

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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The sun continues to shine and I know the children have had a fantastic week at school!

We welcomed the school photographer on Monday to take class photos and we also started our whole school writing theme, thinking about transition from one year group to the next with each class creating a leaflet or information text to share with top tips for moving between classes! My thanks to Miss Paparozzi for organising and overseeing this activity.

We also had our FOBS non-uniform day today, many thanks to those who were able to make a donation to FOBS. There are going to be a number of other FOBS events before the end of term, including another non-uniform day, a refreshments stand at our sports day and also, hopefully, a summer disco. Please do contact Sam Bone, the Chairperson, if you are able to volunteer at any of the events - I know the team would be grateful of any offers of help. Email FOBS.chair@outlook.com.

I know that the Castle Bytham festival is on this weekend and there looks to be lots to get involved with - please do support if you can. See [Castle Bytham Midsummer Festival - Official Website](#) for more information.

Next week is a very busy week in school with Year 6 heading for a day trip to PGL on Monday, Year 5 spending the day at Casterton College on Tuesday for a Science Day and then Sophie Devenish (Olympic swimmer!) joining us for a workshop on nutrition next Thursday. Please do join us for the parent/carer session which will begin at 2:30pm in the hall.

Mrs Cook, the Executive Headteacher from September, will be in school on Friday and is looking forward to meeting many of you at the beginning of the school day when we open the gate. Please do say, 'Hello! We are then into Year 6 transition time, with our Bourne Academy pupils spending the day at their new school next Friday before many of our other Year 6 pupils enjoying transition opportunities the following week.

As warm weather is forecast for next week, please continue to ensure that children come to school with a named hat and water bottle each day and that sun cream is applied in the morning, with a bottle for re-application at lunch time.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin

Key Dates
 w/c Mon 26th June
 Mon 26th
 Year 6 trip to PGL
 Tues 27th
 Year 5 to Casterton
 Science Day
 Thurs 29th
 2:30pm Parent/Carer
 workshop on nutrition
 w/c 10th July
 Weds 12th
 Hedgehogs trip to
 Rutland Water
 Thurs 13th
 Y6 Leavers' performance
 Fri 14th
 Sports Day 1:30pm
 w/c 17th July
 Thurs 20th
 FOBS nonuniform day
 Fri 21st July
 Last day of term



PE for Term 6

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays

Squirrels: Fridays

Foxes: Tuesdays

Badgers: Fridays at Witham Hall

This week's award winners are:

This week the award goes to Daisy for an amazing effort and attitude towards her independent writing. She is keen to use her sounds in her writing and writes more than a page! Well done, Daisy!

Squirrels Class

The Year 1 award of Excellence goes to Jessica for her thoughtful and empathetic responses during our 'no outsiders' discussion.

The Year 2 Award of Excellence goes to Lilly for her recall of facts during history and enthusiasm to learn.

Foxes Class

The Year 3 award goes to Hannah for some great persuasive writing and reading aloud her work to the class.

The Year 4 award goes to Bentley for his independent writing and improved sentences.

Badgers Class

Delilah receives the Award of Excellence for settling into life at The Bythams so well.

Louie and Jack have received the Award of Excellence for being so kind to the younger children at lunch



Well done to Hedgehogs class with 98.77% attendance this week!
 Our whole school attendance this week was: 96.8%
 Year to date: 94.75%

Hedgehogs Class

This week Hedgehogs have been very busy. We started the week investigating shadows and drawing around our own in the playground. We had a fantastic PE lesson this week all about pirates which involved us stealing 'treasure' from other pirates in a co-operative game.

We also learnt about triggers in our zones lesson-we have been learning that these triggers may push our behaviour into a different zone and cause unexpected behaviour. We learnt how to spot these early on and what to do to help us.

Our maths this week has been continuing to share objects into equal groups and we have been recapping odd and even numbers. We put loose parts in pair-wise patterns and noticed any that had no pair...these were the odd amounts.

We have been doing some great writing this week, this time writing about Jack and the Beanstalk and Handa's Surprise. We have been practising our retrieval skills but thinking about all of our talk for write stories this year. We have been remembering to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Our history focus this week was about old and new toys and looking at similarities and differences between the two.



Squirrels Class



Our topic in Squirrels this term is levers and sliders. The children are going to make a 'moving book' for the Hedgehogs class by the end of term. They have taken time to investigate other books with levers and pulleys in and evaluated what was good about them. This week, they took a trip to Hedgehogs to discuss which nursery rhyme they should make the book about. They used their information about tally charts to register votes. They have chose 'Little Bo Peep'. Next week, they will plan their moving parts and make prototypes.

In computing, we are using Scratch Jr to learn how to programme. All the children are becoming a whizz at this and so enjoy their lessons.



Foxes Class

In science this week, we did an experiment to find out how plants transport water. We learned that their stems contain many tiny, thin tubes called xylem that suck up the water to the petals and leaves.



In art we produced sketches of predatory birds in flight.

We drew owls, kingfishers and kestrels, looking at their form, shape and pattern of their feathers.



Badgers Class



Badgers class enjoyed their treat in the glorious sunshine to cool them down!



This week, Badgers continued with the programming unit in Computing. This week's focus was to modify a given code to change the sprites and instructions in a game. They are super at understanding coding as well as showing an understanding of decoding the code if they make a mistake.

In English, we launched the final whole school unit. This term's focus was on transition and each class created an informative piece of writing about their year group for the year below.