

The Bythams School Newsletter



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Over the last few weeks we have been thinking about respect, which is one of our Bythams values. In assemblies we have talked about how we show respect in everyday activities, including our lunchtime game of football. We do love our football here at The Bythams! However, sometimes this can lead to disagreements where we forget to respect each other and the rules of the game.

Our Sports Apprentice, Miss Richards-Reeves, has structured the lunchtime game of football. We now have coloured team bibs and Miss Richards-Reeves referees the game. We even have yellow and red referee cards! We have already seen a positive impact at breaktimes. Children are mindful to respect their fellow players and the referees decision. This is leading to more positive playtimes through living our value of respect. Badgers class voted for year 5 Young Ambassadors who assist younger pupils by leading play-ground games and sports.

Children have also voted for their class representatives for the Pupil Council. This year we will have a representative from every year group across the school. Children will spend a term in their role, developing their leadership, views, and pupil voice by bringing ideas and suggestions for school activities and improvement.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ives

Key Dates

12th October

Childrens' annual flu vaccine.
(nasal spray).

13th October

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ie for individuals and
siblings

October Half Term

Last day of term is Friday
20th October.

Children to return to school
on Tuesday 31st October

This week's award winners are:

Squirrels Class

The award for Reception goes to Delilah Turner working hard on her initial letter writing.

The award for Year 1 goes to Jack Hawkins for working really hard in phonics and writing his hold a sentence.

The award for Year 2 goes to Rama Kirton-Zajac for his fantastic effort and skills during tennis.

Foxes Class

The award for Year 3 goes to Maddie for working hard in phonics, reading and maths, we can really see your progress well done.

The award for Year 4 goes to Hanna for pushing herself in English to expand noun phrases and think about how to put together interesting sentences with verbs and adverbs.

Badgers Class

The award for year 5 goes to Bentley for his fantastic work in French.

The award for year 6 goes to Ethan for his brilliant mathematical explanations.

PE Days

Tuesday: Y1/2 at Witham Hall

Wednesday: Foxes and Badgers

Wood School

Wednesday: Squirrels

Thursday: Badgers

Friday: Foxes

Attendance

Well done to Squirrels class with 95.3% attendance for the week

Our whole school attendance this week was 93.4%

Squirrels Class - EYFS



This week reception have been learning all about being a good friend, taking turns and sharing. They work hard to create their friend recipe's and have enjoyed sharing the story 'Rainbow fish'. They will finish the week by creating a rainbow Fish picture.



Squirrels Class - Years 1 and 2

As part of our topic year 1 and 2 have been exploring physical and human features showing a fantastic understanding. In maths year 1 have show a brilliant understanding of numbers to 10 in the end of topic assessment. Year 2 have working hard, comparing and ordering numbers. I This week they really impressed me and the coaches with the tennis skills in PE.



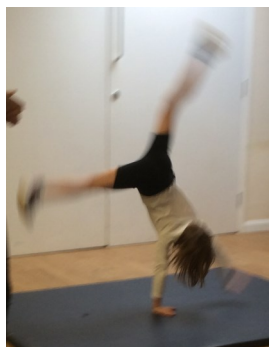
Foxes Class

In our maths on Wednesday, year 4 worked on Roman numerals whilst the year 3 children did some pre-learning games on addition as they get ready to start their new block of learning. Everyone is foxes is really developing their love of maths and using great mathematical vocabulary. In guided reading, we are using 'The Twits' as our focus text. We love this book, as they children are able to give an accurate recall of what they have previously read. They have worked hard on retrieval questions and building pen pictures of Mr and Mrs Twit this week.



In gymnastics we worked on handstands and cartwheels. It was fabulous to see all the children having a go, using different modifications to help them develop their skills, and supporting each other to try—

we were very proud of them all.



Badgers Class

This week in Badgers class we have had an exciting week of learning. In our PE lessons, we have been introduced to a new dance style called the Lindy Hop. We have had so much fun learning the energetic steps and the fancy footwork.

In maths, we have moved on to the four operations. We have been learning about addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

In French, we have been exploring the topic of towns. We have written explanations about our towns in French.



Wood School

Unfortunately, On Wednesday the winds were too high to go outside for Wood School with Squirrels Class. However, it gave us the perfect opportunity to sort all of their kit into their new blue bags which look so smart and will make getting ready for Wood School much quicker. We brought transient art into the classroom and the children made their art work. Next week, we will be taking transient art outside to the woods. I wonder how different they will look?



Badgers Class went into the Mini Spinney, in contrast to Wednesday's weather, it was lovely! We first organised all of our kit and waterproofs and then explored the Mini Spinney. The children loved exploring the area, I had shouts of "Mrs Jack come and look at what I have found!", "Mrs Jack look what is under this rock" or "Look at the snail I found!" The excitement was a joy to see, the children benefited from that time and I felt a sense of pride at how well they behaved, listened and explored the area. We were looking at staying safe, the rules and how to spot dangers or hazards in the area.

