

# The Bythams School Newsletter



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## Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

We are delighted to welcome children back for an exciting and packed term ahead of us. The summer term is always full of fun events to look forward to.

This week, I met with the pupil council who shared some great ideas for an art and craft fundraising stall and developing activities and games at playtimes. They had consulted well with their year group peers to represent childrens' voices and views.

We are excited this week to receive the hoodies for our Y6 children. It is a Bytham's tradition for Y6 to wear these in place of their school jumpers, to celebrate reaching the final term of their primary school learning journey. Our thanks and appreciation to the Friends of Bytham's School for funding this.

Children always enjoy the introduction week of their new term's topic with an exciting 'hook' engaging them in the learning theme. Badgers' classroom furniture was arranged to imitate seating inside an aeroplane this week, stimulating imaginative writing about a plane crash in an unexpected new land.

We have also had some visits from Roy the therapy dog this week to help children settle back into school after the holidays.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Ives.

### Key Dates

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Parents evenings

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> May - 1.30-2.30**

**'Stay and Play' Toddlers & Pre-school Session**

**We will be hosting an hour of sensory & messy play in our EYFS classroom and outdoor area for**

**The Railway Children's Day Nursery, who will be visiting us with Donna.**

**If you also have children between the ages of 2-4 years old, please do come along too and join us for an hour of fun and engaging play activities!**

### PE Days

**Tuesday:** at Witham Hall

### Wood School

Wednesday: Foxes

Tuesday: Squirrels

Thursday: Badgers

### Attendance

Well done to Foxes class with 95% attendance.

Our whole school attendance this week was 93%.

## This week's award winners are:

### Squirrels Class

The achievement award for Reception goes to Hughie for some great interaction in the doctor's role play area.

The achievement award for Year 1 goes to Daisy for kindness and understanding towards others.

The achievement award for Year 2 goes to Bonnie for engagement and trying so hard in maths.

### Foxes Class

The achievement award for Year 3 goes to Oliver P for his fabulous poetry work.

The achievement award for Year 4 goes to Jade for her creative language in English.

### Badgers Class

The achievement award for year 5 goes to Daniel for his work in RE.

The achievement award for year 6 goes to Charlie for his work in RE.

# The Bythams 'Reading Road'

## Our Class Books

**Squirrels** The Gingerbread Man by Jim Aylesworth

**Foxes** Stitch Head by Guy Bass

**Badgers** A Mummy ate my homework  
by Thiago De Moraes

**Mrs Jack's recommendation**

**If all the world were...by Joseph Coelho**

A stunningly illustrated book about the love between a little girl and her grandad. When he passes away, she has a 'kaleidoscope of memories' that she writes and draws. A book to explore families, love and loss.



**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics

## RWI Virtual Classroom Videos – Squirrels Class

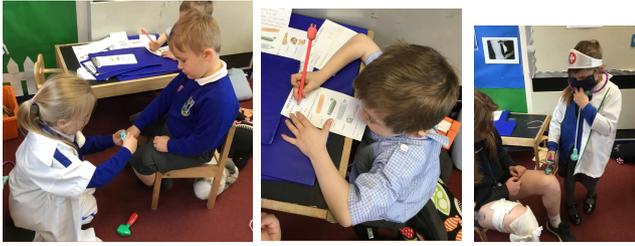
Each week we will now be sending these videos home as a separate document as we really want to encourage you to take the time to watch them with your child at home to support their reading journey.

## Wood School – Parents Open Afternoon

It was so lovely to welcome parents to our Mini Spinney at the end of last term, it was a great success and the children enjoyed showing you around the area.



## Squirrels Class – EYFS



We had a fabulous time this week in our new doctor's surgery role play area, learning about people who help us. We have been diagnosing and treating all sorts of ailments and injuries, using the medical equipment, bandaging patients, listening to heart beats through a real stethoscope and filling in prescriptions to help our patients to get well again. The children have immersed themselves into their roles, interacting with their knowledge about the body and caring for their patients. We have also enjoyed sequencing The Gingerbread Man story using picture and our knowledge of the story.

## Squirrels Class – Years 1 & 2



We planted seeds in our outdoor learning with Mrs Jack, demonstrating great confidence and independence in our gardening skills! We introduced this term's topic 'coastlines', painting amazing seascapes in shades of blue for our display. In our Talk for Writing, we impressed Mrs Ives with our confident oral retelling using actions of the introduction and setting of The Gingerbread Man story. Next week we will be writing the story using our vocabulary for storytelling and using adjectives. We made puppets of characters to help our retelling of events. In maths, we have been revisiting counting in 2's in year one and parts and wholes ready for fractions in year two.

## Foxes Class – Years 3 & 4

Our topic this term is 'Potions' and we will look at States of Matter in science. On Tuesday, we launched the topic by investigating what happens when we melted crayons, moving them from a solid to a liquid then back to a solid as they cooled. Everyone created beautiful, very individual work.



## Badgers Class – Years 5 & 6

This week in maths, the focus has been on position and direction. Students have been exploring concepts such as coordinates, movements, and angles as they develop their spatial awareness and problem-solving skills.

In English, we delved into the captivating world of 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. The class was enthralled as they explored the themes and characters of the book, and to bring the story to life, they enjoyed a thrilling activity where they acted out a plane journey to the Amazon rainforest during our experience day.

History lessons have taken a fascinating turn as we embarked on our first lesson about the Ancient Egyptians, our history topic for this term. Students have shown great interest in learning about the rich culture, traditions, and legacy of this ancient civilisation, sparking thoughtful discussions and deepening their historical understanding.

Overall, it has been a week filled with excitement, learning, and discovery in Badgers class.