

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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The children have certainly been working hard on our value of 'happiness' this week. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching music to the Foxes class on Wednesday, with Bob Marleys song 'Three Little Birds (Dont worry, be happy)' as the theme. The children astounded me with how much they have improved at playing the glockenspiel overt the last term - managing to strike the right notes in time to the music! I was so impressed that I borrowed some of the Badgers to be an audience and the children all agreed that the Foxes are doing marvellously well!

On Thursday, the children in Year 2 participated in a healthy friendships workshop led by Lincolnshire County Councils Stay Safe partnership. Through practical activities and discussions, the children explored the important qualities of good friends. They considered their own friendships and shared examples of positive behaviours from their experiences. The workshop also looked at different emotions, (focusing on joy, sadness, and anger) and encouraged the children to consider what causes us to feel these emotions and how we react to them. The children then discussed strategies to help them to manage emotions and were signposted to where they can access help and support.

Next week, Squirrels, Foxes and Badgers classes will take part in the NSPCC 'Speak out, Stay Safe assemblies. These will be completed in class groups so children have the opportunity to talk to their peers and adults if they have any questions or concerns.

Well done to the football team for another fantastic match at St Gilberts and thanks to Mr Emms for supporting with the match report this week, which you can find on the final page of the newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin

Key Dates

w/c 6.2.23

NSPCC Stay Safe assemblies for Year 1 upwards

Tues 7th Feb

FOBS AGM via Zoom

Fri 10th Feb

FOBS Break the rules day

Last day of term

Half term Mon 13th to Fri 17th Feb

Term 4 begins Monday 20th February

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 weeks award goes to Jack R for being kind to his friends in the classroom. He always makes sure he includes everyone in his games which is so lovely to witness inside and outside of the classroom, well done Jack!

Squirrels Class

Both awards this week are for work in maths. Oaklee receives the award of excellence for his practical work in maths. Maddie receives the award of excellence for her improvement in maths, and helping her peers. Reuben receives the Handwriting award for his dedication and improvement in his handwriting.

Foxes Class

Thomas receives an award this week for writing a great Roman myth and using direct speech.

Bentley receives an award for great swimming skills and confidence in the water.

Badgers Class

Ethan has been awarded the Award of Excellence for his great sportsmanship and encouragement in P.E this week.

Lily-Anna has been awarded the Award of Excellence for being such a fantastic member of Badgers class.

Archie has been awarded the handwriting award for persevering with his handwriting.

PE for Term 3

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays and Fridays
(Fridays at Witham Hall)

Squirrels: Mondays

Foxes: Tuesdays

Badgers: Mondays

100%

Well done to Badgers class

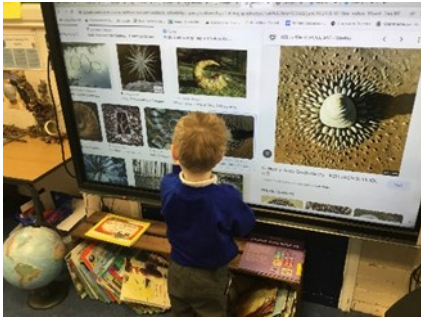
with 96.79% attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance this week was

94.44%

Spring Term: 94.43%

Hedgehogs Class



This week Hedgehogs were inspired by Andy Goldsworthy's natural sculptures. We looked at some on the big board and then we created our own in the forest area. In maths this week we

counted the legs of some minibeasts (not real ones!) and found some that had 6 and some that had 8. We then used 10 frames to show these numbers practically and we also looked at some of the numerals. In English we finished our story maps of *How to Catch a Star* and have started to innovate these we thought about other things the boy could try and catch... tigers, moons, bears and birds were some of the ideas from the children. Please continue to read at home, the children are doing so well making progress with their reading and writing at school.



Squirrels Class

In art, we are continuing to explore printing. Last week, we made our own printing mats using polystyrene and shapes. This week, we applied different coloured inks with the brayer and printed repeated patterns. Next week, to complete the topic the children will make their own printing moulds and then print using inks.



Foxes Class



Foxes have used their historical knowledge to write a Roman myth this week. We read the myth of Romulus and Remus about how the city of Rome came to be.

We wrote our own myths using paragraphs, expanded noun phrases, direct speech and prepositional phrases. Children have been building confidence to read their work aloud to an audience and have developed some clear and powerful reading voices. They enjoy receiving feedback and praise from the class.

In PE this term we have been learning netball skills and played our first class match. We have some accurate shooters and able defenders in foxes class.



Badgers Class

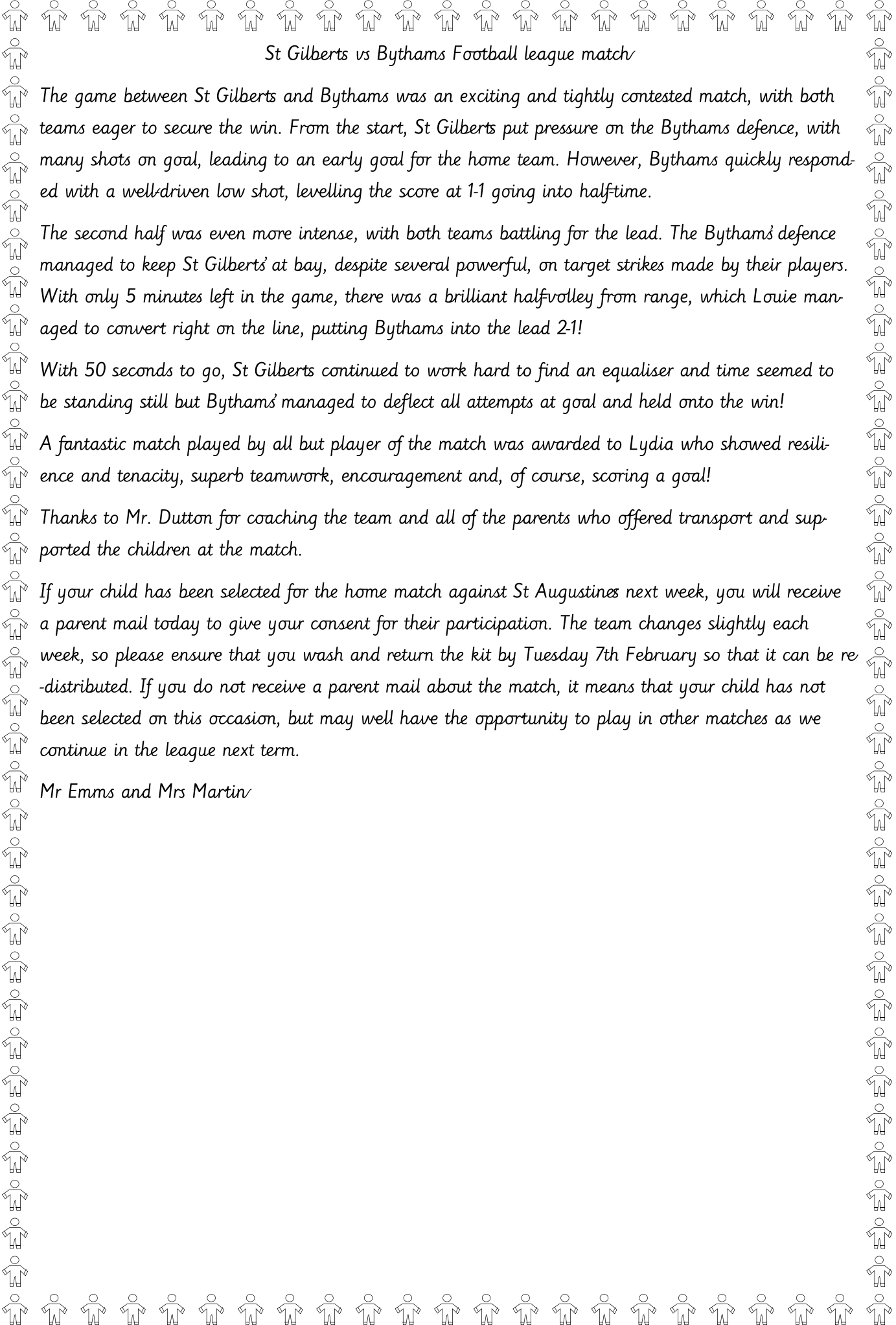
This week in English, Badgers wrote a balanced argument about a given topic. Some children chose to write about animals in zoos whilst others chose to write about plastic pollution. Children used an example discussion text to follow the same structure in their own. The end results have been wonderful!

In P.E this week, Badgers learnt the skills needed to play Rugby. Some children were experts as they are part



of a Rugby team outside of school and this really showed in their sportsmanship and skills demonstrated in the lessons.

In PSHE, Badgers worked together to plan and present a PowerPoint presentation all about their charity event they planned last lesson. There were some great presentations and children were really enthusiastic in their deliveries.



St Gilberts vs Bythams Football league match

The game between St Gilberts and Bythams was an exciting and tightly contested match, with both teams eager to secure the win. From the start, St Gilberts put pressure on the Bythams defence, with many shots on goal, leading to an early goal for the home team. However, Bythams quickly responded with a well-driven low shot, levelling the score at 1-1 going into half-time.

The second half was even more intense, with both teams battling for the lead. The Bythams' defence managed to keep St Gilberts' at bay, despite several powerful, on target strikes made by their players. With only 5 minutes left in the game, there was a brilliant half-volley from range, which Louie managed to convert right on the line, putting Bythams into the lead 2-1!

With 50 seconds to go, St Gilberts continued to work hard to find an equaliser and time seemed to be standing still but Bythams' managed to deflect all attempts at goal and held onto the win!

A fantastic match played by all but player of the match was awarded to Lydia who showed resilience and tenacity, superb teamwork, encouragement and, of course, scoring a goal!

Thanks to Mr. Dutton for coaching the team and all of the parents who offered transport and supported the children at the match.

If your child has been selected for the home match against St Augustines next week, you will receive a parent mail today to give your consent for their participation. The team changes slightly each week, so please ensure that you wash and return the kit by Tuesday 7th February so that it can be re-distributed. If you do not receive a parent mail about the match, it means that your child has not been selected on this occasion, but may well have the opportunity to play in other matches as we continue in the league next term.

Mr Emms and Mrs Martin