

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Compassion

"The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion."

Psalms 116:5

12th November 2021

Head's Message

The school is alive with the sound of Christmas music, which is totally wonderful. There have been great activities happening in all the classes this week. Class 1 have celebrated Diwali and made, among other things, special Diwali sweets. Meanwhile, Class 2 had an alien encounter and the children have worked hard to solve the mystery. Class 3 are preparing make electrical circuits next week. In Class 4, the children have produced posters indicating what makes a good Digital Citizen following their E-Safety lesson. On Thursday, the whole school fell silent at 11am to commemorate Remembrance Day. Many of our children are also attending parades and events to mark the occasion this weekend. We are delighted that a cake sale took place at school today; many thanks to the PTA for organising this.

Online Safety

We are sharing the following message from PCSO Mandy Simpson, Police Youth Engagement Officer, Macclesfield & Crewe LPU.

"Hi all,

Due to a number of recent reports and concerns around children being exposed to inappropriate material online on all sorts of different platforms including You Tube, Netflix, Roblox and Tik Tok I wanted to send out this message for you to share with parents.

National Online Safety offers free online safety guidance for parents on the latest apps, games, platforms and devices. It can be accessed on line at <https://nationalonlinesafety.com> and followed on Facebook and Instagram.

We would encourage parents to visit the site and use the guidance to understand what their children are accessing and to apply parental settings to all apps and games as well as regularly checking devices including images, installed apps and conversations."

Purple for Polio

This week, Class 4 were learning all about Polio and how organisations like the Rotary are trying to bring an end to this dreadful disease. Rotary Macclesfield Castle have given our school a bag full of crocus corns for the children to plant here at school. In the spring they will bloom with purple flowers, to remind us of the 'Purple4Polio' campaign. One of Rotary's many projects, the 'Purple4Polio' aims to raise awareness, funds and in turn completely eradicate Polio. Rotary Macclesfield Castle have not asked for any monetary donations, but if anyone would like to bring a

donation to school, that would be very kind and will help their important cause. A big thank you for the donations received today, which we will pass on, along with any further donations. For more information on 'Purple4Polio' and the Rotary, please visit www.rotarygbi.org



Christmas Plays and Nativities

As you know we are hoping all our year groups will be able to perform Christmas Plays in front of parents/carers in the hall this year. This is subject, as we're sure you can appreciate, to the Covid situation not worsening and additional restrictions being required either locally or in the school. Tickets will be limited to 2 per family, and we will have measures in place to mitigate some of the risks of Covid (social distancing, good ventilation, mask wearing etc). Please make sure to wrap up warm! The dates and times for each year group will be as follows:

Reception - 7th December at 10am

Year 1 - 8th December at 10am

Year 2 - 9th December at 10am

Year 3 - 15th December at 9:15am

Year 4 - 16th December at 9:15am

Year 5 - 13th December at 9:15am

Year 6 - 14th December at 9:15am

Children in Need

This year's theme is 'Together We Can,' and we are inviting children to come to school on 19th November in fancy dress costumes. Please use the QR code that the office has emailed to you, to make a donation to this worthy cause.

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. Children should also isolate if a household member tests positive.

News from Reception

In celebration of Diwali, we have enjoyed looking at the traditions and history behind the Hindu festival of light. We have explored Rangoli patterns, mehndi designs, diva lamps and clothing. The children made (and ate) traditional Diwali sweets and looked at the similarities and differences between this festival and our Bonfire Night celebration. We enjoyed learning all about the story of Rama and Sita; we chose our favourite characters, and we wrote speech bubbles showing what they might have said in the story.

News from Class 2

This week, in English, the class have been writing our own poems. We have used a poem called "Question Time" and based our own poems all about aliens on it. We have looked at rhyming and using interesting vocabulary. We have also labelled our own aliens and created LOST posters for our missing alien. In maths, year 2 have been looking at fact families and using the inverse operation to check their calculations. Year 1 have been finding bonds within 10 and using these to create their own addition problems. In IPC, we have started our new topic "From A to B". We have completed a knowledge harvest and thought about everything we already know about transport. We have looked at the book "You Choose" to inspire a piece of writing about different modes of transport.

News from Class 3

Class 3 have started to plan their newspaper based on our class book 'Escape from Pompeii'. In maths, we have looked at different methods we can use to add 3 and 4 digit numbers. In R.E. children have looked at the 99 names of Allah. In our new topic of 'Bright Sparks', children have looked at the different components within a circuit.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been working on multiples, factors, prime numbers and square and cube numbers. In English, we have continued with our work on 'Night Mail' by WH Auden. We have been writing our own modern poems about emails based on its structure. In IPC, we have completed our pieces of futurist artwork, and we have evaluated our final pieces, and, in technology, we have also been busy making our products with mechanisms for our buddies in Class 1. We have also allocated parts for the Christmas Play, and we have enjoyed starting our rehearsals.

Sports News

Class 1 – In PE, the children warmed up by travelling in different ways and then becoming statues. The main focus was working as a team to complete a delivery game using cones and beanbags. The children practised turn taking and balancing.

Class 2 – In PE, we have played team games focusing on accurate throwing to knock over a target. We have also participated in balancing activities where we had to move slowly through cones balancing beanbags on our heads.

Class 3 – In PE this week, the children played hockey and practised their dribbling and changing direction skills. In circuit training, it was all about agility, and they all performed very well.

Class 4 – This week, we have continued working on hockey skills and circuit training and agility.

Star Performers

Class 1: Emme

Class 2: Sophia and Ellie

Class 3: Theo and Matilda

Class 4: Tristan and Amelia

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