

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter

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Unfortunately, I have been unwell and so have missed the vast majority of 'goings on' this week. I am looking forward to returning on Monday and catching up with everyone! I have heard lots of good things about this week though - on Monday, we welcomed Mrs Christine Hawkes to school. Christine lives in Castle Bytham and got in touch with the school to advise that Castle Bytham Parish Church group will reach out to newcomers to the village, by delivering a small card with local information printed on it as well as a handwritten welcome from a parishioner. Each class was tasked with drawing a village location and a winning card from each class will be chosen to go to print for use in the community. I look forward to seeing the final results!

Today, I understand that the school is awash with colour as children have chosen to wear something red to show support for 'Red Nose Day', or by wearing yellow and blue to show support for those affected by the ongoing situation in the Ukraine. If you feel able to donate to Comic Relief or to UNICEF, please use the Just Giving links which were sent out yesterday.

This afternoon, children in Badgers class participated in a workshop linked to seat belt safety when travelling on a bus. I understand that the children had to keep a moving egg safe whilst on its travels - I look forward to hearing all about it on Monday!

Key Dates

Term 4 Monday 21st

Feb—Thurs 31st Mar

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Last day of term

Wed 20th April

First day of Term 5

Mon 2nd May

Bank Holiday Monday

Mon 9th May

Year 6 SATS week—

all Year 6 must be in school please

Mon 16th May

Young Voices

This week's award winners are:

Hedgehogs Class

Sapphire, for her improvement in her reading, phonics and for how well she plays with the other Hedgehogs.

Bonnie, for trying really hard in Read Write Inc over the last few days, to improve her handwriting and spelling.

Squirrels Class

Award of excellence for Riley for a well thought out cat fact file.

Award of excellence for Bella for editing sentences to make sure they make sense.

Handwriting award to Orin Walker for concentrating on his letter formation and thinking about the size of his handwriting.

Foxes Class

Harvey has been awarded the Award of Excellence this week for his fantastic contributions to our class debate.

Bobby has been awarded the Award of Excellence award for being an all-rounded fantastic member of the Bythams' family.

Kensi has been awarded the handwriting award this week for being so committed to joining her handwriting consistently.

Badgers Class

The Awards of Excellence for their dedication in maths— working on challenging reasoning questions— Jacob, Sam and Jack M.

Handwriter of the Week is Archie R for amazing progress!



PE for Term 4

Hedgehogs - Thursday

Squirrels - Friday

Foxes— Outdoor learning

Wednesday

Foxes— swimming—

Thursday

Badgers - Friday



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:

92.5%

Hedgehogs Class

In Hedgehogs this week, we have loved maths and activities about numbers. Games are a great, fun way to think about counting and subitising.

We have also been outside playing number games and sequencing numbers now the weather is getting better.



On Friday, we had a dental hygienist visit. We have loved learning about our teeth, how to look after them and what we should eat to keep healthy.

Squirrels Class

Earlier this week Poppy brought in her certificates and talked to the class about her gymnastics lessons.

On Monday, Christine came into the school and helped the children design a picture to go into a booklet welcoming new people into the village.

In Maths we have started our topic on fractions, thinking about equal and unequal parts of the whole.

We have been getting ready for Friday. Painting our hands in the colours of the Ukrainian flag to show our support and discussing the importance of red nose day.



Foxes Class

We have had a great week in Foxes class this week. We begun working on a new type of writing in English; balanced arguments. We linked this to our current topic of Blue Abyss where children discussed and researched the positives and negatives of tourism at The Great Barrier Reef. We then used this information to debate whether tourists should be allowed to visit the Great Barrier Reef. Children felt quite strongly that tourists were having a negative impact on the Reef, because they thought they



were contributing to an increase in pollution, including plastic pollution and overfishing.

However the overall conclusion was that as long as humans looked after it then they should be allowed to visit. Children debated the topic maturely and sensibly.

In outdoor learning this week, children developed their understanding of maps, ready for orienteering later this term.



Badgers Class

In Badgers Class this week, we have had a fascinating look at the lives of the Ancient Mayans. Having learnt so many interesting facts through our research, next week we will be writing this into a non-chronological report.

In addition, Badgers have been presenting their work on life in Mexican schools and comparing this to our lives in the United Kingdom. We found that many things are the same, however we do not sing the national anthem in the morning and then expected to work in the fields in the afternoon, as some children in rural Mexico do!

Today is Red Nose Day, but we are also thinking about the children in Ukraine. We have come to school wearing red to celebrate Red Nose Day or yellow and blue – the colours of the Ukrainian flag.

