

# The Bythams School Newsletter



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*Thank you to those of you who visited on Monday and Tuesday for our 'open classroom' sessions after school this week. The children are proud to show their learning environment.*

We would like to encourage more parents into school this year. If you do have any time to spare, even on an occasional basis, and would enjoy coming into school to support children reading we would really love to hear from you. We also value parents time and support in reading to your child as well as listening to them read as much as you can at home. Research shows this benefits children enormously in becoming fluent, confident and motivated readers.

We are enjoying seeing parents, grandparents and carers in the playground each day before the bell and at collection time, having a brief chat to you. Please do come right in to the playground rather than waiting at the gate. The children are enjoying seeing their adults in the playground too!

Classes have begun their 'wood school' sessions this week and children have really benefitted from outdoor learning that will also incorporate some aspects of the science curriculum as well as other learning. Already we have an amazing display of artwork using natural materials discovered in wood school. We will be ordering some storage for wellies and waterproof clothing so that children can experience the outdoors in all weathers.

Enjoy the weekend,

Mrs Ives.

## Key Dates

**12th October**

Childrens' annual flu vaccine.  
(nasal spray).

This half term Reception Baseline Assessment will be carried out for EYFS children through observation and early years activities. A leaflet detailing what this assessment is and how it is delivered will follow.

## This week's award winners are:

### Squirrels Class

The award for Reception goes to Max Flowers for his determination and focus with his RE art.

The award for Year 1 goes to Jack Reeve for his independent work in RE

The award for Year 2 goes to Bella Flowers for her fantastic representation of the creation story.

### Foxes Class

The award for Year 3 goes to Leo for his work in maths, Leo has worked hard to challenge himself, especially with his independent work.

The award for Year 4 goes to Poppy for her willingness to demonstrate moves in gymnastics to the whole class.

### Badgers Class

The award for year 5 goes to Poppi for contributing and sharing ideas.

The award for year 6 goes to Harvey for his effort in maths.

## PE Days

Tuesday: Y1/2 at Witham Hall

Wednesday: Foxes and Badgers

**Wood School**

Wednesday: Squirrels

Thursday: Badgers

Friday: Foxes

## Attendance

Well done to Foxes class  
ie 95.8%

Our whole school  
attendance this week was  
95%.

## Squirrels Class - Reception

This week our reception children have been learning about colours and have created a rainbow display to brighten up our classroom. They have sung a wide range of Nursery rhymes including 'I can sing a rainbow' and 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes. The children have been learning to name their body parts, talk about what makes each one of the special and unique and sharing the things they like with their friends.

The children have continued to explore their classroom environment inside and out and have been learning to share and take turns. They have also gotten off to a fantastic start with their phonics.



## Squirrels Class - Years 1 and 2

This week we have been working really hard in maths, using math manipulatives to support and explore our understanding of place value. Year 1 have been counting a representing number to 10 and year 2 have been working with numbers to 20.

The children had a fantastic time in their first PE session at Witham Hall. The children started to develop their tennis skills.



In our topic this

week we have been exploring our local area, finding out the location of our school and exploring what we can see on Google Maps.

In RE we learned about The Creation Story creating some love pictures to support this.

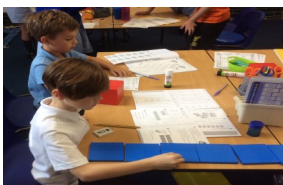
## Foxes Class

Foxes class have had a very busy week. In English at the start of the week we looked at predicting what might happen in a book. Initially from a title, then from an image and finally after hearing the blurb on the back on the book. Then we held a 'book club' and discussed lots of things about what we had read and seen.

In maths, we have worked on 'hundreds and thousands' in place value,



using manipulatives to improve our independent learning.



In PE, our topic is gymnastics. This week, we learnt a variety of jumps and leaps.



## Badgers Class

This week in Badgers Class, we have been engaged in various exciting activities and learning experiences. The students have shown great enthusiasm and displayed their talents in different subjects.

In our PE lessons, Badgers Class has thoroughly enjoyed learning the Charleston dance. The students have shown great enthusiasm and engagement in this activity.

Badgers Class has thoroughly enjoyed our music lessons this week. The students have actively participated in various activities, demonstrating their passion for learning in this subject.





# Wood School

Squirrels went into the Mini Spinney and continued to look at risk and how to stay safe, the children are learning more rules and routines and are able to tell me them this week. We explored the area and then played in the mud kitchen, using lots of water and create mud pictures in groups.



Badgers explored The Allotment this week and started our first observations of a strawberry plant. We are learning how different plants grow and observing these which links to their Science lessons. The children had to clear out the old plants and plant more. Each week we are also learning a variety of team building games, this week we learnt the human knot and did some blindfold challenges.

