

The Bythams School Newsletter



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Friday, 10th May 2024

It was lovely to see so many parents in school last week for Parents evening. This week has seen the lovely sunny weather finally appear for us to make the most of our wonderful outdoor environments. Please send a hat and apply sun cream so that children are protected while gaining the most from outdoor learning opportunities. Squirrels have enjoyed using water, filling containers from the outdoor tap to enhance their imaginative play. Small groups of Badger's children have been enjoying supporting younger children in their outdoor play. It is wonderful to see the outdoor provision so busy and purposeful during the warmer months.

The week of 13th May is SATs week for our year 6 pupils. We are keeping this calm and focussed to support pupils not to become anxious during this time. There will be a breakfast snack each morning with Christine for Y6 to start the day with an enjoyable event and provide some additional 'brain power' for the test. A parent mail was delivered to Y6 yesterday informing you of the purpose and subjects within the tests. Y6 have been working hard towards this week and I am sure will perform their very best! Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Ives

Key Dates

w/b 13th May

SATS week for Y6

Friday 24th May - 1.30-2.30

'Stay and Play' Toddlers & Pre-school Session

Friday 12th July – New date for Year 6 PGL

PE Days

Foxes Tuesday: at Witham Hall

Wood School

Tuesday: Squirrels

Wednesday: Foxes

Thursday: Badgers

Attendance

Well done to Foxes class with 93% attendance.

Our whole school attendance this week was 93%.

This week's award winners are:

Squirrels Class

The achievement award for Reception goes to Thomas for great creative work with a group

The achievement award goes to Rama for labelling part of a plant in science.

The achievement award for Year 2 goes to Rosie for great work in maths and phonics.

Foxes Class

The achievement award for Year 3 goes to Reggie for his improvement in maths, working hard to problem solve

The achievement award for Year 4 goes to Eddie for working hard in English and persevering with clay to make a fabulous bird nest

Badgers Class

The achievement award for year 5 goes to Daniel for perseverance in PE.

The achievement award for year 6 goes to Jamie for his effort in writing.

The Bythams 'Reading Road'

Our Class Books

Squirrels The Gingerbread Man by Jim Aylesworth

Foxes Witches by Roald Dahl

Badgers A Mummy ate my homework
by Thiago De Moraes

Mrs Jack's recommendation

Town is by the Sea by Joanne Schwartz and Sydney Smith

A little boy lives in a seaside mining town. His father works 'deep down under that sea, digging for coal'. As he works, the boy explores the town, nature, home. A window into the lives of an important community historically.

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 you child at home to support their reading journey.

Wood School



Squirrels Class – EYFS

Continuing our magical tales' topic and the story of The Gingerbread Man, which we are thoroughly immersed in, we baked and decorated Gingerbread men with icing and eyes, just like in the story!

We have enjoyed outdoor learning and used a huge cardboard box to create our chosen object of an aeroplane for role play outside. Painting it together was so much fun! I wonder what journeys will it take us on ?



Squirrels Class – Years 1 & 2

In maths we are now recording in White Rose maths workbooks, which is supporting our understanding. Year 1 have been writing number sentences and using arrays to count in 2s, 5s. and 10s. In year 2 we have been learning about unit and non-unit fractions.

We been learning about compass points to navigate north, south, east or west? We learnt that that compass points can describe a location or the direction of travel. We have been practising travelling in different directions outside.



Foxes Class – Years 3 & 4

Foxes have worked superbly hard on their maths this week – year 3 are focusing on money and year 4 decimals and they should be proud of their hard work. In science, we have looked at the melting point of chocolate and the best way to melt it.

In wood school, we had fire making sessions for the last 2 weeks enjoying smores and campfire donuts. We also used tools for witling and Christine worked with children to split wood using larger tools.



Badgers Class – Years 5 & 6

This week in Badgers class, we have been focusing on revising key skills.

In Maths, Year 6 students dedicated their time to revising for their upcoming SATs, while Year 5 students focused on consolidating their understanding of decimals.

In English, the emphasis was on reinforcing grammar skills and integrating language techniques into our writing tasks.

Meanwhile, in History, the students delved into the intriguing world of Ancient Egypt, offering a fascinating insight into the past.

It has been a productive week in Badgers class, with students engaging wholeheartedly in their learning endeavours.

