



# SOUTH WITHAM ACADEMY NEWS

This week we have welcomed the children back to school for term 2. It has been a very busy return to school and the children have hit the ground running.

It has been a pleasure to have visitors in school looking at all the wonderful things that your children do here at South Witham Academy. I am not allowed to share any official information just yet, as reports are being written and checked but I am happy with everything that was said to me. I would like to thank all the parents that had the opportunity to speak with inspectors or completed the parent questionnaire. A full report will be available in around 6-8 weeks.

This week, children enjoyed Halloween whilst raising funds for the school. There was a real spooky theme around the building on Tuesday! Children in Otters really enjoyed learning about Diwali on Thursday. It was wonderful to see the children partaking in traditional dance, wearing Hindu clothing and creating Hindu art.

I hope you enjoy a relaxing and restful weekend,

*Mr Atter*



## UPCOMING DIARY DATES

**TUES 7TH NOV:** CRANWELL AVIATION VISIT TO BADGERS

**MON 4TH - THURS 7TH DEC:** BIKEABILITY Y5/6

**TUES 12TH DEC:** PANTO VISIT

**WEDS 13TH DEC:** KS1 CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

**FRI 15TH DEC:** CHRISTMAS DINNER AND JUMPER DAY.

**WED 20TH DEC:** CHRISTMAS BOOKNIK

## New Website is live!

We have a new school website! Please check it out for up to date information!

<https://www.south-witham.lincs.sch.uk/>



## HOUSE POINT TOTALS

BURGHLEY

BELTON

WOOLSTHORPE

6761

6278

6598





# Little Hedgehogs

This week we have been reading Funnybones for our Halloween topic. The children laughed when the skeletons were trying to put the dog skeleton back together after it ran into a tree. The big skeleton and the little skeleton didn't always get it right. We have been painting and sticking pumpkin pictures and drawing around some little pumpkins. We made some spiders with Liz by adding black paper and string for the legs to a paper plate and these are hanging up in the room. Please look out for the new term letter that should be coming out via parent mail today to see what we are up to

this term.



# Woodlands



We have had a busy start to the week! The rabbits foxes and squirrels have been working very hard, we started by celebrating Halloween we looked amazing in all our costumes!

We also had a very special Diwali Assembly from a visitor named Sunita, she taught us all about the celebration Diwali! It was super interesting.

In history we are learning about Christopher Columbus, and how he discovered the Americas, the children loved learning about him!

We are so proud of the foxes rabbits and squirrels this week for being so resilient and coping so well with all the changes and extra jobs they have had this week!



# Otters

Well, what a first week back it has been! Otters have been brilliant this week, working hard in maths and starting to learn a new times tables - the 3s. In English, the children wrote a spooky setting description, as well as reading all about Halloween and its origins in the festival of Samhain. On Thursday, we welcomed Sunita, who taught us all about the festival of Diwali. She told us stories, we created beautiful Rangoli patterns, and we got to dress up in amazing Indian clothes. We learned some Indian Bollywood style dances and thought about the importance of never "judging a book by its cover". The children were all brilliant, and we look forward to sharing more photos and videos on Facebook, Instagram and the website.



# Badgers

I cannot praise Badger Class highly enough for their continued effort and resilience this week to cope with the clock change, Halloween and the Ofsted inspectors observing and asking questions. The children were a real credit to our Badger team.

In our maths learning this week, we have focused on solving problems using the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Our story writing has come to an exciting conclusion with our main character being given objects with special powers from a Greek God in order to defeat the beast that attacked the village.

We have started learning about South America including the countries and capital cities in that continent. Our science learning this week has focused on different everyday materials and their properties.





# PRIDE OF SOUTH WITHAM



Always Club

YAY!



## Readers of the Week!



Attendance Super Stars!  
BADGERS!!  
AGAIN with  
96%



to Sahara, Paige and Alfie who had their birthdays in the holidays to Ania and Kaya who have theirs this week!

A massive WELL DONE to Lily for winning all of these gold medals for her swimming!! Lily also raised lots of money for cancer charities by swimming 1000 lengths during October!



Thank you to all of you that donated cakes and came along and bought some cakes from us on Tuesday. We raised a fabulous £35!

### Are you interested in becoming a parent governor?

We have a vacancy on the school local governing body. Please speak to Mr Atter if you are interested in helping shape the future of South Witham Academy. No experience necessary.