

# The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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*This week seems to have whizzed by!*

On Monday, we welcomed Joe Roebuck, an Olympic Swimmer, to our assembly. He talked to the children about his perseverance in trying to get to compete in the Olympic Games, having not had a quick enough time to compete in the two Olympic Games prior to London 2012.

On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of spending time in the Hedgehogs class. The children amazed me with the progress they have made in phonics and they enjoyed our maths session, when we found more and less than a given number of cubes.

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day, which linked well to our focus value of 'Creativity'. Many thanks to those who donated £1 to wear either pyjamas or costumes - we raised £25 which will go towards the purchase of new books for our reading areas. I loved seeing everyones outfits from sharks and space explorers to a fantastic, and rather intimidating, Miss Trunchbull. I also enjoyed reading a story to the Squirrels class - a book aptly titled the Squirrels who Squabbled! Thankfully, there was a happy ending to the story when the squirrels came to the conclusion that teamwork is far more effective than working alone. After school yesterday, the football team played in their penultimate match against St Georges school - please see Miss Russos match report on the final page of the newsletter.

My thanks to the FOBS for supporting with the process for organising, ordering and contributing towards the Year 6 Leavers' hoodies this year. The children have been given these today and they are welcome to wear them in place of their normal school jumper for the remainder of the academic year.

Next week, there is talk and forecasts of snow. School will remain open as long as it is safe to do so and staff can travel into work. Please assume school is open unless you receive communication to the contrary. Please ensure that children come to school with a named warm coat, hat, gloves etc and an extra layer for PE or after school clubs. Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin

## Key Dates

*w/c 6th Mar*

**Wed 8th** - Bronze

Young Ambassador assembly

**Wed 8th** - girls' football event at lunchtime - 'Let girls play' scheme

*w/c 13th Mar*

**Mon 13th** - Sam Rudock assembly

**Wed 15th/Thurs 16th**  
Proposed teacher strike action

**Thurs 16th**

Year 5/6 Rugby tournament

**Fri 17th**

Red Nose Day - wear red

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 Daisy for using her confidence speaking to the whole group about exciting events happening at home! I love hearing your stories Daisy, and you tell them so well!

### Squirrels Class

This weeks award of excellence goes to Bonnie for her descriptive oral work in Read Write Inc.

The Year 2 award of excellence goes to Maddie for her writing about the season of Winter.

This weeks handwriting award is for Darcey for her beautiful and neat handwriting.

### Foxes Class

This weeks year 3 award goes to Aaron for some great persuasive writing, including the use of questions to hook the reader in!

This weeks year 4 award goes to Connor for such infectious enthusiasm and love of learning in maths.

### Badgers Class

Leah has won the Award of Excellence for a fantastic start writing a non-chronological report all about the future.

Archie has been awarded the Award of Excellence for his efforts in Maths this week.

Taylor has been awarded his pen licence for persevering and trying hard to join his handwriting more consistently in his writing.



## PE for Term 4

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays

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

Foxes: Tuesdays

Badgers: Mondays

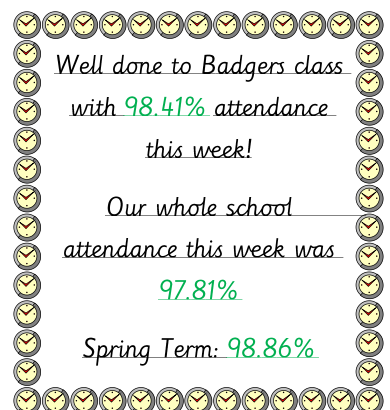


Well done to Badgers class

with **98.41%** attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance this week was **97.81%**

Spring Term: **98.86%**



### Hedgehogs Class



Hedgehogs are really enjoying their maths this week. We are working on numbers up to 10 and using lots of different equipment to help us investigate these numbers: counting how many, using 10 frames to see how many more to 10, working out if they are odd or even and arranging objects in different number formations such as 4 lots of 2 or 2 lots of 4 (for the number 8).

We are getting excited about spring and painted some beautiful still life pictures of spring flowers we saw in the forest area. We continue to water and care for our bean plant; we can't wait to see it grow. Speaking of beans, our Jack in the Beanstalk story is getting new life as we are retelling our story using puppets and themed tuff tray spots. We have also started our story map to help us retell this story.

We also enjoyed World Book Day celebrations, listening to our teacher's favourite story and dressing up!



### Squirrels Class

We are loving our history topic, and have really enjoyed playing with toys that span from the 1950's to the present day. One of the favourite games was jacks, which was challenging but great fun. We have also enjoyed sharing our baby photos and talking about what toys we had when we were babies.



PIC-COLLAGE

To celebrate World Book Day, Mrs Martin visited our class to read her favourite book and then the Badgers class read with us!



### Foxes Class



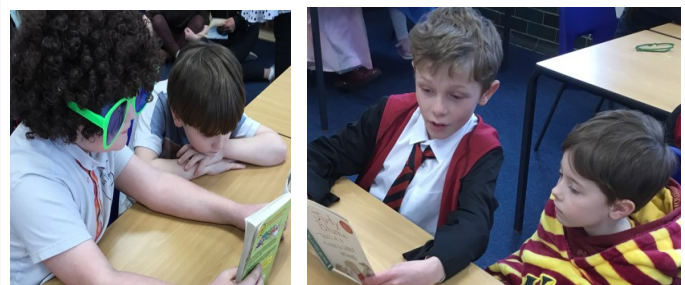
Foxes enjoyed guessing which characters we had dressed as for World Book Day. We celebrated the day by finding out about one of our favourite authors, David Walliams. Foxes class enjoy his characters and the humour he creates in his books. We wrote our own character portraits. We also worked in groups of 4, to craft a life-size cut out of a favourite book character, writing their traits and sayings. We created a gallery of our book characters. We were also detectives to work out a hidden code revealing a famous author.


We have been busy in science this week continuing our learning on dental hygiene, the names of different shapes of teeth and their uses.

### Badgers Class

Another great week in Badgers class this week. We began a new text type of non-chronological reports. Children decided whether they wanted to write about life in the future or life in the past. They researched the topic and created a PowerPoint presentation of their findings before using this knowledge in their writing.

On Thursday, it was World Book Day. We had some fantastic costumes in Badgers including Harry Potter, Grandma Josephine and Miss Trunchbull! During the afternoon, Badgers class read a story to children in Squirrels class. It was so lovely to see all children enjoying a story together!





## Bythams vs St Georges

The match started with St Georges first kick. St Georges, keen to get a goal, were pushing further and further up the pitch until they reached our defensive box. Thankfully, Peter was on the line and headed the ball away from a potential goal, which allowed Bythams to counterattack, pushing up to the box with a chance at goal but the oppositions goalkeeper ran out adding pressure to our attackers. As usual, Lydia was playing upfront and was free up the pitch waiting for a pass from the defence or midfielders. She was constantly on the end of passes from Taylor, Jack and Samuel and was able to reach the attacking box, but couldnt get it past the St. Georges goalkeeper. Ethan took a goal kick, passing out to Taylor, who passed to Harvey, linking with Samuel doing a 1,2 attack. St. Georges had multiple attempts at goal, but our fantastic goalkeeper Ethan managed to save a series of shots. Bythams then earned a free kick, which Taylor took - he went straight for goal, despite being a long way out. His shot was accurate and powerful enough to get to the goal, but the St. Georges goalkeeper was able to catch the ball. Then St. Georges counterattacked, scoring a goal. This made Bythams lower their heads and lose a bit of control of the game so St. Georges managed to get two more goals in the exact same way as the first one. Ethan was still busy making lots of saves and dives, keeping the score 0-3 at the half way point.

After a pep talk from Mr Dutton at half time, Bythams came out raring to go; determined to fight back. Taylor repeated his amazing free kick earlier by taking shots at goal from afar. Unfortunately, St. Georges managed to defend and got a corner with Brodie, Peter and Taylor all marking well.

With the cross in, Jack extended his leg out to clear the ball but unfortunately the ball hit the back of the net.

Jack passed to Lydia, who managed to get into the box but the St. Georges goalkeeper got out just in time to hold onto the ball so she could not score. Bythams gained a corner from the great teamwork from Taylor, Jack and Lydia linking up but St Georges attacked again, getting down to Ethan who saved the shot. Brodie was working really hard at the back going to the player with the ball to tackle them so they could not go for the shot at goal. Bythams turned it around to get back up to our attacking box, where Peter passed to Lydia and she took a shot but missed the goal from the pressure of the goalkeeper running out. St. Georges were on the attack again and with the box being so crowded the defenders were under a lot of pressure, with another goal being scored. Bythams remained determined to get a goal in the last few minutes of the match with Jack skilfully moving past the opposition and then linking up with his teammates Samuel, Taylor and Peter. Arriving just outside of the box on the right wing, he had a super shot at goal and somehow managed to bend the ball into the goal passed the defenders and the opposition goalkeeper and scored! The final whistle blew for full time with the final score being 5-1 to St. Georges.

Well done to the whole team and a special congratulations to Jack for getting player of the match for his determination and amazing goal.

Thank you to all parents who came and supported and also thank you for arranging lifts.

Miss Russon, Sports Apprentice