

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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What a fabulous end to the week - it has been lovely to see so many of our families here to join in with our Coronation 'picnic'. Thank you to everyone who joined us, baked cakes and entered crowns for our competitions. It has been tricky to decide who should receive the prizes but winners and runners up as follows:

Bythams Bake Off:

1st prize - Esther, 2nd prize - Tilly and Elodie 3rd prize - Oliver P

Crown competition:

1st Prize Oliver P 2nd prize - Harry 3rd prize - Jonathan

Our thanks also to Castle Bytham Parish Council for providing school with some of the lottery grant they obtained and also to FOBS for helping to organise the decorations, competitions, prizes, commemorative gifts and for providing refreshments.

Dont forget that this coming Monday, 8th May, is a Bank Holiday and so school will be closed to all. Well see everyone on Tuesday 9th May!

Next week, the Year 6 children will take their SATS tests. We know how hard all of the children (and staff) have been working to prepare for these. We hope that all Year 6 children will be able to join us for the breakfast club from 8:30am next week. Please do ensure that the children are well-rested and in on time next week. I hope that the Year 6 children have an enjoyable weekend - the tests do not define your success at primary school so are not anything for you to worry about! Get outside, have fun and enjoy the extra day at home!

Have a lovely long weekend, Mrs Martin.

Key Dates

Mon 8th May

Bank Holiday, school closed

Tues 9th-Fri 12th May

Y6 SATs

Fri 26th May

Last day of term

Mon 5th June

T6 begins

Please ensure children have water bottles in school.



This week's award winners are:

Hedgehogs Class

This week the award goes to all of the Hedgehogs for performing their class assembly to the parents because even though they were a little shy, they all persevered throughout!

Squirrels Class

Rosie is awarded the Award of Excellence for her continued efforts in maths and phonics, always trying her best to succeed and showing the value of determination.

Orin is awarded the Award of Excellence for his skills in guided reading, really thinking about his answers and the text he has read.

Foxes Class

The year 3 award this week goes to Hanna for some amazing reading aloud in class.

The year 4 award goes to Magdalena for showing good understanding in science, learning about animals and their skeletons.

Badgers Class

Louie has been awarded the Award of Excellence for the fantastic skills and determination shown in P.E this week.

Ethan has been awarded the Award of Excellence for writing a wonderful non-chronological report using a range of Scientific language.

PE for Term 5

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays

Squirrels: Mondays

Foxes: Tuesdays (Fridays at Witham Hall)

Badgers: Mondays



Well done to Badgers class

with 98.14% attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance this week

was: 94.93%

Year to date: 94.3%



Hedgehogs Class

This week Hedgehogs performed their first ever class assembly! They were a little shy but persevered all the way through. I was so proud of them all. Thank you to all the relatives that were able to come along. We enjoyed our coronation picnic and all our royal festivities on Friday.

In maths this week we have been practising our counting to 20 and above and looking at the beginnings of adding.

We continued with our new talk 4 write story 'Handa's Surprise' and made play dough African animals as we talked through the story. We were learning all about Stranger Danger this week in our PSHE lessons, making sure that we know what to do if we ever get lost.



Squirrels Class

Our focus this term in art is birds—moving from 2D drawings to sculpture. Last week, we drew birds, both close up and complete birds, from films. This week, we concentrated on close up work, looking at the patterns and forms of feathers. We used different pencils, pastels and charcoals to try different effects. It took lots of concentration but fabulous images were created. In maths, both groups have been concentrating on fractions. They would welcome the opportunity to cut things in half (year 1), quarters and thirds (year 2) to practise at home.



Foxes Class

This week in our *Life through the Ages* topic, Foxes have been finding out facts about stone-age beasts to write and illustrate a non-chronological report.

In science we have been learning about the skeletons of animals and using archaeological evidence such as cave paintings of animals to answer questions about the past in history.

In maths we have been continuing our learning about money, finding change and using decimals in money in year 4. Children are very much enjoying this topic, especially discussions relating money to economics and whether to spend or save their pocket money!

In art we studied the work of textile artists Hannah Rae and Alice Kettle, using mixed media in painted and sewn landscapes. We discovered a new interest in learning to stitch and sew and found it very relaxing.



Badgers Class

We have been working hard in Badgers class this week. Year 6 have been working their socks off revising different topics in Maths, Grammar and Reading, ready for next weeks assessments. I am so proud of their hard work, commitment and perseverance that they have shown throughout each week! Meanwhile, year 5 have been working hard to complete their non-chronological reports about a chosen mammal, linked to our topic of living thing and their habitats in Science.



In P.E this week, we continued learning the skills needed to play a successful game of rounders. This weeks skill was throwing at a distance. I was so impressed with Badgers' skills demonstrated in this lesson. We finished the session with a game of rounders to show off our new skills!

Due to the bank holiday, P.E will take place on Wednesday next week.