

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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'Christian Value' – Thankfulness

'Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!'

Psalm 106:1

26th January 2018

Head's Message

Well done to all the children who took part in Young Voices on Tuesday. It was an extraordinary event, as the children joined voices with other children in the Manchester area, to form a choir of over 5,500 youngsters. The children were beautifully behaved, and there are some lovely photos on the website of the event. We can only do activities like this due to our committed staff, and so I must thank Mrs Stout, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Howarth and the hard working admin staff for ensuring the event was a huge success.

Mr Timmis has a wonderful new projector in Class 3, kindly purchased by the PTA. Thank you!

£2000 Grant Award

Earlier this year we secured a £2,000 grant to improve our Woodland Schools area. Mrs Jobbins has put this money to good use, and has bought, among other things - 20 rain suits, wildlife cameras, an outdoor sink, a hedgehog house and a living willow wigwam and tunnel. This equipment will ensure the children have even more learning opportunities and experience outdoors. Please look at photos on the website of the children in their rain suits.

'What's Going On In' Magazine

The magazine, just published, entitled Hope in North East Cheshire, which was given out locally in some churches this weekend, includes a lovely photo of Open the Book delivering worship at St John's. Open the Book came to school for ten weeks in the Autumn term and told stories about Jesus.

Robin Hood

On Tuesday afternoon the whole school will be watching and partaking in a theatrical workshop and production of Robin Hood. We are using the same company that we used last year, which was simply super, and so the afternoon should be enjoyed by all.

In school next week:

Monday – Mrs Walker at a conference all day.

Tuesday – Robin Hood for whole school.

Wednesday – Mrs Walker at a workshop all day.

Sunday – Family Worship at St Oswald's at 10.30am.

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Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week we have enjoyed learning about birds. In Literacy we have been labelling the features of a Robin and in Maths we have focussed on finding a total when adding two single digit numbers together. We have made simple bird feeders and watched the birds enjoying them from our bird hide outside. We have looked at the similarities and differences between bird species and how their features can help us understand what food they eat. We placed the birds into several different categories to show the differences. We took part in the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch and we will send our results next week.

Class 2 – This week in literacy we have been retelling the story of Jack and the beanstalk. We have made story maps and some drama. In maths we have been doing number bonds to 10/20 and using these to help us add and takeaway. In our topic work we have learnt all about Queen Elizabeth and her family.

Class 3 – This week, in maths, we have revisited column subtraction. We have continued to look at volcanoes in our topic 'Active Planet'. In literacy, we have created a story based on 'Mr Stink' and used our learning to improve our writing.

Class 4 – This week we have been finishing our stories in English. In maths, we have been focusing on short and long multiplication. In RE, we have been retelling the parable of The Pharisee and the Tax Collector and reflecting on its message. In IPC, we have made Greek Pots using clay.

Sports news – Class 1 and 2 have been doing basic movements through fitness exercises and basketball skills. Class 3 and 4 have been doing small-sided basketball matches and refereeing their own games.



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