

# The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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## Friday 21st April 2023

Welcome back to the Summer Terms! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Easter break. The children have certainly returned energised and ready to learn this term and are particularly enjoying having morning break times all together - finally back on the school field!

This week, we welcomed Mrs Tabby Goddard back to school. She will be working alongside Miss Paparozzi in the Badgers classroom over the course of this term. She is happy to be back in school and has enjoyed working with the children in Year 5 this week.

The children have all begun new topics so please look out for this terms class newsletters which will be sent out to you shortly as well as being uploaded onto the website.

This is a busy term as we now move into the window for statutory assessments - Year 2 and Year 6 SATs will be taking place within the next few weeks - Miss Paparozzi, Mrs Jack and Mrs Morris will provide you with information about the format of these assessments. It is a busy time in school but there continues to be many things to look forward to including the Kings Coronation family picnic during the afternoon of Friday 5th May. You will receive further information about this next week. The children have started to learn some 'Coronation' songs this week and we were in agreement that singing the National Anthem is going to take a little getting used to when we have been so used to singing 'God save our gracious Queen' for so long.

Attendance figures continue to be on the up and many children will have received high attendance certificates at the end of last term. Next week, you will receive your child's attendance report for the academic year to date. A huge well done to Badgers class who achieved just over 97% attendance for last term and so have once again won an additional non-uniform day as a reward. Miss Paparozzi will make you aware of the date for this in due course.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin.

### Key Dates

Mon 1st May

Bank Holiday, school closed

Fri 5th May

Kings Coronation events

Mon 8th May

Bank Holiday, school closed

Tues 9th-Fri 12th May

Y6 SATs

Thursday 4th May—

Hedgehogs class assembly, 9am

Please ensure children have water bottles in school.



### This week's award winners are:

#### Hedgehogs Class

Eliot has won the excellence award this week for blowing Mrs Shaw away with his amazing maths knowledge during play. Eliot is applying maths learnt in lessons such as counting, sharing and doubling to his play in many contexts. Well done Eliot!

#### Squirrels Class

Jessica receives the Award of Excellence for her fantastic reading, she reads so beautifully!  
Oliver J receives the Award of Excellence for being determined and not giving up during his maths lessons.  
Oliver P received the Handwriter of the Week for his beautiful handwriting during our English lessons.

#### Foxes Class

The year 3 award goes to Enya for an informative illustration of stone age times  
The year 4 award goes to Thalia for some great answers in maths converting fractions to decimals

#### Badgers Class

Harvey has been awarded the Award of Excellence this week for his fantastic skills shown during P.E this week.  
Peter has also been awarded the Award of Excellence for his hard work in Maths.

### PE for Term 5

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays

Squirrels: Mondays

Foxes: Tuesdays (Fridays at Witham Hall)

Badgers: Mondays



Well done to Hedgehogs class with 98.6% attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance this week was 97%

Year to date: 94.5%



### Hedgehogs Class

Our caterpillars have now turned into chrysalis which has excited the children. We cannot wait for them to turn into butterflies and release them in our garden area. This week in maths we have been building on previous knowledge and investigating and making numbers 10 and above using numicon and counters. We are making sure we say 'teen' instead of 'ty' for numbers such as thir'teen' etc so we do not get confused.

In English this week we have practised memorising and saying poems, and we also recapped our retelling of 'Jack in the Beanstalk'.

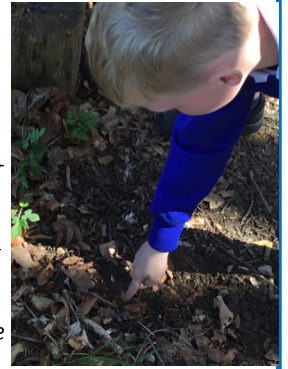
We have started our new topic 'Around the world' and focused on countries and landmarks in Europe. We also have a fascinating talk from Eliot's mum all about Hong Kong and Singapore. If you would like to come in this term to talk about any countries you have lived in all have family connections, please contact the office-we would love to have as many parents in as possible.

We loved our PE lesson this week practising skills for mini-Olympics such as running, throwing, catching and aiming balls and bean bags.



### Squirrels Class

Our topic this term is Wriggle and Crawl. In science, we are learning about living things and their habitats. This week, we investigated microhabitats. We went on a minibeast hunt around our school, looking at minibeasts micro-



habitats. We searched

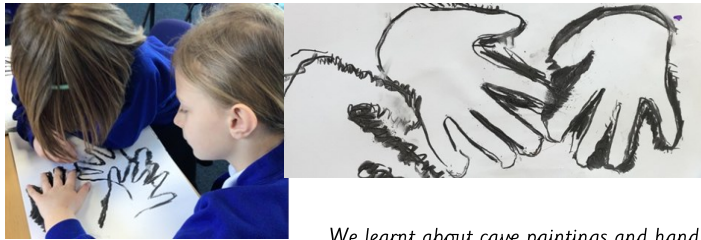
under rocks and logs, looked in the compost bin and pond. We were amazed by the amount of creatures

we found. These included slugs, snails, millipedes, beetles and ant eggs.



### Foxes Class

This week we began our topic about prehistoric life. We found out about the earliest Palaeolithic times where people had to move around and were hunters and gatherers.

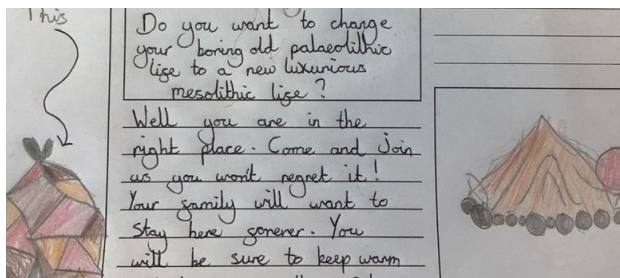


We learnt about cave paintings and hand drawings.

### Badgers Class

This week we have been working hard to develop an understanding of angles. This was new learning for year 5 and they have shown a really great understanding, using protractors to measure angles in different shapes. Year 6 have also persevered and shown great determination in lessons this week where we tackled some challenging questions finding angles in triangles. Polygons and quadrilaterals.

We were able to enjoy the sunshine in P.E this week where we went outside and began our topic of rounders. The first lesson focused on striking and fielding and by the end of the lesson, Badgers were able to throw and catch with greater accuracy.



In English we wrote some persuasive writing for living in a stone age village. We learnt about the jobs people do, what they would eat, the tools they made, jewellery worn and the benefits of the neolithic period. In history, we used skills of evidence and interpretation to suggest what the artefacts that have been found by archaeologists may tell us about these times.

