

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 21st January 2022

Brrrrrr! Its been a cold week but somewhat perfect weather to welcome Peterborough Phantoms Ice Hockey players to school! On Wednesday, we were joined by Jordan Marr who is a Netminder for the team. The children showed a keen interest in the game of ice hockey; they were introduced to the equipment used in the game, along with the protection a Netminder wears to avoid injury. The children enjoyed a video demonstrating the skills required within ice hockey, and also engaged in conversations about resilience and determination in achieving goals. The Peterborough Phantoms will be providing free child tickets (and accompanying adult tickets reduced to £7 per adult) to a forthcoming game in February. We will send further information about this once we have it. My thanks to Mrs Issitt for arranging the visit.

Although we have had a few issues with the boiler this week, thankfully, with small heaters in situ, extra layers and 3 visits from the engineer, we now have heating - fingers are crossed it is still working on Monday morning!

Just a reminder that details for our remote parents' evenings will be sent out next week - please keep a check on parent mail and book an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher! Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin

Cold Weather

With the weather turning colder once again, please ensure that children come to school with a warm coat, hats, gloves and scarves.

Children should also have jogging bottoms for PE so that they keep warm.

Please ensure all items are named!

Key Dates

Term 3

Tues 4th Jan to Fri 11th Feb

w/c 31st Jan

SEND parents evening slots - days/times TBC

Fri 4th Feb - NSPCC

Number Day - more information to follow

w/c 7th Feb

No clubs running this week

Parents evenings - days/times TBC

This week's award winners are:

Hedgehogs Class

Sapphire for her work in phonics, making good progress with her blending.
Orson for working so hard in phonics to blend and retain his sounds. Also, for amazing skipping in PE.

Squirrels Class

Maya for writing clear instructions about how to make a fruit salad.
Otis for solving two step multiplication problems independently.

Foxes Class

Magdalena for showing perseverance during the swimming session this week.

Thalia for her wonderful contributions to class discussions.
Esther for consistently joining her handwriting in all written work.

Badgers Class

Archie R for his enthusiasm and knowledge in grammar lessons.
Hannah for trying incredibly hard and showing determination to succeed in her maths lessons on decimals.



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:

94.8%

Hedgehogs Class

Hedgehogs have been spending time in the Mini Spinney this term as part of their Forest School sessions. We begin each session by checking how safe the site is, identifying hazards and how to explore the site safely. Each week we looking at creating or mending areas.



The first week we got a pallet and placed boxes of books, paper and baskets so the children can access these at anytime during the session. This week, we built dens. One was made from a tarpaulin, and the other is a permanent one made out of sticks. We are still building this den over the coming weeks and if anyone has any large sticks we welcome any donations. During these sessions we are continually looking for signs of Winter and the changing seasons.



Squirrels Class



This week we have continued to sort and discuss different materials, thinking about their properties and uses. We have looked at some paintings by Cezanne and have recreated

our own art in the same style by observing then drawing plates of fruit. We used the fruit the following day to make fruit salad, which was delicious. In English we sequenced the instructions as a class for how to make a fruit salad and then wrote our own instructions.

We have been finding out about The United Kingdom in Geography, identifying the capital cities and labelling the surrounding seas and oceans.



Foxes Class

It has been a busy week in Foxes class this week. Children are really enjoying our writing unit this term and I am so excited to read their independent writes next week all about the wolf's perspective in the story of the three little pigs.

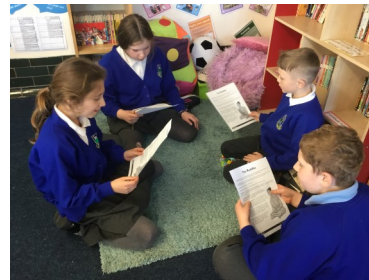
In R.E this term, children are learning about Judaism. They are really interested in learning about this religion and comparing it to other religions they have learnt.

During P.E, children are developing the skills to play football. They learnt how to pass the ball accurately and we were able to merge the game of stuck in the mud with passing the ball which the children loved and were so enthusiastic about!

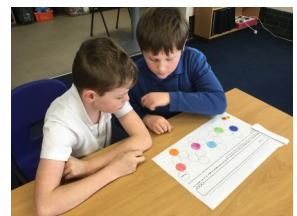


Badgers Class

It has been another busy week in Badgers Class. We began our new RE topic on Buddhism, starting with the Enlightenment of Buddha. The children had a script and acted out the story.



We continued by learning about some of Buddhism's key beliefs. Badgers Class used this knowledge to design a game with the winner reaching Nirvana!



In maths, Badgers showed the Bythams' value of determination as they started work on decimals—looking at decimals as fractions and decimals as thousandths.