

Friday 13th October 2023

As you know, one of our Bythams values is *determination*. Thomas in foxes class and his dad have been walking a million steps to raise money for Dogs for Autism, a charity providing assistance dogs to enrich the lives and expand horizons of autistic people of any age and their families.

Earlier this week, Thomas had just 16,678 more to go! He has been averaging 50,125 steps each week, measured on his Fitbit. So far Thomas has raised almost £1,250! This will fund a whole year's worth of training for one of the marvellous assistance puppies.

In recognition of Thomas' hard work and determination the charity made him a member of their 100 Heroes Club. We are so proud of you Thomas. What great determination you have shown!

Thomas would like to thank everyone for their amazing generosity and words of encouragement. You can go to www.justgiving.com if you wish to donate. Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Ives.



Our Class Books

Squirrels – Little Red Hen

Foxes – The Wind in the Willows

Badgers – Who Let the Gods Out?

Recommendation



'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf is a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense. Told with heart and humour.

Key Dates

18th & 19th October

Parents' Meetings

Wed 18th October

1-3pm Foxes visiting River Glen. End of topic learning visit.

19th October

Parents invited to visit Wood School 3.00-4.00pm

23rd - 27th October

Half Term

Tuesday 31st October –

Back to school

This week's award winners are:

Squirrels Class

The award for Reception goes to Delilah Turner for showing resilience when building her tower.

The award for Year 1 goes to Naomi Liverseidge for trying hard and being resilient with her Maths.

The award for Year 2 goes to Rosie Bone for being a fantastic role model and always trying her best.

Foxes Class

The award for Year 3 goes to Lilly for trying hard to improve all aspects of her learning, but especially in maths and reading where she is making good progress.

The award for Year 4 goes to Eddie for working hard in English this week to use descriptive language when describing the Library Island.

Badgers Class

The award for year 5 goes to Daniel for contributing his ideas in all lessons.

The award for year 6 goes to Brodie for excellent writing.

PE Days

Tuesday: Squirrels

Wednesday: Foxes and Badgers

Wood School

Wednesday: Squirrels

Thursday: Badgers

Friday: Foxes

Attendance

Well done to Squirrels class with weekly attendance of 97.5%

Our whole school attendance this week was 94.7%

Squirrels Class - EYFS

This week Reception used the story Little Red Hen to support their learning of harvest and Autumn. They have enjoyed trying a range of different fruits and vegetables as well as playing with the small world farm. The children have been joining in with and retelling the story orally. In maths the children have started to compare length and weight.



Squirrels Class - Years 1 and 2

Year 1 and 2 have continued to develop their understanding of a Victorian school this week by looking at the equipment they used such as chalkboards and ink pens. In maths we have been learning addition and subtraction, as well as related number facts. The children also got to enjoy their last session of the term at Witham Hall in the sunshine.



Foxes Class

In Foxes class this week we have been looking at mountains. We used maps to look at topographical features of mountains and rivers. We also looked at a local map to find the River Glen and any hills in readiness for our trip next week.



In computing, we investigated what a good website needed. We then used Music Sound Lab to create our own musical masterpieces.



Badgers Class

In Badgers Class this week, we have had an exciting and creative time exploring different subjects. In PE, we used interpretive dance to tell World War 2 stories. It was amazing to see how the students were able to portray the emotions and intensity of that era through their movements.

In science, we created posters to explain the difference between simple, series, and parallel circuits.

In English, the class has produced fabulous letters inspired by World War 2. They have taken on the perspective of someone living during that time and have written heartfelt letters depicting their experiences and emotions.





Squirrels class had our first afternoon out in the rain this week! We lay on the ground and felt the rain on our faces. We completed two Go Green Challenge activities. The first one was to have a lesson outside and the Reception class did a maths lesson. The year 1 and 2 children learnt all about trees, the year 1 children need to know what evergreen and deciduous trees are and the year 2 children need to start naming trees.



Badgers love playing the team building games, this week we had the challenge of carrying our balls with our using hand or feet and you must work with their partner. Everyone did it with different methods. We also worked on naming trees around school, to complete the Go Green Challenge we need to name 15 different trees in our area.

