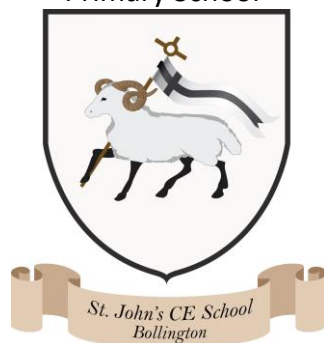


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Thankfulness

"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

10th February 2023

Head's Message

This week, we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week with assemblies and activities across school. Class 4 attended a Lyfta Live Lesson, where the children visited Brazil and met Izandra. Pupils heard about the important connections in her life, and shared their ideas for making meaningful connections with others in their lives. We have started to gather names of people who may be able to run an academy for us this summer. Thank you to all those who have expressed an interest. Please contact the school office for more details. A date has been secured for our Year 2 parents/carers to join us for lunch. We look forward to welcoming you on 8th March. After a hiatus of more than 5 years, we have been asked to take part in this year's Well Dressing. Children in Class 4 will be designing and creating their masterpiece in June. As always, their board will be proudly displayed in Bollington. Next week, our last week of this half term, we have lots going on. On Tuesday, Class 4 will be visiting the mosque, and the whole school is having a special Valentine's Day lunch. Reception are going on a litter pick on Wednesday. We sadly say goodbye to Mrs Dooley on Thursday. Finally, on Friday we are supporting 'Thinking Day' and children are welcome to come into school in an appropriate guide or scout uniform. There will be no newsletter next Friday, and so may I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful half term, and remind you that school re-opens on Tuesday 28th February.

Fundraising in March

Next month we will be supporting two charities in school which are very close to our hearts: Comic Relief and Down Syndrome Cheshire. Please find a little more detail below about both of these charities.

Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day

This Red Nose Day, we'd like to come together to help people going through tough times, both in the UK and around the world. We are encouraging the children to come to school in red clothes and/or a red nose. This could be something larger like a t-shirt or hoodie or something smaller like a hair band. We don't want anyone to have to buy anything especially for this day, and children who do not have anything red will be given a special Red Nose Day sticker so no one feels left out. We have set up a Just Giving fundraising page and would be very grateful if you could donate online via the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bollington-st-john-s-primary-school3>

Tuesday 21st March – World Down Syndrome Day

On this day, we will team up with Down Syndrome Cheshire, who run an award-winning gingerbread sock biscuit campaign. We invite all the children to come into school wearing odd socks and, in exchange for a small donation, all of the children will receive a special gingerbread sock. The children will also learn about Down Syndrome, and all that is amazing and unique about the Down Syndrome community. We have set up a Just Giving fundraising page and would be very grateful if you could donate online via the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bollington-st-john-s-primary-school2>

World Book Day

World Book Day will be on Thursday 2nd March, and to celebrate this special day we will have a theme of 'cosy reading' in school. We would like to invite all the children to come into school on this day wearing whatever makes them feel cosy, and to bring in their favourite book. World Book Day itself is a worldwide celebration of reading, authors, illustrators and books and is marked in over 100 countries all over the world. There are a lot of free resources for families on the World Book Day website to celebrate books and reading all year round: <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>
We look forward to having a wonderful celebration of reading in school!

Diary Dates

14th February – Class 4 Mosque Visit
17th February – Thinking Day and last day of term
27th February – Staff INSET day
28th February – First day of term for the children
1st March – Secondary transfer offers released (Year 6 pupils)
2nd March – World Book Day
8th March – Year 2 parent lunch
17th March – Red Nose Day
20th March – Parents' Evening meetings this week
21st March – World Down Syndrome Day (Odd Sock Day)
27th March – Wind in the Willows theatre performance in school
29th March – Year 1 parent lunch
31st March – Easter Assembly and last day of term

Fixed Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Holidays

Any request made for a holiday to be taken in the academic year, which is not considered by the Headteacher to be exceptional in circumstances, will be recorded as unauthorised, and may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

For more information, including our Attendance Policy, please see the following page on our website - <http://www.bollingtonstjohns.co.uk/page/attendance-information/17806>

Further information can also be found on Cheshire East's website

- <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance/taking-children-out-of-school.aspx>

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have been focusing on what recycling is and why we do it. We have used the story of The Messy Magpie to help us understand why dropping litter can be harmful to the environment, and we've continued writing speech bubbles to show how the animals in the story felt. In science, we have focused on the properties of different materials and whether or not they are magnetic. In maths, we used the vocabulary more and fewer to compare groups of objects before extending this to tally charts. We have used tally lines to record quantities before deciding which has more or fewer.

News from Class 2

In English this week, Class 2 have explored the prefix 'un' and written commands using could, should and would as part of our story, 'The Dragon Machine'. We wrote a letter of advice for the character of George who was having problems with troublesome dragons. In maths, Year 1 have explored number bonds to 20, finding the missing numbers in calculations and using our bonds to 10 to help. Year 2 looked at 2d shapes, counting faces, vertices and making shapes using a geoboard. In IPC, we started a new science topic 'Super Humans' in which we will explore our senses. We began by collecting all the information we already know and the questions we would like to find the answers to, and we labelled the human body. In RE, we looked at the words of the Lord's Prayer and what would be in God's Kingdom on Earth.

News from Class 3

This week, the children have continued their maths topic of multiplication and division. The children have looked at multiplying 2-digit by one-digit numbers and reasoning about multiplication. In English, pupils have started a new class book, 'A Lion in Paris'. The children have created their own predictions about the book. We created a setting description about a savannah setting using expanded noun phrases. In our topic of 'Bienvenue en France', the children have researched Monet and impressionism. They have used their knowledge of colour theory to create their own versions of the same setting at different times of the year.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been learning to find fractions and quantities and amounts and how to multiply mixed numbers by integers. In Year 6, we have been working on forming expressions and substitution in algebra, as well as applying formulae. In English, we have continued to explore the book 'Unspoken' by Henry Cole, focusing on researching the life of Harriet Tubman and planning to write a biography about her life. In IPC, we have been designing and creating our own lino tiles of an illuminated letter, which we will be printing with next week. For Children's Mental Health Week, we have been exploring how we are connected to others and the importance of connections for our wellbeing.

Sports News

Class 1 – With a theme of seasons, using winter, spring, summer and autumn, the children have been identifying what happens in each one and demonstrating ideas.

Class 2 – This week, the children have been doing gymnastics using equipment such as gym tables, benches and mats to travel, balance, jump and roll on different sized equipment.

Class 3 – This week, the children continued to learn the rules of netball and took part in a circuit training challenge.

Class 4 – The children have been taking part in a netball tournament and in circuit training. They have been trying to beat previous records.

Star Performers

Class 1: Evelyn

Class 2: Lola-Rose and Seth

Class 3: Mark and Theo

Class 4: Skyler and Max

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