

# The Bythams Weekly Newsletter

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## Friday 4th February 2022

Well, this job certainly keeps me on my toes! It has been quite a week with a number of pupil and staff absences. Thank you for your vigilance in taking children for tests when they have been displaying Covid symptoms and thank you to the staff in school who have worked as a fantastic team to ensure everything has run as smoothly as possible over the last few days! Despite the ongoing challenges presented by the pandemic, the children have had a great week in school and today, we were lucky enough to plant four oak trees, saplings from 'The Major Oak', from Sherwood Forest in the school grounds to mark the Queen's ascension to the throne on 6th February, 1952. Thank you to Patrick Candler, the Chairman of The Bythams Woodland Trust for sourcing the trees for us and for helping us to plant them - please see the photos! We look forward to watching them grow!

Sadly, Mrs Blewett has resigned from her post and will leave at the end of this term. I know Mrs Blewett will be missed by our school community, particularly for her work in the ELSA role, but I know you will join me in wishing her every happiness with new ventures. This means that ELSA support will not be available at the start of next term, although all staff are always on hand with a listening ear. We are doing all we can to recruit another ELSA to continue this important work and will hopefully have sessions running again in the summer terms.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin

### Jubilee Tree Planting



### Key Dates

#### Term 3

Tues 4th Jan to Fri 11th Feb

w/c 7th Feb

No clubs running this week

Parents evenings - please sign up to speak to your child's teacher via Google Classroom.

13th Feb

Tickets valid today for Peterborough Phantoms match!

### This week's award winners are:

#### Hedgehogs Class

Rosie, for working so hard in her independent writing and her progression in PE, mastering jumping from the horse and landing confidently.

Darcey, for always trying so hard with her letter formation and self-correcting errors.

#### Squirrels Class

Maddie for brilliant fact finding for her Chinese New Year information booklet.

Zuzanna for a bright and colourful poster to encourage people to recycle.

This week's handwriting award goes to Bella for fantastic concentration.

#### Foxes Class

Dottie is awarded the Award of Excellence for this week for being the most amazing classroom helper.

Samuel is also awarded the Award of Excellence for demonstrating fantastic skills during our football P.E lesson.

Thomas is awarded the handwriting award for trying his best to consistently join his handwriting.

#### Badgers Class

Zaiden for producing excellent work on Buddhism festivals in RE.

Lydia and Jack P for being fantastic computer programmers!



### PE for Term 2

Hedgehogs - Thursday

Squirrels - Friday

Foxes - Wednesday

Foxes - swimming - Thursday

Badgers - Friday

Please remember to send your child into school wearing uniform and with a separate bag for kit to change at school this term!



We understand that children are sometimes ill but we are celebrating attendance each week. If your child is well enough to be here, please ensure that they are!

This week's attendance: 83%

### Hedgehogs Class

In Hedgehogs class we have been looking at Chinese New Year. Firstly, we explored atlases, globes and pictures from China to learn a little bit more about the country. We have had lots of bamboo outside in our garden which we have used for measuring, den building and pretend eating when we were pandas! We have locked away our weekly book and the children have had to produce work to unlock the basket and read the next part of the story. The book is called *The Great Race* and it explains how the Chinese zodiac was decided. The home corner was turned into a Chinese Restaurant with pretend Chinese food to eat, but on Wednesday they got to taste real food. They tried prawn crackers with dipping sauces, spring rolls and egg fried rice. They have even learnt how their name is written in Chinese and have been wearing these as name tags.



### Squirrels Class



This week in squirrels class we have been investigating materials to see if they bend, squash, stretch or twist.

In Maths we have been

gathering information and putting it into tally charts. We have used these to make bar charts and pictographs. We have asked and answered questions about the information shown. We have

been finding out about Chinese New



Year and have researched information to put into a fact file. We have made Chinese New Year Lanterns and have made Year of the Tiger door hangers. We have looked at what materials can be recycled and have discussed the importance of recycling. The children have designed and made their own poster to promote recycling.

### Foxes Class

We have had a great week in Foxes class this week. We started a new Maths topic of length and perimeter where children used the metre ruler to measure their height and then use this information to put themselves in height order.



During P.E this week, we learnt some really tricky turns that even Miss Paparozzi had to learn how to do! Its lucky that we had some experts amongst Foxes class who attend a football club and they were on standby to demonstrate the turns and

become class teacher for the session! We learnt the Cruyff turn and the Drag Back turn.

### Badgers Class



We have been reminding ourselves of all the different tenses in GAPS (Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling) this week. We have been playing games, sorting verbs and writing in the present and past progressive tenses!



Badgers Class have been enjoying working on the story of "A Midsummer Nights Dream" in



Guided Reading lessons. We have been acting out parts of the story, using lots of expression to bring the words to life. As Badgers had got all of their 'Stars in the Jar' for working brilliantly as a class, they earned themselves a reward. They watched a cartoon version of this Shakespearean play, and popcorn and fruit were provided.