

The Bythams School Newsletter



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It has been wonderful to see so many children eager to participate in our lunchtime club offers. Football with Ms Richards-Reeve, our sports apprentice, has been so popular in key stage 2, we have had to extend this to create 2 clubs!

Many children have visited our 'Thrive Hive' this week. Children are looking forward to and enjoying their sessions; interacting, experiencing sensory play, role play, and chatting with Christine. It has been great to hear their excitement and children are already benefiting from the provision.

In the EYFS outdoor area bird feeders have been put out and children are enjoying watching the different birds come into the area and feed in this cold weather.

Have a super weekend,

Mrs Ives

Our Class Books

Squirrels

The Magic Faraway Tree by
Jaqueline Wilson

Foxes

*The Secret Diary of John
Drawbridge: Medieval Knight
in Training* by Philip Ardagh

Badgers

Who let the Gods out!

Mrs Jack's Recommendation

The Pirate Mums by Jodie
Lancet-Grant

Billy's two mums like sea shanties, dancing jigs and anything to do with the sea. Billy wishes they could be like normal families. One day however, on a school boat trip, his mums save the day and Billy couldn't be prouder of his pirate mums.

Key Dates

Tuesday lunchtime:

KS1 Football Club

Wednesday lunchtime:

KS2 football, group 1

KS2 chess & games club

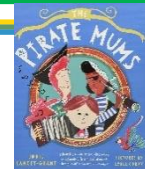
Thursday lunchtime:

KS2 football, group 2

Art and craft club (all year groups)

7th March – World Book Day

Children can dress up as their favourite book or story character.



This week's award winners are:

Squirrels Class

The achievement award for Reception goes to Lettie for super number work.

The achievement award for Year 1 goes to Jack H for much improved focus in his Read, Write Inc lessons.

The achievement award for Year 2 goes to Rosie for not giving up with some tricky maths work.

Foxes Class

The achievement award for Year 3 goes to Orin for writing a fact filled newspaper report about the Battle of Hastings.

The achievement award for Year 4 goes to Charles for some great reading, using pace and intonation.

Badgers Class

The achievement award for year 5 goes to Connor for his effort in English.

The achievement award for year 6 goes to Leah for her effort in English.

Book Award Winners The following children were awarded a new book for filling their bookmark: Harvey, Eve, Esther, Harry and Poppi.

Well done for your fantastic reading at home!

PE Days

Tuesday: Foxes
swimming

Tuesday: Badgers at
Witham Hall

Wood School

Wednesday: Squirrels

Thursday: Badgers

Friday: Foxes

Attendance

Well done to Badgers
Class with 94%
attendance

Our whole school
attendance is 89.25%

Squirrels Class – EYFS & Y1/Y2

This week the children in EYFS have really enjoyed working as a team to create a fabulous bird hide. Firstly, they watched a video to help them understand what a bird hide is. Then, they went on a treasure hunt to find suitable resources for the bird hide. They helped Mrs Foster sweep and tidy the shed to create a fabulous learning space, complete with identification posters, bird watching equipment and camouflage at the windows. Now we wait for the birds!



Squirrels in Year1/2 have been working hard in maths, using number lines and exploring money. In Science, we have learnt about everyday materials and what they are used for. We have spent some time looking at the work of a famous architect, Hundertwasser, and drawn our own patterns in his style.

Foxes Class

Foxes had their second swimming lesson this week. All the children were superbly behaved and respectful. All tried their best and some have already started to overcome their fears.

In English we have been writing reports, including a newspaper report, about the Battle of Hastings. Foxes have become very good at remembering dates, names of kings and facts related to the events in this period of history.

In computing, we are using Scratch to look at programming sprites.



In science, we have been learning about animals including humans, by looking at skeletons and why we need bones. We had great fun pretending our bodies suddenly had no bones!

Badgers Class

This week in Badgers Class, we have had an exciting and productive time. The class had a blast during their first PE session at Witham Hall, showcasing their athletic abilities and teamwork.

In English, we have dived into the captivating world of storytelling. The class is currently engrossed in writing their own narratives, exploring different genres and experimenting with their imaginations.

In art, we have been exploring the power of color in depicting emotions. The class has been studying various paintings that use color to evoke different feelings and moods.

The students of Badgers Class continue to impress me with their dedication and eagerness to explore new subjects.

Wood School – Badgers Class

Squirrels and Badgers class have both enjoyed being out in the cold this week and found lots of team building games to keep warm.

Badgers are focusing on tool use this term, as they have never used tools safely in school we are spending time going over the tool rules and how to stay safe. We use the term “blood bubble” when using tools, this is a safe area (the length of your arm and the tool around you) where no one can come into while your are using the tool. We then explained when you need to use a glove and when not too. This week we looked at using a bow saw to saw wood cookies. Next week we are using these skills to make large wood cookies with nails hammered in for the

