language.  
Kai receives the Award of Excellence for an improved confidence whilst performing the end of year play.



Well done to Foxes class with 97.6% attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance this week was: 95%

Year to date: 94.5%



### Hedgehogs Class

This week Hedgehogs were using their noses.....to smell all the herbs growing in our garden and allotment. We found lavender, oregano, lemon mint, rosemary and thyme. We took some cuttings some that we can smell them in the classroom and make 'magic potions'. We enjoyed making string pictures this week by dipping string in paint and printing in on paper. This week in maths we practised sharing objects equally so that it is fair. We continued to read our Story of Pirate Tom and started to make our story map. Our topic for this week was looking at transport through the ages and we sorted cards that were old and new, talking about the similarities and differences.



### Squirrels Class

In maths this week, the Pyramid group is looking at position and direction. On Thursday, they were learning about left and right. After a song and dance to the hokey cokey, they went outside to work on games using left and right. Then, they had to move around being given left and right directions. Finally, they finished their worksheets in the outside classroom. In science, we found out about summer and went on a signs of summer hunt. The children could remember the terms deciduous and evergreen and discuss how the trees had changed from when we observed them in winter and spring.



### Foxes Class



Foxes class and 8 young ambassadors from badgers class had the best time taking part in the miniOlympics at Grantham yesterday, along with many local primary schools. Thank you to parents who came along to support us. We took part in the opening ceremony and the country we represented was Ukraine.



Children made a fantastic banner and Olympic torches which they proudly carried. Among the events we took part in were the relay, mini tennis, boxercise, dance with the

Royal Opera House, netball, long jump, wheelchair races and we met some athletes for autographs.



### Badgers Class

This week Badgers have been enjoying this beautiful sunshine first and foremost! Our Young Ambassadors in both year 5 and year 6 accompanied Foxes class to the Mini Olympics in Grantham. They had a fantastic day, especially being able to take part in the wheelchair race!

This week, Badgers continued the computing programming unit using Scratch and they enjoyed the session at Witham Hall, learning how to do a long jump as well as practising the relay race.



As always, the creativity of Badgers class never ceases to amaze me! I tasked them with the challenge of creating a front cover to the program for the end of year performance. The end results were fantastic and its going to be really difficult to choose just !!!

