# The Bythams School Newsletter

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## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

This week children have immersed themselves in their topic and science work. Our classroom and corridor displays linked to this our this term learning are really taking shape. We hope that parents/carers and/or grandparents will be able to join us straight after school on Tuesday for our open classrooms and 'book look' so that your child can show you what they have been learning across the curriculum this year. Children have been working hard to remember and learn lots.

Children may bring in trainers or footwear to change into for lunchtime, as shoes are becoming a little muddy from the field. Bythams children really do look forward their daily football game at lunchtime and we want to get the most out of using the field before it becomes just too muddy to use as winter approaches.

Next Friday is Children and Need Day. The theme this year is

'Be SPOTacular for Children in Need'. Children may wear something spotty and bring £1 which will be donated to Children in Need.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ives

### **Our Class Books**

Tel: 01780 410275

### Squirrels

A job for George and Milo

#### **Foxes**

Eric the Viking Boy

#### **Badgers**

Who let the Gods out!

#### Recommendation



#### The Invisible Strina

A picture book for all ages exploring questions about the intangible yet unbreakable connections between us and opens up

### **Key Dates**

#### Tuesday 14th Nov

Open classrooms and book look

#### Friday 17th Nov

Children in Need Day Flu nasal spray – mop up

#### Thursday 14th Dec

Whole school Christmas concert to parents

#### Tues 19th December

Christmas lunch Christmas Fayre at 2.00pm – details to follow.

### This week's award winners are:

### **Squirrels Class**

The award for Reception goes to Lettie for her fantastic letter formation.

The award for Year 1 goes to Jonathan for his enthusiasm in Geography and asking questions.

The award for Year 2 goes to Jessica for her demonstrating her understanding of animal groups in science.

### **Foxes Class**

The award for Year 3 goes to Oliver J. for fantastic artwork, drawing a Viking.

The award for Year 4 goes to Bella for some careful work in maths, learning about area.

### **Badgers Class**

The award for year 5 goes to Bentley for his effort in maths.

The award for year 6 goes to Jamie for effort in English.

### **PE Days**

Tuesday: Y1/2 at Witham Hall

Wednesday: Foxes and

Badgers

#### **Wood School**

Wednesday: Squirrels Thursday: Badgers Friday: Foxes

### **Attendance**

Well done to Badgers with 98% attendance this week.

Our whole school attendance this week was 96.12%

### **Squirrels Class - EYFS**

This week, in our wood school session, we have been looking at how nature is changing and using all of our senses to explore the environment. We have been talking about bulbs and how they grow into plants. We learnt to use gardening tools safely to prepare the ground and plant, ready for the new season.

We have been understanding the world and thinking about the different celebrations held at this time of year. We tasted food from different cultures, made Diwali lamps and discussed the Festival of Light.



### Squirrels Class - Years 1 and 2

In our geography session this week, we located where the UK is on a world map, finding the equator, north, and south pole.

In science we put animals into categories based on their features including fish, mammals, birds.

In maths we are showing a good understanding of a range of different methods in our addition and subtraction calculations.





### **Foxes Class**

This week foxes have been learning about the legend of King Arthur as part of our Traders and Raiders topic. We thought about how fact and fiction may have merged over history, looking at different sources of information. We have enjoyed writing about the legend.

In science we have been exploring sound by looking at vibrations. We loved making the lentils bounce as we banged the surface of the drum!

Foxes class have revealed their creativity and artistic talents this week! We have been developing our knowledge of the Vikings by painting Viking longboats. We followed instructions to draw a Viking character. We hope parents will be able to come and look at our works on Tuesday!









### **Badgers Class**

We have introduced the exciting new topic of Frozen Kingdom, which explores the importance of blubber for the survival of creatures in the polar regions. The class has shown great enthusiasm and have actively participated in class discussions and activities. We have also explored the locations of the Arctic and Antarctic on the globe, allowing pupils to compare and contrast these regions.

In addition to our Topic lessons, we have engaged in numerous team-building activities during our orienteering lessons in Physical Education.

Keep up the fantastic work, Badgers Class!



