

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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It has been lovely to see the sunshine this week - hopefully, the warm weather will continue into the forthcoming half term break!

This week, the children in Year 2 have begun their SATs assessments - they have worked incredibly hard and are really showing off all they have learnt this year, well done to everyone!

On Tuesday, we welcomed Jonathan Broom-Edwards to assembly. He led a workshop based on positive body-language and the children all had fun pretending to be happy, sad, angry and proud superheroes. Our thanks to Inspire+ for organising this event.



Next week is the final week of this term and we are looking forward to lots of exciting events in Term 6, such as class assemblies and leavers' productions as well as sports day. Dates for all of these activities will be released as soon as possible once confirmation of venues have come through. On 29th June, we will welcome Olympic swimmer Sophie Devenish (Sophie Devenish - Inspire+ (inspireplus.org.uk) who will be coming into school to deliver a nutrition workshop to the children. She then hopes to speak to parents/carers too and so we ask you to join us in school at 2:30pm in the hall on this day.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin

Key Dates

Fri 26th May
Last day of term

Mon 5th June
T6 begins

Monday 19th June
Class and Year 6 group photos

Thurs 29th June
2:30pm Parent/Carer workshop on nutrition and health with Olympian Sophie Devenish

Please ensure children have water bottles in school.



This week's award winners are:

Hedgehogs Class

This week the award goes to Jack R for developing his confidence with PE and joining in for the whole session. Well done Jack!

Squirrels Class

Rama receives the Award of Excellence for his hard work in reading. Due to his hard work and perseverance, he is making fabulous progress.

In year 2, all the Squirrels children receive the Award of Excellence for their resilience and fabulous attitude in their SATs this week. We are extremely proud of you all.

Foxes Class

Thomas has been awarded the Year 3 Award of Excellence for his excellent problem solving in maths involving time.

Esther has been awarded the Year 4 Award of Excellence for the super opening to her informal letter from the Stone Age.

Zuzanna has been awarded the Handwriting Award for carefully joined handwriting, showing correct letter formation, joining and neat presentation.

Badgers Class

Charlie has been awarded the Award of Excellence for working hard in Maths to solve problems related to volume and capacity

PE for Term 5

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays

Squirrels: Mondays

Foxes: Tuesdays (Fridays at Witham Hall)

Badgers: Mondays



Well done to Foxes class with **98.82%** attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance this week was: **94.59%**

Year to date: **94.3%**



Hedgehogs Class



This week Hedgehogs turned into pirates! We created treasure maps and made eye patches. We looked for treasure in the forest school - it was so much fun!

In maths this week we have been starting to add objects and add using a number line. We have been practising counting accurately and recognising numerals to 20.

We were greeted with a surprise on Tuesday morning and found that Handa had left some fruit from her basket-she left a spiky-leaved pineapple, a soft, yellow, banana, a ripe red mango, and tangy round orange and a tangerine! We used pastels to create a still life picture and did some pastel rubbings.



In our outdoor area this week we made things that moved out of duplo, lego and junk modelling and tested them outside to see which one would be the best. We then tried to improve our models and tested them again.



Squirrels Class



Squirrels class have been learning all about relationships in their PSHE lessons this term. We use a scheme called JIGSAW and in this we have several characters which are part of our lessons: Jenie Friend, Jack Friend, Jerrie cat and Jo Friend. Each school year children meet a new friend.

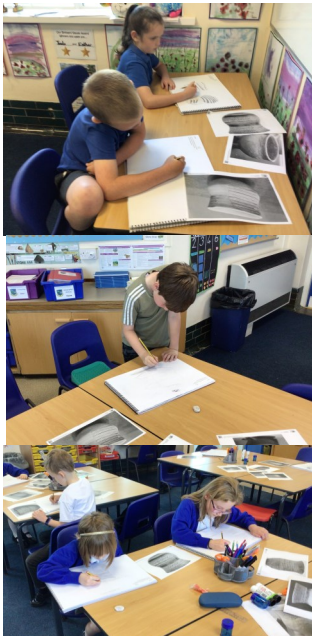
Every Jigsaw lesson includes mindfulness practise. Mindfulness is being able to observe your own thoughts and feelings as they happen, in the present moment, applying no judgement. This helps to develop their awareness, and their capacity to be mindful human beings. Learning is thus enhanced as emotions and behaviour are self-regulated. I challenge you to find a pause this week with your child and practise this skills.



This week we looked at recognising and appreciating people who can help me in our family, our school and our community and placed these people in our Circle of Trust.



Foxes Class



We have had a lovely week in Foxes this week. The children have continued their topic of life through the ages. This week they have been focusing on the Neolithic period. They have investigated how people lived and what tools they made and used for farming or to hunt with. The children have also looked closely at a style of pottery linked to this period, called Bell Beaker pottery and in art the children have used their observational skills to sketch some of the patterns used and have had a go at producing their own pottery in the style of Bell Beaker.

The children have also had a great time during P.E. practising their athletic skills ready for sports day at the end of the term.



Badgers Class

Weve had a lovely week in Badgers class this week. Now that SATs have finished, in Maths, we have been using a range of skills to work on Mathematical projects. This weeks focus was a bakery. Children had to work together to work through a number of challenges; one was to create a list of ingredients, finding the shop that offered ingredients for the best value for money. It was slightly concerning that one group spent a total of £123 for a handful of cupcakes!!



As part of our Science topic; living things and their habitats, we have some class pets. Introducing Chicken Nugget, Bob, Jeff, Brianna and Captain; our class caterpillars. We have watched them grow from a caterpillar into their chrysalis, soon to become butterflies. Children researched caterpillars to find out more about them and created some fantastic and informative posters!