

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Friendship

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity."

Psalms 133:1

19th May 2023

Head's Message

We were delighted to welcome Colin Foley from the ADHD Foundation into school on Monday. He spoke to staff and then parents, offering support, guidance and information. Thank you to all the parents who attended the event, I do hope you found it useful. Colin's visit was a timely way to mark the start of Mental Health Awareness Week. As well as his visit, the children participated in mental health activities and assemblies. We have also had an Art Week in school this week. On Saturday 10th June the Bollington schools are all taking part in an art exhibition at the Art Centre. This week the children starting designing, creating and making their pieces of art in earnest. We are so very thankful to all the parent helpers who have given up their time this week to volunteer at school. Other highlights of the week have included school photographs being taken, SATs tests have started in Class 2 and Rev Nancy led worship yesterday. Tonight, of course, we are looking forward to our PTA school disco. Next week, we have our Year 4 parent lunch on Wednesday and our two Talent Shows on Friday (the last day of term). Finally, many of the children attended a Hedgerow webinar this afternoon. They enjoyed it so much they now want to apply to be a Young Tree Champion School.

National Walking Month

May is National Walking Month and we are reminded of all the positive benefits of walking; which include helping us to improve our physical and mental health. Swapping our cars for a walk, especially over short trips, will help to reduce vehicle emissions polluting the cities and improve air quality.

Diary Dates

24th May – Year 4 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm

26th May – Infant Talent Show at 9:30-11am. Junior Talent Show at 2-3:30pm. All families welcome

26th May – Last day of term

5th June – INSET Day

6th June – First day of term

7th June – Start of our Academies

13th June – Class 3 trip to the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI)

15th June – Class 4 trip to the Bridgewater Hall to play with the Halle Orchestra

16th June – Year 5 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm

21st June – School Nurse in school to do height and weight checks with Reception and Year 6
21st June – Parent coffee afternoon with Mrs Walker, Mrs Hemmings and Mrs Smith
23rd June – Primary Maths Competition at King’s School (small team from Year 5)
27th June – New Starter Visit at 2-3pm for children who are starting in Reception in September 23
28th June – Sports Day at 2-3:30pm. All families welcome
1st July – Well Dressing Event. All families welcome. Timings to be confirmed
4th July – New Starter Visit at 2-3pm for children who are starting in Reception in September 23
5th July – Sports Day (reserve date) at 2-3:30pm. All families welcome
8th July – PTA Summer Fair
10th July – Year 6 Taster Day at Tytherington School at 9:30am-2:30pm. Move up afternoon
11th July – Bibles will be presented to Year 6 in school
12th July – Celebration Academy Assembly at 2:30-3:30pm. All families welcome
14th July – Swimming Gala (swimming team from Class 4)
14th July – PTA School Disco at 6-7:30pm
21st July – Leavers’ Assembly for Class 4 families at 9:30-11:30am
21st July – Year 6 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
21st July – Last day of term
4th September – INSET Day
5th September – First day of term

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have read the story Dinosaur Roar to help us learn about opposites. We have created our own opposites and labelled them.

In maths, we have focused on the composition of teen numbers using ten frames and numicon to help us count.

We have created several art pieces for the exhibition, including the Japanese art of Hapezome.

News from Class 2

In English this week, Class 2 have thought about what they are thankful for and written a diary entry. We started to plan a report for our own imaginary creature. Year 2 began their Special Agent Training (SATs) by completing booklets to assess reading and comprehension skills.

In maths, we completed our unit on multiplication and division and began looking at fractions, finding a half of a shape and a number.

In IPC, we explored microhabitats, learning how to look carefully under rocks and logs, and recording the creatures we found. We thought about the features of the microhabitat and why those creatures were found there. We also took part in a live lesson by the Tree Council about hedgerows linked to our habitats topic.

News from Class 3

This week, Year 3 looked at mass and capacity. They have looked at using scales and measuring in kilograms and grams. Year 4 have continued to look at decimals. We looked at dividing by 10 and 100 and how to make a whole using hundredths. In English, we have started out new book called ‘Weslandia’ by Paul Fleischman. The children created predictions about the story and created descriptions using adverbials. We have started our new topic of ‘Feel the Force’. We have completed a Knowledge Harvest and a fact file about forces. As part of art week, the pupils have created sketches of flowers and a sculpture of a cherry blossom.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been working on reflections and lines of symmetry. In Year 6, the children have been completing investigations which involved working on problems using an organised system. In English, we have completed our stories, inspired by ‘The Princess’ Blankets’ by

Carol Ann Duffy. In IPC, we have been exploring the artwork of Leonid Afremov inspired by Paris. We have also been creating work for the art exhibition at Bollington Art Centre. We have worked on careful drawing of flowers in colour and making flower structures, using wire and tissue paper.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Heidi for making such a big effort with her phonic work.

Class 2 – Asher for working so hard with his writing this week.

Class 3 – Natalia for excellent work when sketching a flower.

Class 4 – Jessica D for a fantastic story, focusing on description and creating an atmosphere.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Joseph for helping others to make good choices and for being a kind friend.

Class 2 – Olivia for being a good friend and concentrating hard in class.

Class 3 – Harry for showing increased independence and resilience.

Class 4 – James for participating well in lessons and always doing his best.

Ethos Award – Class 2: Lola-Rose - For being a super role model in class and a caring friend to all.

House Points – Adelphi have taken the lead by 6 points.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we have been practising ball skills, using our feet to be able to move the direction of a ball and pass to our friends with control.

Class 2 – We have taken part in sprint races, both short sprints and longer sprints, using our arms for power and taking bigger strides to cover ground.

Class 3 – In PE, the class have done sprint/bean bag races, using our body to generate more power with our arms, agility on the bean bag races and turning and changing direction. In rounders, we have played football rounders, changing the strike but keeping all rules the same.

Class 4 – This week, the class enjoyed sprint/bean bag races, working in teams to complete challenges using sprints/agility to be the fastest team. We also played football rounders, using direction to give ourselves an advantage and understanding where to aim for a better running time.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Maisie

Class 2 – Orin and Olly

Class 3 – Heidi and Isaac

Class 4 – Matilda and Angelica

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