

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Respect

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves."

Romans 12:10

24th September 2021

Head's Message

Rev Nancy led worship for us on Thursday, choosing to tell the story of 'The Good Samaritan' as part of our 'Respect' Christian Value. As always the children were a credit to the school. Please visit the Church Link section of the website for all of St Oswald's activities this term along with a Harvest poster. I am delighted to report our Cross Country Team, who took part in this week's Macclesfield and District Primary Schools' Sports Association, did amazingly well. They secured fourth in the girls race and first in the boys race. More importantly they encouraged and supported each other, making us so very proud of them all. Finally, the infant and juniors held wonderful assemblies on Tuesday to mark International Day of Peace.

Website

May we remind you to visit our website, as calendar dates are regularly updated and photos and information added to the gallery and news sections. Also please visit your child's class page to see your child's daily timetable, the topics they will be covering this year and the vocabulary and concepts they will be focussing on.

Pupils Starting Secondary School – September 2022

The application process to apply for a secondary school place for September 2022 opened on 1st September. To apply, please visit the 'Admissions and attendance' section on the Cheshire East website (www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/schools.aspx). Please remember to submit your application by the closing date of 31st October 2021.

Parents' Evenings and Harvest

Parents' Evening meetings will take place the 11th, 13th and 14th October. Details of how to book a Teams appointment will be sent out in due course. In school we will be celebrating Harvest on Monday 4th October. Sadly, we are still not in a position to invite families into school, but we will upload photographs of the assembly onto the website. Any Harvest food donations would be greatly appreciated and forwarded to Hampers of Hope.

LA Covid-19 Update

Update on cases – 41 schools across the LA have hit outbreak status, double the number from last week. One secondary has 90 positive pupils and some primaries have significant cases. 250 cases

were reported to the LA helpline on Monday alone. As a result of this situation, schools are reminded to be cautious. The LA has asked us to share the following information with you:

Local Testing Sites - Open Monday to Friday 09.00am – 16.00pm

Monday

Alexandra Suite, Crewe Alexandra Football Club, Gresty Road, Crewe. CW2 6EB
Salvation Army Church, Roe Street, Macclesfield. SK11 6UT

Tuesday

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Opportunities on offer are:

Rapid result – Lateral Flow Tests

Home Test kits (LFT)

Home Test kits (PCR) for people with symptoms.

Visiting one of these sites may well result in tests being completed quicker and isolation commencing sooner for positive cases.

Covid-19 Advice

If your child has any of the main Covid-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste), they should not attend school and should stay at home. You should arrange for them to get a PCR test and tell us the test results. Your child should not attend school while you are waiting for test results, even if they are feeling better. If the test is negative, they should go to school as normal. If they test positive, they should continue to isolate and follow public health advice.

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have continued our focus on mark making by reading 'The Dot.' The children have painted their own beautiful dots using watercolours and then they have used black pen to create patterns over the top. We have practised our listening skills by doing rhyming games and breaking down words into sounds (segmenting and blending); this is in preparation for the start of our Phase 2 phonics. In maths, we have focused on matching patterns and shapes as well as sorting objects according to size. The children have all now completed their statutory baseline assessment (RBA). The results of which are only used to check progression when they reach Year 6. Our own baseline assessment is done by getting to know the children well through conversations, games and play. If you'd like any updates on this, or a copy of your child's RBA profile, please speak to Mrs Jobbins.

News from Class 2

This week, in English we have continued to look at the story 'The Journey Home.' We have written diary entries for the orangutan and researched elephants. We have used adjectives to write sentences about elephants, and have created speech bubbles for each character from the story. In maths, in Year One we have represented numbers to 20 in different ways using base 10, Numicon,

counters and multilink. We have practised counting in tens and twos and forwards and backwards. In Year Two, we have counted forwards and back within 50 and compared numbers within 50 using phrases like 'greater than, less than and equal to.' In IPC, we have looked at the basic needs animals and plants require to survive. We have made posters all about survival. We have also researched the terms carnivore, herbivore and omnivore. We used a Venn diagram to sort different animals according to what they eat.

News from Class 3

It has been an exciting and busy week in Class 3. We have continued our topic of 'Scavengers and Settlers.' Children have spent this week researching Lucy (Australopithecus), who, at nearly 3 million years old, is one of the earliest humans found. We have completed a 5000 year old murder mystery based on Ötzi where children used sources to justify their opinion about his last few days. In English, we have written and edited our own stories based on our class book, 'The First Drawing.' In maths, we have looked at number lines and how to add and subtract 1, 10, 100 and 1000.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been mastering rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10,000 and 100,000. In English, we have continued our work on 'The Man Who Walked between the Towers' by Mordicai Gerstein. We have been writing in role as Philippe Petite as he takes his first step onto the tight-rope between the Twin Towers, and we have worked on role-plays, acting as interviewers and eye-witnesses discussing Philippe's stunt. In IPC, in our topic 'What Price Progress?' we have been researching possible future developments in technology, and how they might affect people in the future.

Sports News

Class 1 – The children worked in teams to complete obstacle courses that focused on balance, coordination and spatial awareness.

Class 2 – This week, we have played team games and practised catching and throwing the ball to our team mates. We have practised dribbling the ball one handed and in a straight line. We also enjoyed a game of bounce clap.

Class 3 – This week, in basketball the children practised overloads – 2 V 1, 3 V 2, and decision making. In football, we passed with accuracy including short passes.

Class 4 – This week, in football and basketball, we practised over loads, working with two attackers versus one defender.

Star Performers

Class 1: Darcy; Class 2: Orin and Johnny; Class 3: Shiri and Josh; Class 4: Raffy and Mathilde



Rev Nancy and some members of our Ethos Group

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