

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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Another busy week but the end is in sight now as we approach the final week of term! On Monday, I had the pleasure of spending the afternoon in Hedgehogs class and I thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the minispinney where we spent time finding different sized sticks to build animal dens!

On Tuesday, we welcomed families to look around our school during our open morning. Children born between 1/9/18 and 31/8/19 are due to start school in September 2023 and the application window opens for parents on 14th November 2022 and closes on 15th January 2023. There is guidance available here: [Going to primary school in Lincolnshire](#). You can apply online, by telephone (01522 782030) or by requesting a paper copy of the form from Lincolnshire County Council. We will hold another open morning on Tuesday 8th November between 9:30am and 11:30am - please do join us if you require a Reception place next September and spread the word to friends and families who might be looking at schools at this time!

On Wednesday, many children received their flu immunisation, if you missed this but would like your child to receive the vaccine, please speak to Ms Miner in the school office for further information.

Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for our parents' evening appointments this week. The vast majority decided to access these meetings remotely and thankfully, they ran smoothly! We will have a second evening of meetings next Wednesday 19th October so if you wish to speak to your child's class teacher about their progress so far this year but haven't yet made an appointment, please contact the school office to arrange this.

Next week promises to be busy once again and I know the children will enjoy the end of term FOBS treat of 'Break the Rules Day' next Friday!

Have a great weekend, Mrs Martin

Key Dates

w/c 17.10.22

Wed 19th Oct

Parents' Evening

Fri 21st

FOBS break the rules

day

Term ends Friday

21st October

Term 2 begins

Mon 31st Oct

w/c 7.11.22

Tues 8th Nov

Open morning 9:30am

- 11:30am



This week's award winners are:

Hedgehogs Class

The Award for Excellence goes to Naomi for being a really special friend to another member of Hedgehogs class, making sure they feel happy and always asking how they can help. This shows such maturity, well done Naomi!

Squirrels Class

Lilly got the Award of Excellence this week for her improvement during art when we did continuous line drawings.

Oaklee got the Award of Excellence for his brilliant phonics lesson.

Foxes Class

Poppy for her excellent work and progress in phonics and reading.

Connor for some great adjectives and descriptions in planning a letter written to Grandpa.

Badgers Class

Archie H has been awarded the Handwriting award this week for persevering and trying hard to join his handwriting.

Amelia has been awarded the Award of Excellence this week for her determination in Maths.

Ernest has been awarded the Award of Excellence for writing a fantastic diary account in English.



PE for Term 1

Hedgehogs: Tuesdays

Squirrels: Mondays

Foxes: Tuesdays

Badgers: Monday and Friday



Well done to Foxes class with 98.77% attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance this week was 95.3%



Hedgehogs Class

This week Hedgehogs enjoyed reading the story 'Stanley's Stick' and went on a stick hunt of their own.



They then built dens for animals to shelter in. We have also been inspired by pirate role play this week.

We buried some treasure in our sand pit and had fun dressing up as pirates.

In maths this week we have been learning about repeating patterns and for snack time on Tuesday, we made our own fruit kebabs in a repeating pattern! Delicious!



Squirrels Class

The Matchbox Diary, a whole school writing theme



This week, we have been looking at the story the Matchbox Diary.

After we read the story, we all had our own Matchboxes. We explored the size, talked about different words for small and worked out what could fit inside. We decorated each matchbox with different designs and marks, making links to our art topic about spirals. We then discuss stories and what story our object may tell.

At the end of the week the children choose a pet they would like to keep in the matchbox. They then wrote about that pet, they all worked very hard.



Foxes Class

We have enjoyed sharing the Matchbox Diary story and talking about our favourite items and memories that Grandpa put inside different matchboxes. We enjoyed learning about the history of what life was like for him as a boy travelling from Italy to settle in America.



We put our own items inside matchboxes and enjoyed sharing the special memories associated with them.



Our theme in art this term is gestural drawing. We drew observational drawings of the fruits and vegetables of Harvest time.

Badgers Class

This week, all children in school were introduced to a story in assembly on Monday. It was all about a boy who kept a diary of objects in a matchbox. Badgers class used this stimulus to write a written diary of the boys life. They really thought about the features of a diary as well as thinking about the back story to several of the objects from the book.

In P.E this week, Badgers continued to work on the skill of team work and co-operation. This week, they were given the challenge of retrieving different objects from the 'pool' using given equipment. Children worked well in their teams to think of imaginative ways to use the equipment to retrieve the most objects.



In Science, Badgers have been loving the theme of Space. They have been fascinated each week and this week was no different! They learnt all about the phases of the moon; learning why they see the moon in different shapes throughout the month.