

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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Another busy week and already now half way through this term!

On Tuesday, we welcomed Mrs Christine Hawkes into school to deliver an assembly for the children, using a Bible story linked to our value of Friendship. This seemed quite timely, as unfortunately this term, we have seen an increase in the number of children breaching our behaviour policy. Please take time to talk to your child about expected behaviours at school and our 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' rules. Accidents happen and we all make the wrong choice at times, however deliberately hurting or being unkind to others is not acceptable. As a parent, I can appreciate how frustrating and upsetting it can be if your child has been on the receiving end of this type of behaviour but as a school staff we work hard to resolve any incidents quickly and in line with our policies which are applied fairly to all and link to national guidance. Please remember to speak to staff courteously, without raised tones or swearing. Our behaviour policy and parental code of conduct can be found on our school website [Our Policies at The Bythams Primary School \(bythams-school.co.uk\)](http://Our Policies at The Bythams Primary School (bythams-school.co.uk)). Hopefully, we see a speedy return to the behaviours we expect to see at The Bythams and we appreciate your continuing support with this issue.

Unfortunately, our football match had to be cancelled yesterday due to the weather - hopefully, next weeks match will go ahead as planned. An email will shortly be sent out to the team to confirm details - I look forward to watching the match!

Over the last week, the children have worked with the School Councillors to discuss a range of different fundraising ideas for school. They have come up with some fantastic ideas and well look to try some of them out over the coming terms - starting with another Break the Rules day before the end of term! FOBS will soon be holding their AGM (via Zoom) and you will receive details of this next week. Please do attend the meeting if you are able to.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin

Key Dates

w/c 23.1.23

Thurs 19th

Y5/6 football team
home match

w/c 30.1.23

Thurs 2nd Feb

Year 2 Healthy Friend-
ships workshop

w/c 6.2.23

NSPCC Stay Safe as-
semblies for Year 1
upwards

Half term Mon 13th
to Fri 17th Feb

Please remember to
send children to school
with a named water
bottle, hat, gloves and
coat!

This week's award winners are:

Hedgehogs Class

Sophia has received the Award of Excellence for having the confidence to share her ideas with her friends and trying hard with her school work.

Victoria has received the Award of Excellence for super work in phonics, being ready to learn and always trying her best.

Squirrels Class

Mason has been awarded the Award of Excellence for his fabulous attitude to learning, being engaged and contributing in lessons.

Arabella has been awarded the Award of Excellence for her engagement in lessons, particularly in science.

Foxes Class

Aaron and Charles for paired work in computing to create a project with more than 3 different, moving sprites.

Bentley for using his phonological knowledge to read and spell base words then adding suffixes.

Badgers Class

Leah has been awarded the Award of Excellence for her perseverance in Maths.

Tilly has been awarded the Award of Excellence for writing a fantastic persuasive letter in English.

PE for Term 3

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays and Fridays
(Fridays at Witham Hall)

Squirrels: Mondays

Foxes: Tuesdays

Badgers: Mondays



Well done to Squirrels class
with 99.09% attendance
this week!
Our whole school
attendance this week was
95.79%
Spring Term: 97.01%

Hedgehogs Class

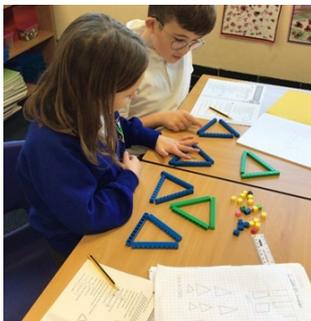
This week, Hedgehogs went on a bug hunt in the windy weather. We didn't stay too long in our forest area as it was very cold and windy but before we went we found some bugs keeping warm under the logs. We set up a tuff tray overnight with water and wintery animals and the next morning we discovered they had been trapped as the water had turned to ice. We quickly went about rescuing the animals, smashing through the ice with tools from our construction area. We continued our lessons on the zones of regulation this week and listened to a story called 'The Way I Feel' and discussed what zoned the feelings were in. We then added these to our class display.

This week in maths, we have been practising our counting and subitising skills (looking at a small amount of objects and saying the number without counting) and using 5 and 10 frames to help us with this.

Foxes Class

This week Foxes class have used a model text to uplevel and improve their biography of Boudicca, Queen of the Iceni tribe. We also enjoyed reading about her life in our class novel 'Down with the Romans'. In history, we turned the classroom into a museum featuring historical photographs of a variety of interesting Roman artefacts. Children worked in pairs to compose 5 questions to explore through our learning to find out more about what objects were used for and how Roman inventions have impacted life in Britain today.

In maths, we are drawing towards the end of our block of learning on multiplication and division. We have used everyday objects and concrete apparatus in our investigations and to help show our reasoning and thinking for problem solving involving remainders within division.



Squirrels Class

In maths this week, year 1 have started to investigate weight and mass. We have enjoyed practical lessons, weighing objects and deciding which is heavier and lighter.



In science, we are looking at everyday materials this term. Last week, we build the perfect house for the 3 pigs using brick and decided paper houses were the worst. Today, we had to make the most protective, comfortable coat for Humpty Dumpty. The winner was a rubber coat.



Badgers Class

This week in Badgers class, we used the skills we learnt in English last week to write a different text type of the same genre: to persuade. Children were incredibly passionate about The Bythams school homework policy so they wrote a persuasive letter to try and persuade Mrs Martin to reconsider some aspects of the policy.

In P.E this week some of Badgers class showed off their skills to Mr Dutton during football try outs. They really impressed! The remainder of the class then worked on football skills of defending. Children worked really well to defend the ball.

