

# The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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Another glorious week and the children have been working and playing hard!

This week, the children in Year 2 completed their SATs papers and have ended the term by making some fantastic bird sculptures as part of their art topic - please see the next page for photos and more information! The Hedgehogs have been learning to retell stories and songs - I shall be singing '5 currant buns' for the whole of the half term break, thank you Mrs Shaw!

Mrs Ives has returned to school following a short period of absence and I know the children and staff are pleased to see her back with us. Today marks Mrs Goddards last day teaching alongside Miss Papparozzi in the Badgers class, although I am sure we will continue to see Mrs Goddard next term for a few days of cover teaching, when needed. Our thanks to her for her hard work with the Year 5 children this term, I know that all of the Badgers children have enjoyed working in smaller class groups over the last few weeks. Today we also say good-bye to one of our teaching assistants - Mrs Lohmann-Bond - who is looking forward to spending more time with her family. We thank her for her time in the Hedgehogs class over the last 6 months and wish her well for the future.

Next terms diary is filling up fast, with school trips, workshops, the Leavers' performance and sports day to look forward to as well as the Year 6 childrens secondary school transition days. We will try to give as much notice as possible and reminders for events coming up but please ensure you check the dates section on the newsletter each week and parent mail for updates. Well done to Badgers class for securing this terms highest attendance - they will have another non-uniform day next term as a reward (date to be decided)!

With the warmer weather now here and looking set to continue, please ensure that children have sun cream applied before coming to school each day. If you wish for them to have a further application at lunchtime, please practise over the holidays as we can supervise but cannot directly apply the suncream to children. Please also ensure that the children have a named sun hat and a water bottle with them each day.

Have a lovely half term - see you on Monday 5th June, Mrs Martin

### Key Dates

Mon 5th June

T6 begins

w/c 12th June

Thurs 15th

Foxes class mini-  
Olympics Grantham  
Meres

Fri 16th

Reading for Pleasure  
workshop 2:30pm

Mon 19th June

Class and Year 6 group  
photos

Thurs 29th June

2:30pm Parent/Carer  
workshop on nutrition

w/c 10th July

Thurs 13th

Y6 Leavers' performance  
9:15am

Fri 14th

Sports Day 1:30pm



This week's award winners are:

#### Hedgehogs Class

This week the award goes to Naomi for great perseverance during a writing and drawing task.

She made some beautiful flowers and used her sounds to write words. Well done Naomi!

#### Squirrels Class

The Year 1 award of Excellence goes to Bonnie for being a wonderful teacher and her participation in phonics.

The Year 2 Award of Excellence goes to Alara for her fantastic and hard work during her writing sessions this week.

#### Foxes Class

The Year 3 award goes to Poppy for learning multiplication facts.

The Year 4 award goes to Thalia for some impressive story writing.

#### Badgers Class

Elodie receives the Award of Excellence for her fantastic expression used in rehearsing the end of year performance.

Eve receives the Award of Excellence for using great descriptive language in a narrative.



### PE for Term 6

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays

Squirrels: Fridays

Foxes: Tuesdays

Badgers: Fridays at Witham Hall



Well done to Foxes class

with 99.35% attendance

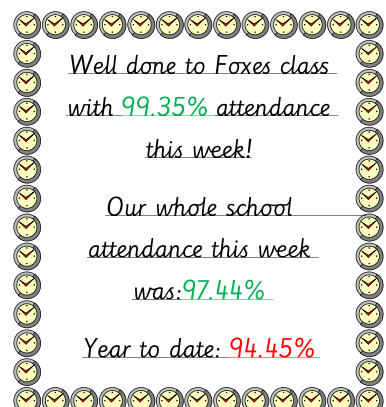
this week!

Our whole school

attendance this week

was: 97.44%

Year to date: 94.45%



### Hedgehogs Class

This week Hedgehogs learnt all about the impacts of litter in the environment and were very concerned about our lovely animals getting trapped so they asked if we could do a litter pick. Armed with bin bags and gloves we set about picking up litter from the playground and field. Not content with that they also made 'no litter' posters and put them up in the outdoor classrooms to encourage the other year groups to be careful not to drop their rubbish. Last week we had a great time finally cracking into Handa's fruits. We tried pineapple, mango, passion fruit, plums, oranges and bananas. Everyone enjoyed the pineapple the best!

We had a really interesting maths lesson this week 'buying' currant buns from Mrs Shaw using pennies. This was to aid us with our understanding of subtraction which we have been working on this week.



### Foxes Class

To bring our term's topic to a close this week, we have planned and written a historical narrative about a character from the stone age and what prehistoric life was like. We focussed on character descriptions, settings and plot. We used paragraphs and direct speech in our stories and read them aloud to the class.



In art we completed our Bell Beaker pottery, a type of pot made in the stone age. We learned about the important and cultural significance of the Bell Beaker pottery, looking closely at the form, shape and use of pattern.



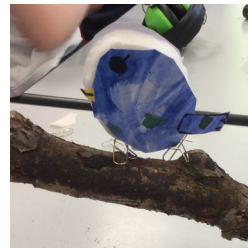
In PSHE we have been learning about global relationships including products and foods that come from other countries.

### Squirrels Class

We completed our art project this week, by finishing our 3D sculptures. The Squirrels made feathers, wings and tails to attach to their bodies. They decorated the bodies with watercolour paints. Finally, we bent metal to make their feet.



Part of the art process is displaying our work, talking about the stages we have gone through to create our pieces and giving feedback to each other about our art. We have displayed our birds on logs from the mini Spinney and our exhibition is now in our classroom.



### Badgers Class

This week was our final week with our coach from Inspire + so we spent our P.E session completing a rotation of games that we have learnt the skills for each term. We played tennis, hockey and rounders.



We have also had a very exciting week because our caterpillars have turned into beautiful butterflies and today, we set them free! We've really enjoyed looking after our class pets and were sad to see them go!

Today, we had a computing day where we learnt how to create vector drawings using paint.

Badgers are always so engaged in their computing lessons.

