

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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The weather has certainly turned a little cooler and wetter this week, but the sun made a welcome return today and the children brightened things up further by wearing yellow and spots to mark Children in Need. If you have not yet made a donation to this charity but would like to, please don't send money to school but donate directly via <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>.

On Tuesday morning, we welcomed back Pete and Jackie Murray to work with the children on becoming 'nature reserve experts'. The children in Foxes and Badgers classes enjoyed their workshops and trying their hand at becoming bird spotters with the Den becoming a bird hide! Our thanks to Jackie and Pete for giving up their time to work with the children - we look forward to welcoming them back in the Spring Term for further workshops and assemblies.

Next week, the children in Year 6 will participate in an online safety workshop through the 'Stay Safe' partnership - please see the separate letter to give more information about session content. It will be the last 'normal' week in school before Christmas activities begin to appear more regularly on the timetable! Please look out for separate information with regard to Christmas class performances and planned events. We are looking forward to welcoming 'live audiences' and hope you will be able to join us. We will be finalising trip organisation for the Panto next week, so if you haven't done so already, please ensure you have logged onto Parent mail and completed the necessary consent form to enable your child/ren to attend.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin

Key Dates

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

Tues 13th Dec

Coffee morning and carols LBVH

Wed 14th Dec

Panto!

Thurs 15th Dec

Christmas lunch

Fri 16th Dec

Last day of Term 2!

This week's award winners are:

Hedgehogs Class

Sophia/Rose has joined Hedgehogs class this week and has made a wonderful addition to the class. She has settled in beautifully and behaved impeccably. What a fantastic start Sophia, well done!

Squirrels Class

Jessica receives the Award of Excellence for her superb attention in phonics and independent maths work.

Maddie receives the Award of Excellence for working really hard in maths and in her historical writing.

The handwriter award goes to Reggie for improvement in his writing.

Foxes Class

Harry receives the Award of Excellence for determination in writing instructions and using imperative (bossy) verbs

Hanna receives the Award of Excellence for an amazing watercolour painting of poppies in the fields

Badgers Class

Tess has been awarded the Award of Excellence award this week for writing a fantastic letter in English.

Charlie has been awarded the Award of Excellence award for settling back into The Bythams so well!

Eve has been awarded her pen licence for consistently joining her handwriting in all written work.



PE for Term 2

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays

Squirrels: Mondays and Fridays (Fridays at Witham Hall)

Foxes: Tuesdays

Badgers: Mondays

100%

Well done to Foxes class with 99.38% attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance this week was 93.15.

Term so far: 94.04%

Hedgehogs Class

We started our week with fire! We made a campfire in the forest area and learnt all about keeping safe when around fire. We cooked marshmallows and enjoyed smores at the end of our session.



We have been also doing lots of writing about our focus text 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and we can't wait to show you our performance on Wednesday 23rd November at 2:45pm. The individual performances will be uploaded to Tapestry so keep your eyes peeled for these!

We made sparkly pictures this week using shiny crafts and talked about reflection and what that means.



We have been practising making numbers again this week. We found ladybirds in a tuff tray in the classroom this week and have been counting their spots and making our own sums.

Squirrels Class

Both year groups have been learning about addition and subtraction in maths and we are just coming to the end of the unit so we wanted to share the manipulatives they have used and what they have been up to. Year 1 have been looking at first, then and now charts and progressing onto number sentences (within 10). They have used part whole models, number lines and tens frames with counters to support this and apply their mathematic reasoning. We have done a lot of work on fact families too.

Year 2 children have been working on larger numbers to 100. They have been learning how to subtract and add two digit numbers using place value charts and base ten. We have done a lot of work on place value and how to exchange a tens for ten ones to help add and subtract numbers which cross over a ten.



Foxes Class

In DT this week, we made a spinner toy. In science we have been learning about the forces used to make things move.

We explored different materials to improve the spinners and trial them on different surfaces to investigate if the surface affected how long they spin.



In English this week we have used our class novel, *The Iron Man* by Phillip Pulman, as a stimulus to write clear and relevant instructions to piece the iron man back together.



Last Friday in art we painted water colours of poppies in thinking about Remembrance Sunday.



Badgers Class

This week Badgers became nature experts after they completed a workshop all about how to be a nature reserve expert. They learnt about types of birds and their characteristics as well as ways to protect birds. Badgers really enjoyed their workshop and came back to class discussing all of the new facts that they had learnt.



In Science, we continued learning about forces. This week, we learnt about the force of air resistance. Badgers' challenge was to design a paper airplane that could fly the furthest distance. We discussed what made the airplanes successful and how air resistance was applied when the airplanes were launched into the air.



In R.E, we continued learning about the religion of Islam. We learnt about the five pillars of Islam and we made a fortune teller and used this to teach each other facts about each pillar.

