

# The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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## Friday 9th June 2023

Welcome back to the final term of this academic year! I was reflecting with a parent this week about how quickly the year flies by and that our Reception children will so soon be moving into Year 1!

This week has been a busy one across all classes. I know that Hedgehogs are really enjoying their pirate topic and the Squirrels had a lovely day at Great Wood Farm on Tuesday. Our Year 4 children have begun the statutory Multiplication assessments this week and our Year 1 and some of the Year 2 children will soon be taking the statutory phonics check with Mrs Jack. The children are used to completing these types of tasks and we keep them as low-key as possible. I am sure that the children will all do their best and the results of these assessments, alongside outcomes of Year 2 and Year 6 SATS will be shared later this term with the childrens end of year academic report, which will be coming out to you on Friday 7th July.

On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of teaching the Foxes class in the morning. I was really impressed with the childrens work in Maths and their 'cracking comprehension' task. They have really grown in confidence when reading and answering some tricky questions about the text. Don't forget, Mrs Morris will be holding a reading for pleasure workshop on Friday 16th June at 2:30pm. We hope you can join us!

You will have received a letter outlining some staffing changes for September earlier this week from our new Chair of Governors, Mr Adrian Reed. Adrian is an experienced school leader and school Governor, having worked in education for nearly 40 years. We welcome him to the Board - I know he is excited to be part of the Bythams team. Mrs Fiona Allett, who has served as a school Governor for a number of years, now takes the position of Vice-Chair. I met with Mrs Ives and Mrs Cook this week and I know that they are looking forward to September. Mrs Cook will be in school a few more times over the coming weeks - look out for dates and opportunities to meet with her.

The weather this weekend and into next week looks warm - please ensure that children have sun-cream applied before coming to school next week and send a named bottle for them to re-apply at lunchtime, if required. Please also ensure that children have a named sun/hat and water bottle with them every day.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin

### Key Dates

w/c 12th June

Thurs 15th

Foxes class mini Olympics Grantham Meres

Fri 16th

Reading for Pleasure workshop 2:30pm

Mon 19th June

Class and Year 6 group photos

Mon 26th June

Year 6 trip to PGL

Tues 27th June

Year 5 to Casterton Science Day

Thurs 29th June

2:30pm Parent/Carer workshop on nutrition

w/c 10th July

Thurs 13th

Y6 Leavers' performance

Fri 14th

Sports Day 1:30pm

### PE for Term 6

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays

Squirrels: Fridays

Foxes: Tuesdays

Badgers: Fridays at Witham Hall



### This week's award winners are:

#### Hedgehogs Class

This week the award goes to Isabella for a fantastic start to the new term. Isabella has worked really hard in her new phonics group and has been trying hard in all her subjects. Well done Isabella!

#### Squirrels Class

The Year 1 award of Excellence goes to Orson for coming into school so well and his exciting sentences in writing.

The Year 2 Award of Excellence goes to Leo, for his improved confidence and his valuable contributions in maths.

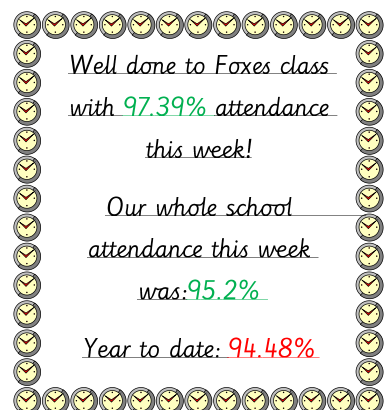
#### Foxes Class

The Year 3 award goes to Aaron for some very informative writing and producing a leaflet about snow leopards

The Year 4 award goes to Bentley for some amazing drawings of predators, including a fearsome looking shark!

#### Badgers Class

Charlie receives the Award of Excellence for his fantastic expression whilst performing the play  
Tilly receives the Award of Excellence for her commitment to learning lines in the play.



Well done to Foxes class with 97.39% attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance this week was: 95.2%

Year to date: 94.48%

### Hedgehogs Class



This week, Hedgehogs learnt all about the importance of bees in our environment. We listened out for them in the playground and woodland area and eventually witnessed some in our allotment drinking nectar from the planted wild flowers! We learnt about pollination and we also made a tessellating pattern with hexagons to represent honeycomb patterns. In maths this week, we have been doubling using numicon, our fingers, loose parts and playing games with dice. During PE this week we have been practising our jumping skills, jumping over objects and in hoops. We also had a competition who could jump the furthest in the playground and marked these distances on the playground with chalk. Our new topic is pirates and we have really got into the spirit! Hedgehogs have loved playing with the pirate ships in the tuff spot and making treasure maps and decorating pirate flags!



### Foxes Class

This week, Foxes have been very enthused and engaged in our new topic 'Predator! We have enjoyed researching facts about snow leopards, sharks, lions, bears, reptiles, amphibians, birds and the peregrine falcon, amongst other hunters. We have used our new knowledge to plan and write information leaflets about our favourite predator, focusing on the features and structure for writing information texts.

In art this week, we drew predators using half of an original photograph and completing the image. We focussed on the use of tone, form and colour. There are some talented artists in Foxes class!

In maths we have been studying shape by comparing and measuring different angles and turns.



### Squirrels Class

#### Trip to Great Wood Farm

We had an amazing trip to Great Wood Farm this week, the children were so well behaved and had an amazing day. We started the day with meeting Robert who led the day for us. We walked through the wood and were tasked with an ID/ classification challenge. Firstly, we had to choose a classification, such as white flowers or green leaves, and find plants which matched this. Once we found a plant we had to use the ID keys to find out what the plant was, we drew these and labelled them. At the end of the walk, we then looked at evergreen and deciduous trees, all which linked to our learning in school. When we arrived at the base camp we looked at different habitats and we built homes for them around the area.

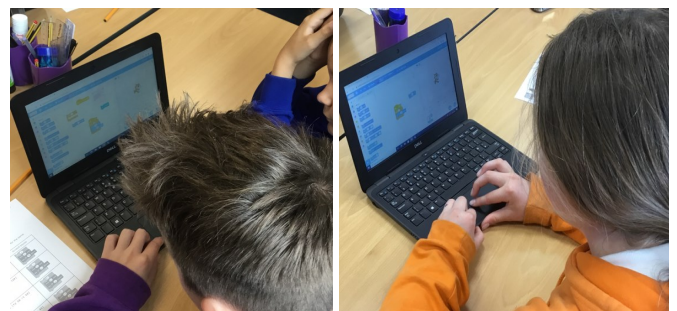


After our packed lunch around the fire circle, we began our afternoon session. There was time to go and explore base camp and most of the children continued to build homes for their animals. Robert built a fire with Mrs Foster and they cooked pancakes for the children to eat with some local honey on top, they were delicious! I worked with the children and created hammer leaf/plant pictures, this is called Hapa Zome. The children created amazing pieces of art work and these were sent home.

It was a very busy but enjoyable and relaxed day. Look at the last pages of the newsletter for more photos—there were so many to share!

### Badgers Class

This week, we have begun our unit of programming in Computing. Children worked together to modify a code to create different shapes in Scratch. Their confidence really grew and by the end of the lesson they were producing multiple shapes, understanding how to change the code.



We also began our topic of Groundbreaking Greeks. This week we learnt about what we can learn about the Greeks from artefacts. We have also spent lots of time practising our end of year performance. I have been so impressed with the children's commitment to learning their lines and use of some great expression in their performance! Well done Badgers!



