

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a good break - it seemed quite a long one this time and I know some of our children (and staff!) have found it tricky to get back into the routine of early school mornings this week. That said, when I have been into classes, everyone has settled back into learning quickly and the children have been focused and working hard. The children in Squirrels had a very exciting first morning back - please see the next page to find out why!

Well done to Mrs Lovesey who achieved 20 years of service just before the Christmas holiday and was presented with a certificate from the Local Authority today! It is a huge achievement and the educational landscape has changed so much over this time but Mrs Lovesey still enjoys the job hugely and were glad to have her as a member of staff!

Next week, on Monday, we will welcome Dai Greene - a hurdler who has won World, European and Commonwealth titles in his career - to our assembly. He will share his story, set backs and successes which will hopefully prove inspiring to our children. Our thanks to Inspire + who have organised the event. On Tuesday, the Year 2 children will have a Friendship and Emotions workshop led by LCCs Stay Safe Partnership to look forward to. This will explore the idea of being a good friend to others and I am sure the children will enjoy this session. Patrick Candler, Chairman of Bythams Woodland Trust, will be coming into school on Friday to talk about some exciting new plans for the Spinney!

Clubs also begin next week and we will also be participating in a football league this term - more information to follow for those Key Stage 2 children who will be involved. A huge thanks to Matt Dutton for once again leading the coaching sessions but also agreeing to support the children for the football matches over the next couple of terms.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin

Key Dates

w/c 9.1.22

Clubs begin

Mon 9th Jan -

Dai Greene - Athlete Assembly

Tues 10th Jan -

Foxes + some Y6 swimming begins

Year 2 Healthy friendships workshop

Fri 13th Jan

Gareth Davies MP visit to school - postponed

Half term Mon 13th to Fri 17th Feb

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 Isabella for a great start to this term. She is sharing the resources fairly, listening and showing she is ready to learn and trying her best. Well done Isabella!

Squirrels Class

Rama has received the Award of Excellence for his significant improvement in his pencil grip, writing his name beautifully and drawing pictures of flowers.

Oliver has received the Award of Excellence for his hard work in maths, recalling height and length facts.

Foxes Class

Enya has received the Award of Excellence for trying hard in maths and answering questions with related calculations.

Harry has received the Award of Excellence for writing a great opening paragraph about the Roman invasion.

Badgers Class

Grace has received the Award of Excellence for being such a kind, thoughtful and caring member of Badgers class.

Mia has received the Award of Excellence for her positive and hardworking work ethic.

PE for Term 3

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays and Fridays
(Fridays at Witham Hall)

Squirrels: Mondays

Foxes: Tuesdays

Badgers: Mondays



Well done to Badgers class with 100% attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance this week was 96.54%

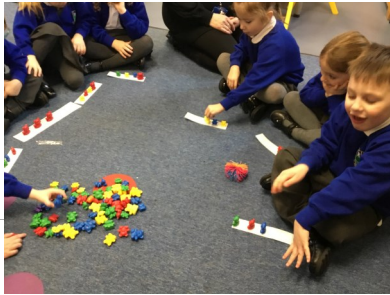
Spring Term: 96.54%

Hedgehogs Class



I have been so impressed with how the children have started this new term after a long break. We started our short week with a Winters walk and collected signs of winter including moss covered sticks, and skeleton leaves. We also had a discussion about how the trees have changed and look very bare.

In maths this week we used 5 frames to practically find one more and one less using compare bears. Every morning when we come in we place our face on the 10 frame to see who is here and how many altogether.



Our new topic is 'Winters Night' and we have started our new Talk 4 Write story "How to Catch a Star" by Oliver Jeffers.

To introduce the story we went on a spaceship and flew into space using the interactive white board. We made sure we were all strapped in and counted down from 10 to blast off! It was so much fun!

Squirrels Class

Squirrels new topic is called 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' so we started the topic off with a very messy morning! We had 13 different stations set up around the classroom and the children took it in turns to explore the items set up. We had: slime, gloop, potion making, foam, ice, sand, kinetic sand, rainbow rice, porridge oats, chalk, buttons, loose parts and fake snow. The children had great fun and were really interested in exploring their areas. They had their own charts to fill in to say what they enjoyed and gave it a score. We will be sharing these results next week to see which was the favourite area. It was really interesting to see all the different reactions.



Foxes Class

This week we began our history project of 'Emperors and Empires' with an introduction to find out who the Romans were. In English, we wrote about how the Romans first invaded Britain led by the emperor Julius Caesar, who failed to conquer Britain. We also studied the armour that Roman centurions wore to go into battle and learnt about their chariots.

In maths this week, we have been applying our knowledge of multiplication and division to related calculations and looking at problem solving.



In computing this week we worked in pairs and used a scratch program to choose sprites, give them costumes, create sounds, add backdrops and use move commands to make the sprite move.



Badgers Class

We have had a great first week back after the Christmas holidays. We began our new topic of 'Darwins Delights' where children learnt all about Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution. Charles Darwin discovered the finch beak and how they adapt over time.

To really grasp an understanding of his theory about finches, we conducted an experiment. Children were given a range of 'beaks' and different 'seeds' and their task was to see which beak was most suitable for the seed.

