

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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Last term, all staff received first aid training and this week, our trainer returned to lead a first aid session with the Badgers' class. We've received very positive feedback from children and parents about this session - thank you. Pictures and more information on the next page - it looks a little gruesome but the children thoroughly enjoyed dressing their fake injuries!

The Badgers' children also took part in a workshop led by the NSPCC this week, linked to the 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assemblies which staff led prior to half term. Although serious messages, I know the children listened and participated well.

Thank you to those children who submitted a poster as part of the Junior Online Safety Officers' (JOSO) competition linked to online safety day in February. Our JOSOs had a difficult job of sorting through all of the entries but well done to Victoria, Oliver P, Bella F, Bella L, Magdalena, Tess and Ethan who each won a small prize for their entries.

On Thursday, the football team had another victory against Bluecoats' primary school - please see Miss Russos match report on the last page - a huge thanks once again to Mr Dutton and parents who were able to offer transport/watch the match.

Next week, there is planned regional teacher strike action on Wednesday, 1st March. There is no obligation for teachers to give advance warning of their intention to strike but as far as I am aware, there will not be any class closures next week and so children's learning should not be disrupted. If this changes, I will give as much notice as possible.

Hopefully, you will have seen the parentmail about how we will celebrate World Book Day in school next Thursday - we look forward to seeing what the children wear!

Have a good weekend, Mrs Martin

Key Dates

w/c 27th Febr

Wed 1st - proposed teacher strike action

Thurs 2nd - World Book Day - pjs or dressing up for £1 donation

w/c 6th Mar

Wed 8th - Bronze Young Ambassador assembly

w/c 13th Mar

Mon 13th - Sam Rud-dock assembly

Wed 15th/Thurs 16th Proposed teacher strike action

Fri 17th

Red Nose Day - wear red

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



This week's award winners are:

Hedgehogs Class

This week's award goes to Eliot for showing fantastic learning behaviour on the carpet. This week Eliot has been in green zone and shown me that he is focused and ready to learn. Well done, Eliot!

Squirrels Class

This week's award of excellence goes to Rosie for her independent maths work.

The Year 2 award of excellence goes to Leo for his hard work and improvement in maths.

This week's handwriting award goes to Seb for his continued neat handwriting.

Foxes Class

This week's award of excellence goes to Jade for using mathematical vocabulary and reasoning about fractions.

This week's award of excellence goes to Magdalena for using persuasive writing in a leaflet about dental hygiene.

Badgers Class

Kai has been awarded the Award of Excellence for his efforts, endurance and determination in P.E this week.

Ethan has also been awarded the Award of Excellence for his enthusiasm during the First Aid training.

Amelia has been awarded the handwriting award for persevering to join her handwriting.



PE for Term 4

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays

Squirrels: Mondays (Fridays for Year 1 at Witham Hall)

Foxes: Tuesdays

Badgers: Mondays



Well done to Squirrels class

with 98.86% attendance

this week!

Our whole school attendance this week was

96.07%

Spring Term: 96.35%



Hedgehogs Class

Hedgehogs have been eager to get stuck into our new topic- Ready, Steady, Grow! We started the week exploring the forest areas for seeds, pine cones and acorns which we brought back to the classroom. We will later learn what seeds need and try to see if we can make these grow. We also got very excited to see the first signs of spring which included seeing new green shoots and spring flowers.



Very aptly, our talk for write story this term is 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and we have been practising repeated our favourite phrase "fee, fi, fo, fum!". We planted our own 'magic' beans this week, choosing the size of

and location of our pot. We will take responsibility to water them daily and we can't wait to see if they grow.

Maths this week has been all about measures and we used balancing scales to compare weight of different objects around the classroom and talking about capacity. We used language such as heavy, light, balanced, full, half full, empty.



We also made pretend pancakes for pancake day in our tuff spot outside.

Squirrels Class

We have launched our new topic this week in Squirrels. We are looking at Childhood, and over the term we will become detectives, discovering clues about life when our parents and grandparents were alive through toys. On Friday, we looked in detail at a selection of artefacts, deciding their age and what they were made of.

We are also closely monitoring the weather and seasons this term. We will note how the weather changes from Winter to Spring this term, how the days get longer, and if our deciduous and evergreen trees change.

Deciduous tree

Winter



Evergreen trees



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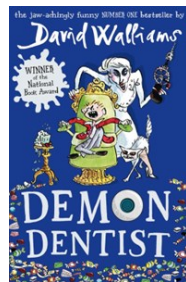
Foxes Class

This week Foxes have been busy designing and creating leaflets using a persuasive writing genre about how important it is to brush your teeth and the consequences of not doing so. We have been using emotive language to persuade our audience and using the forms of leaflet writing including organisational devices, fronted adverti-



als, diagrams and illustrations within our paragraphs. We also began reading our class novel, 'The Demon Dentist' by David Walliams. We have enjoyed discussions about the characters, their traits, making predictions about events and creating voices for characters. We are enjoying the humour of this book.

This week in maths we have been using the vocabulary of fractions to reason, problem solve and explain our mathematical thinking. Foxes are enjoying this block of learning in maths, concentrating hard and applying what they know.



We have enjoyed swimming again this term and it is noticeable how the children are gaining confidence in the water. This week children swam a distance on their front and back and are enjoying their lessons very much.


Badgers Class

We have had an incredibly busy week this week in Badgers class. On Tuesday, Badgers took part in a First Aid course. They absolutely loved it (especially the goriness of the injuries and blood!!) and they learnt so much about CPR, what to do if someone was choking, anaphylactic allergic reactions and they learnt how to bandage an injury correctly. Some even said it was the best day ever!!



This week, we also continued our Music session learning how to play the glockenspiel to an Adele song. Children concentrated well and found the beat in the song to then imitate it using the glockenspiel.





Bythams vs Bluecoats Football league match

Bythams started the match confidently, pushing up the pitch and receiving the first corner of the match. With Samuel tackling strongly, he won the ball and then passed it back to Peter in defence who kicked the ball into our attacking box, leading to Bythams winning another corner. Jack took the corner and just missed out on a goal, as it hit the net behind the goal. Lydia got in on the action as she did one of her now famous runs up the pitch and then shot at goal which was unfortunately deflected; Bythams were awarded yet another corner. Bluecoats started to fight back and pushed back the Bythams team to our defensive box, as they skilfully moved by the midfield and reached the box with only Peter and Ethan left in front of them. Peter managed to kick the ball away out of danger. Samuel and Lydia pushed up the pitch adding pressure on Bluecoats defence, causing them to lose their composure. Lydia then got the ball and dribbled up the pitch towards the goal, she hit the ball and it flew just over the crossbar. Samuel, also hungry for a goal and a win for the team read the opposition's goalkeepers pass and successfully intercepted it, shooting at goal. One minute before the end of the half and Lydia's fantastic skills have awarded the team a free kick just outside of the box: Jack takes the freekick and just skims the post.

The second half starts after a pep talk from Mr Dutton raising the Bythams's teams hunger and spirits for a win.

Bluecoats also came out looking stronger, making Taylor, Peter and Harvey work hard. Peter kept protecting our defensive box with his slide tackles. Bythams won yet another corner with Jack kicking it in towards Lydia, but the oppositions goalkeeper managed to reach the ball and stopped it from-reaching Lydia. The Bythams' team worked collectively to pass the ball up the pitch towards the goal whilst using effective communication. Bythams were awarded another corner! Samuel crossed in the ball and the Bluecoats' defender accidently headed it, scoring an own goal. This made the score 1-0 to Bythams! With only 2 minutes left, Bluecoats were determined to equalise and put a lot of pressure on the Bythams' defence and midfield; Taylor, Peter and Teddy were working so hard to make sure we stayed 1-0 up. Even with a few seconds until the end of the match, Bluecoats still were not giving up and were taking lots of shots at Ethan to save. But the final whistle blew and Bythams finished with a very well deserved 1-0 victory!

Well done Bythams! Player of the match was very difficult to pick because the whole team had a fantastic game. But this week, the players of the match go to Lydia and Peter.

Thank you to all supporters and parents who helped with lifts and thank you also to Mr Dutton for managing the team.

Miss Russon, Sports Apprentice