

# The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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## Friday 9th September 2022

This morning, we held an assembly to mark the sad news of the Queens passing and to remember and celebrate such a remarkable life. It was only yesterday in our assembly that I read a letter from the Queens Lady in Waiting from Balmoral, which had arrived the day before, thanking the children for their letters and pictures which had been sent as part of our Jubilee work earlier this year. We join the nation in offering our condolences to the Queens family - if you would like to leave a message of condolence, you can do so here: [Send a message of condolence | The Royal Family](#) .

Quite the end to an otherwise fantastic start to the term. It has been so lovely to welcome back our families after the long summer break, as well as to welcome new families too! Our Reception children have settled in well and across the school this week I have seen calm, settled classrooms and happy children (and staff!). Well done to Oliver P for receiving the first Headteachers Award of the year for his fantastic log pile house homemade sculpture for a retell of the Gruffalo and to Connor for working so hard when finding out facts linked to Foxes' new topic.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming you at the end of the day on either Monday 12th or Tuesday 13th September (between 3:10pm and 4pm) to pop in to meet your child's class teacher and to see their learning environment, if you are able to join us. Formal parents' evenings will take place later this term but we are keen for you to feel more welcome in school this year and so this is the first of hopefully many opportunities for us to open our doors to you.

Please keep an eye on the school website, twitter account and newsletter for key dates. We're looking forward to this year and being able to share it more with you.

Have a great weekend, Mrs Martin.

Key Dates  
w/c 12.9.22

Clubs start  
Mon 12th & Tues 13th  
Open classrooms from  
3:10-4pm

w/c 30.9.22

Fri 30th  
Macmillan Coffee  
Morning 9:15-11am

w/c 3.10.22

Fri 7th  
Share a story time  
2:30pm - all classes

w/c 17.10.22

Parents' Evenings -  
TBA  
Term ends Friday  
21st October



*This week's award winners are:*

### Hedgehogs Class

Xander has been awarded our Award of Excellence this week for being a kind friend and sharing his scooter.

### Squirrels Class

Orson receives the Award of Excellence for his superb, independent maths work.  
Leo receives the Award of excellence for his fabulous independent writing, and being a great year 2 role Model.

### Foxes Class

Esther has achieved our Award of Excellence this week for amazing writing to inform in a report about living Earth, including using paragraphs.  
Eddie has achieved our Award of Excellence for trying so hard and showing enthusiasm for learning across all subjects.

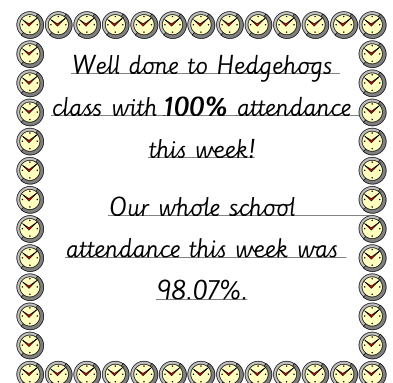
### Badgers Class

Tilly has been awarded our Award of Excellence this week for settling in at the Bythams so beautifully!  
Archie has been awarded the Award of Excellence this week for demonstrating a fantastic



### PE for Term 1

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays  
Squirrels: Mondays  
Foxes: Tuesdays  
Badgers: Monday and Friday  
(Witham Hall)



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

Our whole school attendance this week was 98.07%.

## Hedgehogs Class



What a fantastic first week of school Hedgehogs have had! We have been busy playing inside and outside our classroom, getting to

know our teachers and other friends in the classroom. We have enjoyed stories, playing with slime, building houses with giant cardboard boxes, riding on scooters and bikes, playing with the water and sand, painting, drawing and sticking. Next week we will continue to learn routines of the day and will explore our forest area called the 'mini spinney'. Please could your child bring in a pair of names wellies to keep at school.

You should have all received an email from Tapestry the online learning journal. Please let Mrs Shaw know if you did not.



## Squirrels Class



Squirrels have had a very creative start to the term. Our topic is 'The Enchanted Woodland'. We have used the book of the Gruffalo this week to explore forests. On Wednesday, we

built the story map of the Gruffalo with foraged items from the school. We then labelled parts of the story. On Thursday, we wrote character descriptions of the Gruffalo. On Friday, we explored the mini spinney and collected items for our Enquiry Area, learning about the trees that we have in the spinney and looking at signs of the changing season.



## Foxes Class

We have enjoyed a fabulous first week in Foxes class! We have been getting to know each other through talking about feelings and friendships, enjoying games, and the new outdoor gym equipment.

We have settled back into school life well and have eagerly taken on some classroom monitor roles, showing responsibility and teamwork!

This week we engaged with interest in pre-learning some facts and information about Living Earth in readiness to launch our project for this term, *Rocks, Relics and Rumbles*. We have collaborated in thinking of some further questions we want to explore throughout our learning journey related to this project. We look forward to sharing our new knowledge with you.

We are also developing our love of reading and enjoying books in our reading area, sharing favourite authors, information books and exploring the meaning of some new vocabulary.



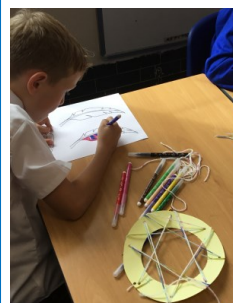
In art we have enjoyed sketching then using pastel to create self portraits with some most impressive results to feature in a class display.

## Badgers Class

Welcome back! Introducing our new Badgers class this year!



We have had a fantastic first week in Badgers class this week and it has been a very creative start to the term! We began by thinking of a unique way to display our school values using a stained glass window effect and silhouette to capture each value.



To launch our PSHE unit of 'being me in my world', we made dream catchers to catch our dreams for this academic year.