

# The Bythams Weekly Newsletter

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## Friday 8th October 2021

It's been another busy week in school: we participated in our first netball match, welcoming children from Malcom Sargent school. The children played really well and demonstrated great determination and team spirit - I know the players made Mrs Shepherd very proud!

We also had our first school council meeting on Thursday. I am looking forward to working with Jade, Amelia, Orin, Esther, Eve, Charlie, Lydia, Sam and Jack over the course of this year to gain pupil voice and ideas about what works well and how we can make The Bythams even better!

Thank you so much to everyone for supporting 'Young Minds' Mental Health Charity today wearing non-uniform and yellow outfits and accessories and, of course, the generous donations to this charity. What a bright end to the week!

Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Martin

**Reminder!**

### Open Days

We are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers of children new to the area, or of children due to start school in September 2022 for tours of the school on our open mornings: Thursday 14th October and Tuesday 16th November between 9:30am and 11:30am. Please contact the school to make an appointment!

### Key Dates

w/c 11th Oct

Thurs 14th - Open Morning  
9:30am-11:30am

If your child has Special Education Needs, you will be invited to a virtual parents/carers' meeting during the afternoon of Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th or Thursday 14th October.

w/c 18th Oct

Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th virtual parents/carers' meetings 3:30 - 6pm.

Thursday 21st - FOBS disco  
6-8pm

Friday 22nd October to  
Sunday 31st October -  
half term

Monday 1st November -  
Friday 17th December  
Term 2

### This week's award winners are:

#### Hedgehogs Class

Orson for amazing progression with forming his graphemes and writing his name.  
Bella in maths, for her fabulous discussion and using her vocabulary correctly when describing longest, shortest and the same.  
Ronnie won the Bythams value of Happiness this week, as we all agreed he is always smiling and happy.

#### Squirrels Class

Reggie for always being ready to learn  
Hanna for reading every day at home and showing great improvement  
Oliver Parr for trying to join up his letters in his writing  
Enya was awarded the Values award for 'happiness' for always coming to school with a big smile on her face!

#### Foxes Class

Teddy F for an improvement to the size of his handwriting.  
Leah for settling into school so well and for being such a kind and caring new addition to Foxes class.  
Eve for trying so hard with her writing and especially for applying phonics to her writing more consistently.  
Harry and Charlie have won the Bythams Value award for Happiness this week. They constantly come into school with a beaming smile each morning!

#### Badgers Class

Alfie and Elodie for their excellent work in RE lessons this week - both worked hard to produce work on Hinduism.  
Sam and Peter were nominated as the class mates who spread the most happiness in Badgers Class.



### PE

Please ensure children come into school wearing PE kit on their PE day:  
Hedgehogs - Friday  
Squirrels - Tuesday  
Foxes - Friday  
Badgers - Friday

### Hedgehogs Class

This week the Hedgehogs have really been enjoying nature and noticing the how the change of the season is affecting our environment. Our book focus was 'Leaf Man'. In Forest school, we went in search of the leaf man, listening to him blowing in the breeze. On Wednesday, we enjoyed our first walk and looked for signs of autumn. We also collected leaves, seeds and berries. Back in the classroom, we have been very creative, making our own leaf men and forming leaf wreaths.



### Squirrels Class

This week has been a great week for the Squirrels! We have been focusing much more on our reading, with many of us now also reading every night at home which has really helped us to improve our blending and comprehension. During our English lessons this week we went to 'Noun Town', where we learnt all about what a Noun is, and got creative by adding to our 'Noun Town' display.

As the value this week was happiness, we ended our days by sharing our 'Happy moments' from the day, picking one thing that made us happy and sharing it with the class. We loved hearing what made everyone happy and realised that when our classmates are happy it makes us feel happy too!



### Foxes Class

Another fantastic week in Foxes class this week! In English, we have completed our very first piece of independent writing. We wrote a disaster story, applying everything we have learnt during our Sentence Stacking sessions. In Maths we have worked hard to add using the column method. A method we found a little tricky at first, but we persevered and we showed a super understanding by the end of the week.

Foxes children love the creative aspect of our curriculum, and they have especially been enjoying our Music lessons each week. This week in particular, Miss Paparozzi has seen a big improvement in the childrens accuracy when using the Glockenspiel. We have been playing the Glockenspiel to the song

Happy by Pharrell Williams!



### Badgers Class

Mrs Shepherd was very happy to be back at school this week and was extremely proud of how sensible and mature the class had been in her absence- thank you Badgers Class!

We have been learning more about Hinduism in RE this week and why the Aum symbol is so important, as well as what ceremonies are significant throughout the life of a Hindu.

