

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## 'Christian Value' – Friendship

*"Some friendships do not last, but some friends are more loyal than brothers."*

*Proverbs 18:24*

30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### Head's Message

Happy Friday everyone! As I visited the classes today to talk to the children and find out who was awarded the good work, good citizen and ethos awards, I was met by very excited children many of whom have weekend away plans. I hope that you have a super time whatever you are doing this Bank Holiday, and that the weather is kind. This week it has been wonderful to see so many varied activities taking place across the school. It was a delight to hand out the hoodies to our amazing Year 6 cohort on Wednesday. Class 1 have candled the chicks again and seen how much growth has occurred inside the shell. Class 3 took part in a Silk Museum Teams workshop this week as part of their new topic. The PCSO visited Class 4 to discuss Knife Crime, and the children engaged in a thoughtful discussion. Four children attended a virtual meeting to train as our new Wellbeing Ambassadors in conjunction with Tytherington High School. Added to this we have also had our usual PE sessions, Forest Schools, Love Music Trust and swimming for Class 2.

### Cricket Taster Sessions

Next Wednesday, all the children will be having a cricket taster session during the school day. The taster session is part of a free engagement day that the Cheshire Cricket Board deliver in aid of the 'Chance to Shine' cricket charity. Please ensure the children come to school in their PE kits.

### PGL Residential

We have provisionally booked our PGL residential to Boreatton Park from Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 (3 days/2 nights) for the Year 5 and Year 6s. More information to follow next week.

### Coronavirus Advice

Can we politely remind you that masks should be worn at all times on the school site, that you should remain 2 metres away from other families and leave the school site as quickly as possible. Please come to school at your allotted time. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please do not send your child into school if they have **any** of the following symptoms:

- A new continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours and/or
- A high temperature – this means feeling hot to the touch on the chest or back (if a temperature cannot be taken) and/or

- A loss, or change, to their sense of smell or taste – this means they have noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

### **News from Reception**

This week in Reception, we have compared dinosaurs in different ways and then explored how big they actually were. We created an outline of a diplodocus at 28 metres long!

In maths, we estimated how long our footprints were before measuring them using a non standard unit of measure. We then repeated the activity but for a triceratops footprint!

We candled our eggs again, and we saw how much the chicks have developed inside the shell.

Our resident bluetit has now laid 9 eggs, and they should also hatch around the same time as our chicks. Spring watch in Reception continues.

### **News from Class 2**

This week, in literacy, we have started our new class story, 'Pig the Pug'. We have written compound sentences and made 'role on the wall' posters for the two main characters. We also completed an investigation into the crime scene that we found in school. In maths, we have all worked on 2D and 3D shapes. We have been on shape hunts, completed shape sorts, made models and labelled them and turned our bodies into shapes. In IPC, we have continued our "It's Shocking" topic where we have made our own circuits and designed our own torches. We have looked at the dangers of electricity and completed a walk around the school to find all of the sources of mains electricity.

### **News from Class 3**

Another great week. We have continued our topic of 'Temples, Tombs and Treasures'. Children have had a live teams call with Macclesfield silk museum where they learnt about how archaeologists discover the story behind an object. We have created our own cartouche and artwork based on Egyptian pharaohs. In literacy, we have completed our new class book, 'Cinderella of the Nile'. We have looked at how to create a great character description. In maths, year 3 have looked at measuring mass and year 4 have continued to look at decimals.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, we have been learning about how to calculate angles in straight lines and in full turns, and we have been looking at the names and properties of different types of triangle and quadrilateral. In English, we have been creating a summary of our current class book, 'Otto: The Autobiography of a Teddy Bear' by Tomi Ungerer. In IPC, we are discussed the advantages of learning languages, and we have been learning French greetings and classroom instructions. We were also given a talk from the PCSO about Knife Crime.

### **Sports News**

Class 1 – This week, we had lots of fun playing agility games and practising our balancing.

Class 2 – In PE, we have done tennis and practised catching the ball and controlling it with the racket. The children worked in pairs to practise hitting and then stopping the ball.

Class 3 – In PE, the children developed basic skills in rounders and children took part in long distance running as part of athletics.

Class 4 – This week in PE, we practised striking and catching skills in rounders. In athletics, we did a long distance run around the field. As it rained, we played noughts and crosses inside using hoops.

### **Star Performers**

Class 1: Rory Owen

Class 2: Ella Jones and Caprice Mulqueeney Roet

Class 3: Eleanor Lewis and Halla Vanaudenaerde

Class 4: Flynn Tappenden and Eva Cotton