

# The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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Another busy week at school and now, already, half way through the term! On Wednesday, we welcomed Peterborough United into school with their mascot 'Peter Burrow'. Hopefully, you have now received a parent mail with details of how to claim free match tickets to watch the team.

This year, we are working as a partner school to the English Hub. We welcomed a representative for the Hub to school on Wednesday to share our work in phonics and our progress so far in developing early reading. We would like to welcome you to an information meeting next Friday, 7th October to share more information about the Read, Write, Inc phonics programme and developing early reading using phonics skills. This would be most applicable to parents of children in Hedgehogs and Squirrels classes, however if your child is in Foxes class and accessing Read Write Inc sessions, do please feel welcome to join the meeting. The information meeting will be held in the hall at 2pm and we then hope you'll be able to join us for the 'share a story time' session running in all classes across the school from 2:30pm.

Today, we welcomed members of the community to a Macmillan coffee morning. Thank you to those who were able to join us, provided cake for the event or made a contribution to the charity. Thanks also to FOBS for their support in running the coffee morning. We have currently raised approximately £80 for Macmillan but donations can be made up until Wednesday next week if anyone would still like to contribute.

Please note our open mornings begin soon for any parents/carers looking for Reception places in September 2023 - please do pass on the date/time if you are aware of anyone needing a school place for their child.

Have a good weekend, Mrs Martin.

## Key Dates

w/c 3.10.22

Fri 7th

2pm - phonics meeting

2:30pm - all classes

Share a story time

w/c 10.10.22

Tues 11th

Open Day 9:30 - 11

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

Victoria has won the excellence award this week for her amazing participation during our phonics lessons. She is always ready to learn and tries her best. Victoria is able to blend sounds together to make words which is an amazing achievement for this time of year. Well done, Victoria!

### Squirrels Class

Jessica has been awarded the excellence award for her attention to detail in her geography work.

Seb has been awarded the excellence award for his hard work to improve his reading and comprehension.

### Foxes Class

Connor for some great learning and contributions to discussion about the life and work of Mary Anning

Thomas for using a range of descriptive vocabulary and phrases to write a volcano shape poem.

### Badgers Class

Elodie has been awarded the excellence award this week for writing a wonderful narrative in English.

Eve has been awarded the excellence award for her progress in reading.

## PE for Term 1

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays

Squirrels: Mondays

Foxes: Tuesdays

Badgers: Monday and Friday

**100%**

Well done to Hedgehogs with 100% attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance this week was 93.77%

## Hedgehogs Class

We have continued to retell the story of the owl babies this week during our English lessons. The children are getting really good at joining in with parts of the story. In maths we have building towers and seeing which tower is taller or shorter and counting the blocks.



We had a special visitor for assembly this week from Peterborough FC. The



children were so excited!

We love visiting our forest area. This week it was so windy! We tried to catch the wind with 'sails'!



## Foxes Class



We enjoyed visiting Forest School and creating patterns and pictures through floor art using the natural objects we found.



On Wednesdays this term foxes have clarinet lessons. We have learnt how to put the clarinet together, how to attach the reed and how to shape our mouth to create the sound. We played along with some music this week, playing our note to the beat.

Our enthusiasm for this terms project continues. We enjoyed 'exploding' Jades model volcano that she built at home. This week we learned about relics in the form of fossils and the work of Mary Anning who discovered dinosaur fossils in Dorset.



## Squirrels Class

This term both year groups are learning all about computers, the key features and basic controls. The year 1 children are being shown how to log on to the laptops and have begun to use a fun program to practice their mouse skills. Go on [ncce.io/drag](https://www.ncce.io/drag) if you want to see what they did this week. They will be continuing their mouse skills and next week using the paint



program and then looking at keyboard skills. The year 2 are building on what they learnt last year and focusing on resizing objects this week. They will be moving onto looking at IT in the world, the benefits and how to keep safe when online.



## Badgers Class

This week we have been working hard in English. We have written our own narratives using a given model, with the themes of determination and aspirations. We have been trying hard to include lots of descriptive language in our narratives to build an image in the readers head.

In Science, we have been continuing our work on space in Science. We have learnt how planets including Earth move in relation to the sun.



In P.E, we continued working on team building. We completed a range of different activities.



in teams, working on communication, listening and co-operating with each other. We made great progress in this weeks session once we had established techniques that enabled us to complete the tasks successfully.