

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."

Psalm 116:5

19th November 2021

Head's Message

This has been another wonderfully busy week at school. All the classes have participated in activities linked to Anti-Bullying Week. The children have completed 'No Outsiders' work, reviewed the school policy, thought about acts of kindness and reflected on this year's theme of 'One Kind Word.' During the week Class 4 have completed their DT projects and showed their toys to their Reception buddies. Class 3 have made circuits and conducted experiments on them. Class 2 read 'Walk Tall' and did some wonderful writing linked to this book. Class 1 completed a heart handprint of kindness. Mr Akerman, our Chair of Governors came into school this week and talked to Class 4 about the Great War. Also this week our Vice Chair of Governors, Mr Rogers, took our remaining apples that had been picked by Reception, to the Random Apple Company where they were pressed into juice for the children to enjoy. Finally the children all looked magnificent in their fancy dress costumes for Children in Need today.



Illness

Please remember that if your child is ill you must phone the school office to report their absence. Ideally you should call school before 8.50am. We very much appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

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

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

This week, in Reception, we have looked at why some animals hibernate in winter. We have used the book, Don't Hog The Hedge to inspire our learning. We have categorised animals and created our own caption booklets with information about where certain animals choose to hibernate. We explored the woodland during our forest school session and made houses for different creatures. In science, we wondered why hibernation was so important, and we compared how warm a hedgehog (rice bag) would stay both outside and in an insulated nest. In maths, we explored the number 5.

News from Class 2

This week, in English, we have used adjectives to describe Beegu's feelings throughout the story. We then completed a piece of writing using our adjectives which explained how Beegu's feelings changed from the beginning to the end of the story. We have sequenced the story ourselves using pictures and sentences. In maths, Year One have been continuing with subtraction using concrete resources, and Year Two have been using their knowledge of fact families to solve word problems. In IPC, we have created our own transport collages and written about which one we would most like to go on and why. We sorted our modes of transport into things that travel on land, travel on the sea and travel in the air. For anti-bullying week, we have looked at the story 'Walk Tall'. We have done a piece of work about Gemma the giraffe and thought about ways in which we could celebrate her uniqueness.

News from Class 3

Class 3 have written a newspaper report on our class book, 'Escape from Pompeii.' In maths, we have looked at subtraction. In IPC, children have created a simple circuit. We tested materials to find

characteristics of insulators and conductors with some surprising results. As part of Anti-Bullying Week, children have created a poster for this year's theme - One Kind Word - and completed a circle time discussion about acts of kindness.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have started our new unit on fractions. We have been exploring equivalence in fractions, and we have been converting improper fractions into mixed numbers. In English, we have been focusing on modal verbs in grammar, and we have also completed our poems based on 'Night Mail' by WH Auden. In IPC, we completed our Design and Technology work. We went to show our buddies the toys we have made for them, which are based on topics they learn about over their time in Class 1.

Sports News

Class 1 – In PE this week, the children warmed up by travelling in different ways. Then, they practised passing and receiving a ball. The children had to bounce and roll a ball and then attempt to knock over a target.

Class 2 – In PE, the children played team games and practised target throwing from various distances.

Class 3 – In PE this week, the children played hockey and practiced their dribbling and passing techniques. In circuit training, the children were very active, including jumping, throwing, endurance and explosive movements.

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

Star Performers

Class 1: Eleanor

Class 2: Tabitha and Freja

Class 3: Louie and Jemima

Class 4: Phoebe and James

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