

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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Its been another busy week at school! On Tuesday, we welcomed Christine Hawkes to the school for an assembly linked to our value of 'Friendship'. The children enjoyed acting out parts of 'The Good Samaritan story' and we shall welcome Christine back for another assembly next term.

We also voted for our school council members this week: we will be adopting more of a whole school approach to this by having meetings during assembly times. Well done to Kai, Dottie, Riley, Zara, Enya and Poppi who will be representing the classes.

Like many other schools, as well as the County Council and other areas across the East Midlands, we have been hit by internet issues which began on Tuesday afternoon; frustratingly, as I write, the problem has not been resolved but we thank you for bearing with us whilst we are experiencing issues. Hopefully, we will return to school on Monday to a normal service - we will keep you updated but request in the meantime to continue to make contact with school via telephone wherever possible, as we cannot guarantee access to our email system.

Next Friday, we will hold our Macmillan Coffee Morning in the hall. Please drop by between 9:15am and 11am. Cake donations can be left in school ready for the event, or brought in on the day. Tea and coffee will be available to purchase too with all donations going to Macmillan. Please note, the event is a local community event, rather than the children being directly involved. Some of our older children may be called to help on the cake stalls but otherwise the children will remain in the classes. If we have any cakes leftover for purchase, they will have an opportunity to purchase these at the end of the school day - so please do send your child in with a donation, if you feel able to support this cause.

Have a good weekend, Mrs Martin.

Key Dates
 w/c 30.9.22
Fri 30th
 Macmillan Coffee Morning 9:15-11am
 w/c 3.10.22
Fri 7th
 Share a story time
 2:30pm - all classes
 w/c 10.10.22
Tues 11th
 Parents' Evening
Wed 12th
 Flu immunisations R-
 Y6
 w/c 17.10.22
Wed 15th Oct
 Parents' Evening
Term ends Friday
21st October



This week's award winners are:

Hedgehogs Class

The Award for Excellence goes to Jack H for retelling the beginning of our focus story 'Owl Babies' to the whole class confidently and with enthusiasm.

Squirrels Class

The Award of Excellence for Year 1 goes to Zara for displaying fantastic qualities of an amazing friend. The Award of Excellence for Year 2 does to Maya for her hard work and improvement in maths.

Foxes Class

The Award of Excellence for Year 3 goes to Hanna for some amazing informative writing, using imagination, description and noun phrases.

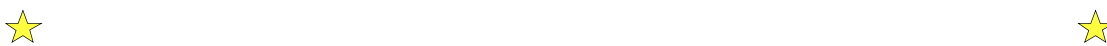
The Award of Excellence for Year 4 goes to Sam for writing and presenting his report on a volcanic eruption with confidence and enthusiasm.

Badgers Class

Brodie has been awarded her pen licence this week for consistently joining her handwriting and presenting written work beautifully.

Teddy has been awarded the Award of Excellence for Year 5 for working hard in Maths and moving onto challenge questions.

Grace has been awarded the Award of Excellence for Year 6 this week for her perseverance and determination shown in Maths.



PE for Term 1
 Hedgehogs: Tuesdays
 Squirrels: Mondays
 Foxes: Tuesdays
 Badgers: Monday and Friday
 (Friday is at Witham Hall)

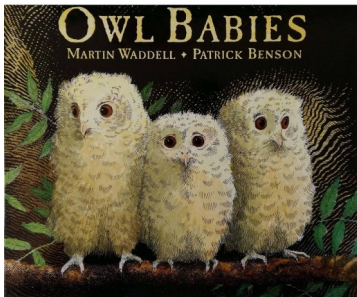


Well done to Hedgehogs and Foxes class both with 97.22% attendance this week!
 Our whole school attendance this week was 93%



Hedgehogs Class

This week Hedgehogs have started their story map on the 'Owl Babies' and practised retelling to their classmates. We have really worked hard on our expression and thinking about how the owl babies felt when their mother left them. In art we had fun printing with apples, talking about halves and quarters. In maths we continue our focus on same, different and odd one out, this time working with amounts and placing them on 5 frames. We have worked really hard learning lots of new sounds during our phonics sessions and we are now working on blending these sounds together to read words.



Squirrels Class

Squirrels have been learning all about what deciduous and evergreen trees are. We have been investigating the trees in our



school and mini spinney. Then we sorted pictures and actual leaves. We have chosen both a deciduous and evergreen tree to monitor this year,

and we will take a photo each month to see how it changes over the seasons. In geography, we have started to create maps including physical and geographical features. Our next step is to include a key on our maps.



Foxes Class

In English this week, we have continued the theme of writing to inform by researching, planning and writing a report on the eruption of a volcano in Paricutin, a village in Mexico. We used expanded noun phrases in our sentences to make our reports both powerful and informative. We then read and presented our finished reports. We may have some budding future newsreaders in Foxes class!



In maths we have continued our learning of place value, using Base 10 to represent increasingly large numbers greater than 1000.



Foxes class have been quite inspired by our project Rocks, Relics and Rumbles. We have looked at the properties of types of rocks this week, and we now have quite a growing rock collection! The children have enjoyed finding and comparing rocks to consider if they are sedimentary, igneous or metamorphic in developing their scientific vocabulary.

Badgers Class

This week, we have been learning lots of new skills in Maths. We have built on our knowledge of place value and we have been working with numbers up to



1,000,000 and beyond. We have now mastered the skill of rounding numbers up to 1,000,000 which although was challenging at first, we persevered and got there in the end!

In Science, we have continued our topic of Space. We worked in groups and used books to research 10 fascinating facts about a given planet. We then created a poster of our findings.

In History, we continued the Space theme and learnt about Galileo and his impact on society. Badgers were fascinated by some of the facts they learnt about him!

Overall a busy but fantastic week in Badgers class.

Message from Miss Paparozzi

I am working on creating a group on Microsoft Teams for children to access challenge questions linked to our Maths topics. This will be optional for those children who welcome a challenge! Please bear with me whilst the internet issues are resolved. Thank you!