

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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Another incredibly busy week here at The Bythams!

On Monday, Year 6 travelled to Caythorpe and had a brilliant day at PGL! Well done to the children for being fantastic ambassadors for the school and to our staff for planning the day and accompanying the children.

On Tuesday, our Year 5 children travelled to Casterton College for a science day - I know the children have enjoyed their science lessons this year and were excited to travel to the college to experience secondary school life for a day too! Again, thanks to staff for accompanying the children - I know great fun was had by all.

On Thursday, we welcomed Sophie Devenish to school. Sophie, although retired now, was an Olympic swimmer for Team GB - even competing at the London 2012 Olympics! Sophie led an interesting workshop for our children. This was the last of our workshops through Inspire + this year. We have really enjoyed accessing so many sports stars and listening to their back stories and motivational messages - we hope the children have been as inspired by it all as we have!

Over the course of the next few days, all of our Year 6s will be out and about as they head to their new secondary schools for transition activities. We wish them all lots of luck - what an exciting time! Thankfully, this means that the rest of the calendar is a little quieter next week before we then move full steam ahead into the last couple of weeks of term - I can't believe how many things we still have to fit in!

End of year reports will be coming out to most families at the end of next week - Friday 7th July. Our Year 6 reports will be sent out the following week, once SATs information has been released on Tuesday 11th July. More information to follow next week.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin

Key Dates

w/c 10th July

Tues 11th

Reception entrants Sept 2023 stay and play 1:45pm

Weds 12th

Hedgehogs trip to Rutland Water

Badgers at Castle Bytham Village hall for rehearsals

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



This week's award winners are:

This week the award goes to Naomi for always being ready to learn and listening well. Naomi is a fantastic example to all the children and is demonstrating that she is ready for Year 1. Well done, Naomi!

Squirrels Class

The Year 1 award of Excellence goes to Zara/Louise for her excellent recall and discussion in history.

The Year 2 Award of Excellence goes to Reggie for his hard work and determination in maths—your statistic work was amazing.

Foxes Class

The Year 3 award goes to Charles for researching amazing facts, illustrating and creating an informative poster about sloths.

The Year 4 award goes to Bentley for some fantastic line drawings of animals for an animation project in art.

Badgers Class

Leah receives the Award of Excellence for her fantastic contributions and enthusiasm in French this week.

Grace receives the Award of Excellence for being such a kind and considerate friend.



PE for Term 6

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays

Squirrels: Mondays

Foxes: Tuesdays

Badgers: Fridays at Witham Hall



Well done to Hedgehogs class with 100% attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance this week was:

87%

Year to date: 94.32%



Hedgehogs Class

Hedgehogs had a brilliant week of learning! We dived right into some fantastic number fun by exploring odds and evens. The children were absolutely thrilled and engaged as we did all sorts of activities to figure out which numbers belonged to each group. We also went on this super exciting adventure with "Pirate Tom" and created a story map to show all the amazing things that happened in the story. Story maps are a great way to enhance storytelling and understand the sequence of events. We explored the wind too this week! We blew bubbles, watched fluffy clouds move across the sky, and made these streamers that fluttered in the breeze. It was so much fun! In Design and technology, we made our very own windmills and tested them outside. All in all, a great week of discovery for the Hedgehogs!



Squirrels Class

In DT this week the Squirrels designed their levers for their pop-up story book—they were very creative and cannot wait to start making them next week.

In maths, year 2 have been learning about statistics, creating pictograms and bar charts, then learning how to read them. On Friday, we had a fabulous lesson using smarties to look at what colours were in each pack, the colour we had the most of and the least of. The year 1 children joined us as they start statistics in week 6.

We looked at our zones this week, we had scenario cards and had to decide which zone that scenario would put us in.



Foxes Class

Foxes continue to be inspired and motivated by our theme of Predator! We are learning so many facts about animals, their habitats, food chains and survival. In English we wrote a haiku poem about an eagle and other predators. We have also researched and created posters with facts about unusual animals this week in our informative writing.

In art we drew animals using line drawings which we will use to create puppets to produce an animation. Foxes love drawing and creating!



In maths this week we have been learning to interpret statistics. We have represented data using a range of tables and different graphs, including creating bar graphs to show favourite sports and lessons in year 3 compared to year 4.

We have been practising our techniques ready for the sports day races in PE this week, mastering the hurdles and three legged races!

Badgers Class

We have had an incredibly busy week in Badgers class this week but it has been wonderful. On Monday, year 6 went to PGL in Caythorpe where they took part in a range of different activities including disc golf, fencing, abseiling and climbing. They had a fabulous day and really enjoyed being able to learn new skills and take part in activities they had never done before.



On Tuesday, year 5 went to Casterton School to take part in a Science themed day. They completed lessons related to biology, chemistry and physics.

(More photos will be uploaded to the Badgers website page)

We finished our week with learning French with 'Madame T. The children have been absolutely loving their French lessons and we are so grateful for Madame T coming into school to teach us! [Merci Madame T!](#)

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