

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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It is finally starting to feel more like Spring and I am hopeful we continue to see longer spells of sunshine as we head towards the holiday.

This week, the Year 2 children enjoyed an online safety workshop through the Stay Safe Partnership at LCC. Unfortunately, the Year 3 workshop has been postponed, but we look forward to welcoming Dan back into school in the near future.

Next week, we look forward to some exciting assemblies with visits from Mrs Christine Hawkes and the recycling team from LCC coming into school. The FOBS have also organised some lovely Easter activities to mark the end of term, with a planned Easter Egg (or potato!) decorating competition and an Easter egg hunt for the children on the last day. We are currently in the process of planning how we will mark the Kings coronation in school and so look out for further information in next weeks newsletter. The School Council had some brilliant ideas in our assembly this week and we look forward to sharing the plans soon.

There have been a couple of good-byes made over the last couple of weeks - Mr Jeremy Millar, our Chair of Governors, has made the decision to retire from his post. We thank him for his contribution to the Governing Board over the last 6 years. We also say a sad farewell to Mrs Jayne Phillips today, our school cleaner and caretaker. Mrs Phillips has done an incredible job of keeping the school clean and safe over the last few years and we wish her a very long and happy retirement. Everyone in school will miss her immensely, but she has promised to continue to volunteer in school to hear readers, so thankfully, it is more of a 'see you soon', than 'Goodbye'.

We recently advertised for Governors and we now welcome Mrs Christine Hawkes and Mrs Claire Hughes to the Board. Both have extensive experience of teaching in local schools and so will bring a wealth of knowledge to the Board. We welcome them to our school family.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin

Key Dates

w/c 27th Mar

Parents' Evenings

Thurs 30th

Final football league match against Uffington

Fri 31st

Last day of term 4

Easter Holidays

Mon 3rd Apr -

Fri 14th Apr

w/c 17th Apr

Mon 17th Apr - Training

Day for staff, closed to pupils

Tues 18th - Term 5 begins

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 our award goes to Jack. Jack has been working so hard all year learning his sounds and this week he received his first reading book with words! All the adults that work with you are so proud of you, well done Jack!

Squirrels Class

The Year 1 Award of Excellence goes to Rama for his superb progression in PE, Rama has made excellent progress, even climbing to the top of the ladder at Witham Hall. The Year Two Award of Excellence goes to Mason for his fabulous recall when discussing seasons and climates.

Foxes Class

Our Y3 award this week goes to Bella for trying hard with maths involving mass. Our Y4 award this week goes to Magdalena for becoming a swimmer and swimming a distance unaided.

Badgers Class

This weeks award winners are the whole of Badgers class for their perseverance and hard work in this weeks assessments. All children should be incredibly proud of their achievements!

PE for Term 4

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays

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

Foxes: Tuesdays

Badgers: Mondays

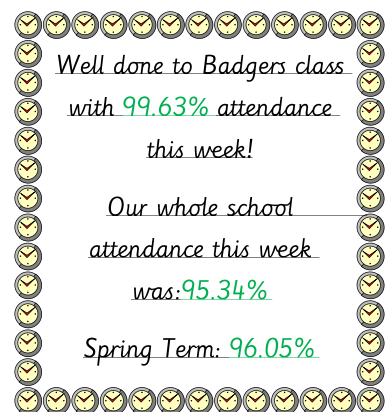


Well done to Badgers class

with 99.63% attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance this week was: 95.34%

Spring Term: 96.05%



Hedgehogs Class

This week Hedgehogs have been surprised to see how much the caterpillars have grown in a week! We measure them every day and they grow 1 or 2 mm every time! We also enjoyed finding out about other mini beasts this week and were able to look at a butterfly, a hornet, a fly and a bee that had been preserved. On our trip to the forest area we found slugs, snails and woodlouse hiding under logs which we all found fascinating.



In maths this week we have been recapping our numbers to 10 and we are starting to write these down using rhymes - these have been included in your bookbags if you would like to practise these at home. We are continuing to make great progress with our reading and writing through our scheme Read Write Inc - please make sure you initial your bookmark every time you read and log into the boom app. We have become dinosaurs during our PE lessons-moving to music with dinosaur stomps and stamps.

Squirrels Class

Squirrels have shown excellent stamina and resilience in their tests this week. They have all tried so hard and should be incredibly proud of themselves.

In English, some of the children have been writing the next thrilling instalment of the Traction Man story, we cant wait to read the finished pieces.

In geography, we have looked at Spring this week. We went on a hunt for Spring, and the children used excellent vocabulary to discuss the changes they were witnessing as we moved from Winter. They spotted buds, leaves, wildlife, flowers and temperature changes. We noticed how the days were getting longer and how we are starting to dress differently as the weather changes and warms up.



Foxes Class

This week foxes class have created a branching database in computing. We created questions and used branch diagrams to identify animals and minibeasts.



During our weekly swimming sessions we have all been trying hard and can now swim a distance successfully. Children have shown great determination in their weekly lessons and have become real water babies! Next week is our last session, a fun session in the water, including the water slides!



We have had quite a week of technology this week. Foxes enjoy construction and STEM learning. Charles created the 'drill' from the Demon Dentist (our class book) using Lego Technic. It was powered by the iPad, complete with rotations and sound effects!

Badgers Class

This week in Badgers class, we have been learning about the structure of a limerick in our English lessons. We learnt that a limerick is made up of 5 lines as well as the rhyming pattern that a limerick tends to follow. Children then had lots of fun making up their own limericks which were incredibly comical and gave Miss Paparozzi a good giggle!

In P.E this week, we continued our topic of Athletics. Children learnt how to throw a javelin with increasing accuracy. By the end of the lesson, their confidence had really grown.



This week has been assessment week in school. All of Badgers class should be so proud of what they have achieved this week! Their hard work and perseverance has really paid off and I am so incredibly proud of them all!

To complete our busy week, we have had a computing day on Friday. Our focus was learning how to use Microsoft Excel to create spreadsheets.