

The Bythams School Newsletter



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Friday, 12th July 2024

As the school year draws to a close, we bid a heartfelt farewell to Mrs Foster who is retiring after an incredible 35 years of dedicated service. Throughout her time at The Bythams School, Mrs Foster has supported teaching for two generations of some families here, as HLTA. Mrs Foster is highly regarded by children and colleagues alike for her unwavering commitment, passion for early years education, and the positive impact she has had on countless young lives. Her presence will be greatly missed but we wish Mrs Foster all our very best for a well-deserved and happy retirement.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Jack, our wonderful phonics and outdoor leader, who is moving on to new adventures to work in her family's nursery setting. Over her 10 years with us, Mrs. Jack has developed the outdoors, phonics and reading provision into a vibrant hub of learning and creativity. Her dedication to fostering a love of reading and her support for both children and staff have been invaluable. While we are sad to see her go, we are excited for her as she embarks on the next chapter of her career.

SEND Coffee Morning: As pupils will have their transition morning on Tuesday 16th July, Mr Sutton, our new headteacher, will be in school for this event. We are pleased to invite parents to our second SEND coffee morning on Tuesday 16th July from 12.00-12.30, where you will have the opportunity to meet Mr Sutton. We look forward to seeing you there and continuing working together to support all our pupils' with SEND needs.

We have had a busy but rewarding week in school that has enabled the opportunity to reflect on the achievements and milestones our pupils have reached. From academic successes to memorable activities, it has been a year of growth with much to celebrate as the year draws to an end. We are also thrilled that Mrs Randall will be joining us next year to lead phonics and as EYFS/key stage 1 class teacher. She is a most experienced teacher. We are delighted that Mrs Kerton will also be returning to us, who some parents and many pupils know and will remember from her work with us last year.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Ives

Key Dates

Reports sent out: Friday
12th July

Transition morning:
Tuesday 16th July

SEND coffee morning:
Tuesday 16th July, 12.00-12.30 in the 'Thrive Hive'.

Y6 production:
Wednesday 17th July in the hall – am and pm performances

Squirrels trip to Rutland beach: Thursday 18th July

Last day of term: Friday 19th July

Attendance

Well done to
Our whole school
attendance this week
was

This week's award winners are:

Squirrels Class

The achievement award for Reception goes to Thomas for making his own watch using pipe cleaners and writing the clock face numbers

The achievement award for Year 1 goes to Eliot for his wonderful writing on Saltwick Nab and the Shipwreck of SS Rohilla near Whitby

The achievement award for Year 2 goes to Oaklee for his design of the pig's house and the little pig

Foxes Class

The achievement award for Year 3 goes to Oliver P for his work in Wood School, showing good skills in cutting and peeling and then helping with making the food.

The achievement award for Year 4 goes to Jade for her contributions in class discussions, no matter what the subject, Jade will enrich our discussions.

Badgers Class

The achievement award for year 5 goes to Harry for his effort in English. The achievement award for year 6 goes to Harvey for his effort in English.

The Bythams 'Reading Road'

Our Class Books

Squirrels

Foxes

The Witches by Roald Dahl

Badgers

Mrs Jack's recommendation

Hello! A Counting Book of Kindness by Hollis Kurman

Families running away from war, floods or scary places need a safe place to live. This counting book beautifully illustrates hope, action and the importance of kind gestures. From beds 'to keep us safe and warm' to 'sharing new stories and words'.

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

Parent videos

To help you support your child on their reading journey, we will be sharing a different parent video each week. Click on the picture link below to view the video.



RWI Virtual Classroom Videos –

Squirrels Class

Each week we will be posting virtual classroom videos to share with the children for additional home support. If you are unsure which group your child is in, please talk to your class teacher. The links will expire after a period, if you would like anymore, please get in touch.

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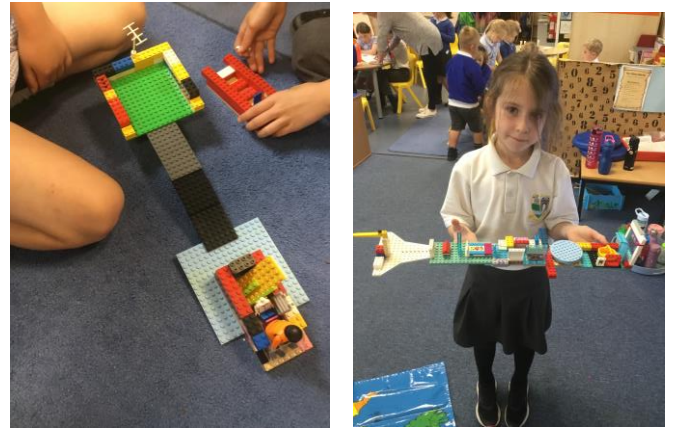
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Squirrels Class – EYFS



We have been making model windmills to 'huff and puff' just like the wolf in the story of The Three Little Pigs. We have been using string to pull through folded paper and make patterns using line as well as mixing paint colours to make different shades of brown and green.

Squirrels Class – Years 1 & 2



This term in geography we have been deepening our learning about the topic 'Coastline'. We have been focusing on Saltnab in Whitby. We have been finding out about different lifeboats around the UK coastline and the work of the RNLI. The children produced some fantastic writing about this! As part of our lesson, the children were encouraged to make their own lifeboat. We made some amazing models.

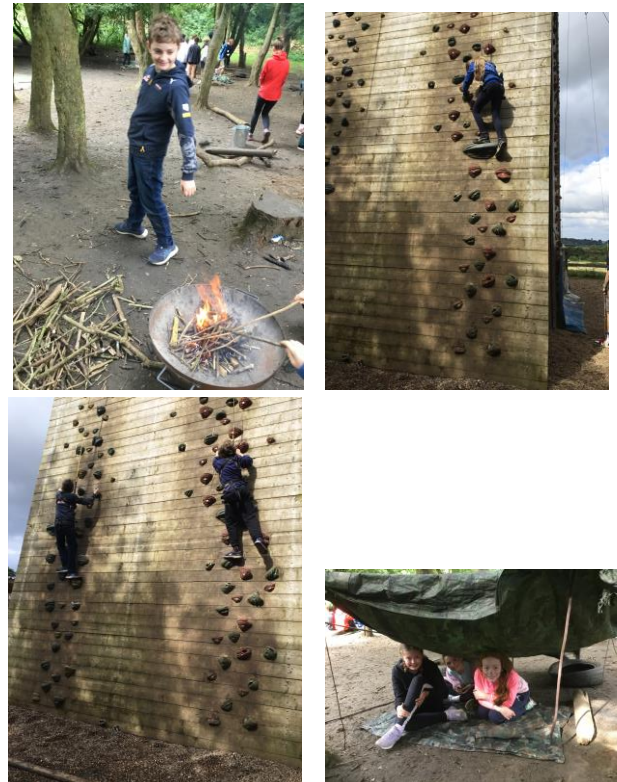
Foxes Class – Years 3 & 4

We have thoroughly enjoyed investigating in so many aspects of our learning this term to solidify our knowledge and learn how to be inquisitive and ask questions. In science, we have conducted lots of investigations about light, what is light, how light travels, the effects of the sun and shadows. In maths, we made 3d shapes to understand vertices and edges. In wood school this term we have cooked a wide variety of food and enjoyed our end of day treat!



Badgers Class – Years 5 & 6

Y6 have had the most amazing time at PGL today exploring and having a go at the many outdoor and adventurous activities.





Everyone enjoyed the trip to the Big Spinney this term – the pictures say everything about how much the children got out of the experience.