

# The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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## Friday 4th November 2022

I trust that everyone had an enjoyable half term? The weather certainly seems to have a more autumnal feel since we returned to school - please do ensure that children come to school with a named coat to wear at break times and as the weather turns colder, please also send in hats, scarves and gloves too!

On the final day of last term, FOBS held a 'break the rules day' in school. Matt Dutton (FOBS chair) reported that £124.55 was raised in total and so our thanks to everyone for their generation donations and support of this event.

My thanks to Christine Hawkes for leading an assembly for us on Tuesday this week, linked to our value of 'determination'. Some of you may know Christine from the Castle Bytham community and she has asked me to share some dates with you: on 19th November, there will be a concert at the church in Castle Bytham, starting at 6pm. Entry is by advanced ticket purchase only; as soon as we have more information, we will share this with you. On 8th December, there will be carol singing around Castle Bytham village, meeting at the duck pond at 6pm. Christine also advised that there will be a carol service at Castle Bytham church on 16th December, which will begin at 6:30pm. Hopefully, there will be lots of carols the children know if you are able to attend.

Children born between 1/9/18 and 31/8/19 are due to start school in September 2023. There is guidance available here: [Going to primary school in Lincolnshire](#). You can apply online, by telephone (01522 782030) or by requesting a paper copy of the form from Lincolnshire County Council. The window for applications opens shortly (14th November) and we will hold another open morning on Tuesday 8th November between 9:30am and 11:30am - please do join us if you require a Reception place next September and spread the word to friends and families who might be looking at schools at this time!

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin.

### Key Dates

w/c 7.11.22

Tues 8th Nov

Open morning 9:30am  
- 11:30am

w/c 14.11.22

Fri 18th Nov

Children in Need wear  
spots and/or yellow.

w/c 21.11.22

Fri 26th Nov

Year 6 online safety  
workshop

w/c 5.12.22

Wed 7th Dec

Hedgehogs/Squirrels  
Nativity

### This week's award winners are:

#### Hedgehogs Class

Isabella has won the excellence award this week for her fantastic attitude to learning, amazing listening during our PE lesson and persevering during our writing time. What a wonderful week Isabella, well done!

#### Squirrels Class

Roxie has been awarded the Award of Excellence for her hard work in phonics and reading, always trying her best and this shows in her progress.

Lilly has been awarded the Award of Excellence for really trying hard in maths and being more independent.

#### Foxes Class

Ajay for settling into Foxes class so well and working confidently in maths and English.  
Zuzanna for trying so hard in maths to master subtracting a 2-digit from a 3-digit number.

#### Badgers Class

Leah has been awarded the Award of Excellence this week for fantastic contributions in English lessons and for writing a wonderfully imaginative poem.

Taylor has been awarded the Award of Excellence this week for a positive attitude towards his learning and for a great poem.

Samuel has been awarded his pen licence this week for joining his handwriting more consistently.

### PE for Term 2

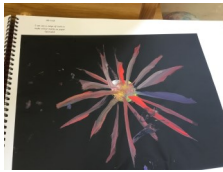
**Hedgehogs:** Tuesdays  
**Squirrels:** Mondays and Fridays (Fridays at Witham Hall)  
**Foxes:** Tuesdays  
**Badgers:** Mondays



Well done to Hedgehogs class with 100% attendance this week!  
Our whole school attendance this week was 94.83%.

## Hedgehogs Class

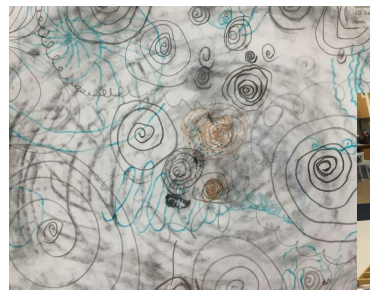
Hedgehogs have enjoyed all the excitement and buzz of this week's activities. We found footprints in our forest area and concluded they belonged to a bear. We then read and acted out the Bear Hunt story. This is our talk for write story for this half term. We enjoyed playing with different Halloween tuff trays inside and outside of the classroom. We also made firework pictures using sponges and paints.



We have continued learning our sounds during our phonics sessions and are using them to blend. During maths this week we have been comparing the numbers 1, 2, and 3. We made a staircase with multilink looking at one more and one less.

## Squirrels Class

We welcomed Squirrels' parents into the classroom for an art show on Tuesday. The children had completed a topic called Spirals and we really wanted to show the progress over the topic. It was lovely to welcome so many parents into the classroom and they all had the opportunity to let their children show them what they have been up to. We have been focusing on using pens, charcoal and graphite sticks to create different shapes and spirals. From drawing blind and using their other hands to draw, we had great fun doing this topic.



## Foxes Class

In Foxes class this week we were introduced to our new learning project 'Mighty Metals'. We learnt how coins were made along with the process of making steel and the uses of steel. In English, we read explanations of the process and explored the key features of writing explanations. In science we wrote our own explanations about forces to make different playground equipment move and the metal it is made from.

In computing this term we are creating media stopframe animation. We made animations from a series of drawings on a flip book.



In PE the term we are learning to play hockey. We really enjoyed learning how to hold a stick, stop and pass the ball, while keeping it under control. We have some keen hockey players in Foxes class!

## Badgers Class

We have had a busy but fantastic first week back after the half term. In English, we began a new text type of poetry. Children read and discussed the features of a poem called 'The Magic Box'. They then wrote their own poems in the style of this given form. The end results were fantastic- well done Badgers!

In P.E this week, we began a new topic of netball. Children enjoy playing netball during lunchtime so it was great for them to learn more about the rules of the game. This weeks session focused on different passes and footwork.

In Science, we completed our unit on Space, learning about day and night. Using the globe and a torch, children modelled how day and night occur and learnt that the sun remains still as Earth rotates.

