

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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Friday 21st October 2022

We have all enjoyed our final week of term - our Harvest assembly was lovely on Wednesday, with each class performing poems, harvest themed nursery rhymes and we finished with a harvest rap! Many thanks for the generous donations which were brought into school and will be taken to Stamford food bank.

Thank you to those parents who attended parents' evening this week, whether remotely or in person. I know the teachers have enjoyed speaking with you about how well the children have settled this year and the progress made so far this term. Our next parents' evenings will be held late in the Spring term but if you have anything you wish to discuss in the meantime, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. If your child has SEND, a review meeting will be held to discuss progress against targets and next steps towards the end of next term.

We have been holding our school council meetings slightly differently this term, with whole school meetings during assembly. One of the questions we discussed this term was about clubs which the children would like to be able to access after school. The children had lots of fantastic ideas and several of their suggested clubs will now run next term. We'll continue to refer to their list throughout the year so hopefully the club options reflect their preferences.

Well done to all of our attendance award winners today! It is wonderful to have had so many children receive a 100% attendance certificate for this term and so many children with excellent attendance of 97% and above. The class with the highest attendance for the term was Hedgehogs and they will be rewarded with a non-uniform day next term to celebrate (date to be confirmed!).

Have a great weekend and a lovely half term - see you on **Monday 31st October**; Mrs Martin

Key Dates

Term ends Friday
21st October

Term 2 begins
Mon 31st Oct

w/c 7.11.22

Tues 8th Nov

Open morning 9:30am
- 11:30am

w/c 21.11.22

Fri 26th Nov

Year 6 online safety
workshop

w/c 5.12.22

Wed 7th Dec

Hedgehogs/Squirrels
Nativity



This week's award winners are:

Hedgehogs Class

Eliot has won the excellence award this week for his wonderful performance during our Harvest festival assembly. Eliot sung beautifully and showed courage as he performed alongside Hedgehogs and Squirrels in front of the rest of the school.

Squirrels Class

Reggie receives the award of excellence for his improvement in reading this term. He is much more confident and fluent.

Arabella receives the award of excellence for her matchbox writing. It was well thought through and very informative.

Oliver J receives the handwriter award. Oliver took his time to really try hard to form all his letters correctly when writing his matchbox descriptive writing.

Foxes Class

Eddie for concentrating hard in maths to recall number facts.

Thalia for enthusiasm in reading and applying her knowledge of blending to read unfamiliar words independently.

Badgers Class

Yuan has been awarded the Award of Excellence for his perseverance in Maths.

Lois has been awarded the Award of Excellence for showing great determination in Maths

Grace has been awarded the handwriting award for joining her handwriting more consistently.



PE for Term 2

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays

Squirrels: Mondays and Fridays (Fridays at Witham Hall)

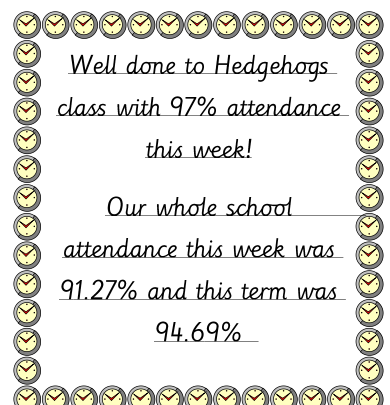
Foxes: Tuesdays

Badgers: Mondays



Well done to Hedgehogs class with 97% attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance this week was 91.27% and this term was 94.69%

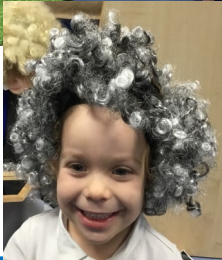


Hedgehogs Class



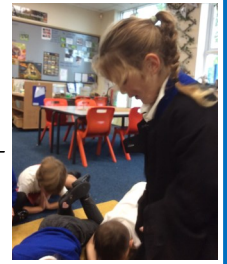
This week Hedgehogs were visited by fairies who left them a note asking for help to rebuild their houses as they had been blown down in the wind. The children set to work immediately planning then rebuilding these in our forest area. We then went pumpkin picking in the allotment. Hedgehogs also

took a keen interest in our hairdresser's box this week, styling each others hair. The children also loved their number hunt this week, searching for numerals 1, 2 and 3 and matching these with their numicon shape.

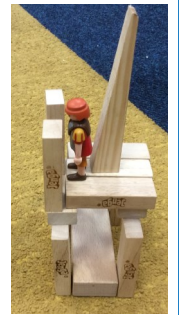


Squirrels Class

Our RE focus this term has been the religion of Islam. Over the term we have learnt lots of facts and meaningful stories about the prophets. This week, we learnt about Bilal the slave who would not be quiet. We told the story and acted it out together. Then, we talked about what Bilal would call from the top of the minaret. We built our own minarets with Bilal on the top and practised our call again. Finally, we drew this in our books and wrote in speech bubbles.



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Foxes Class



This week we learned and recited two poems from memory in our school Harvest Festival assembly and Enya made some fantastic harvest bread at home.

In maths foxes have continued to use the column method for addition and subtraction. We have been thinking hard about how we can apply our knowledge to help us solve number problems.

In RE we have been learning about Hinduism and some of the symbols, artefacts and deities of the religion.

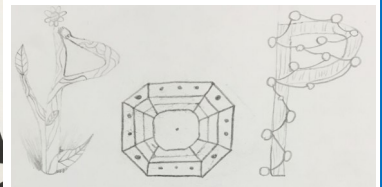
We continue to enjoy our weekly clarinet lessons. We can now assemble our instruments and use the correct fingering to play two notes. We have been playing in time to music, keeping to the beat and rhythm.



Badgers Class

We have had a great week in Badgers class this week. Children performed a Harvest festival rap in assembly, which they performed with great enthusiasm and dare I say it...attitude!

We began our Art unit this week where children used paper cuttings to create typography letters. They then used various objects as a stimulus (nuts and bolts, twigs and foliage), using their imagination to sketch different words.



In P.E this week, Badgers completed their Outdoor Adventures unit by learning how to orienteer. Some children had never done this before and by the end of the lesson they were all able to follow a map of the playground to find answers to given calculations. Children worked really well in their pairs to support one another and solve the problems together!

I would like to wish you all a fantastic half term and thank you all for your hard work this term! Well done Badgers!

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