

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Reverence

"Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you."

1 Samuel 12:24

11th June 2021

Head's Message

Welcome back to the last half term of the academic year, where our Christian Value is Reverence. Classes have been very busy this week. The Wellbeing Ambassadors continued their training with Tytherington albeit virtually instead of the planned face to face. Class 4 had a Junior Recycling Assembly this week and have completed posters as part of Pride month. Class 3 earned their Superclass Award and were treated to a movie and an ice-cream. Class 2 have been busily working in the allotment with Mrs Hyde, as well as baking. Class 1 went on a super mini beast hunt in the woodland. The weather is forecast to stay warm all next week so please remember to send the children in with hats, sun cream and plenty of water. I hope you all had chance to read the letter that was sent home this week regarding the rise of Covid-19 cases in this area. I will, of course, keep you updated with any further local or government developments. At present, the LA expects Cheshire East to be moved into the same category of 'enhanced support' as Manchester and Lancashire very soon, as our case numbers are rising sharply and were only slightly lower than these two regions. Finally, the PTA will be meeting at 8pm tonight at the recreation ground.

Sports Day

After consulting with the other Headteachers in Bollington and following PHE advice, it is very unlikely that any of us will be holding a Sports Day this year that parents can attend. We will hold an afternoon of fantastic sports events for children in their bubbles.

Leavers Play

Our priority for this term is to ensure the children in Class 4 get to perform their Leavers Play at the end of term. They are all working so hard to make it a wonderful event. We plan to hold the performance outside, and at present are planning on doing two shows – one on Thursday 15th July for Year 5 parents and again on Friday 16th July for Year 6 parents. This way we can ensure social distancing. Please make a note of those dates and we will send you more information shortly.

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 started our new topic of mini beasts. We all went on a mini beast hunt in the woodland, and then came up with some fantastic questions to research and projects that we'd like to do over the next few weeks. We have been collecting objects for our mini beast hotel (thank you for the donations), and we have looked carefully at mini beast habitats in preparation for making the hotel. In maths, we have really enjoyed doubling numbers this week. We created our very own doubling machine to help us!

News from Class 2

This week, in English, we have finished off writing our own 'how to' guides. We have each chosen a pet and written a guide as to how to find the perfect owner, how to learn new tricks and where to sleep in their new homes. We have begun our new class story of 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. The children came in to find a large beanstalk growing in the classroom with some giant items placed in and around it. We have investigated this and thought about any other stories we know which involve a beanstalk. We have made predictions as to what the story might be about. In maths, we have started our unit based on money. We have been recognising coins, ordering coins and notes by their values and have started adding money in different ways to make the same amount. In IPC, we have started our new topic about materials. We have made a wonderful collage of different types of material and made a glossary of words that we will find useful.

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, we have placed coordinates on a grid and looked at properties of shapes. In English, the pupils have created a biography about Howard Carter. The pupils have started a new IPC topic 'Bienvenue en France'. We looked at the different places around the globe that speak French.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been learning about ratio and proportion, and we have also revised our learning on multiples, factors and prime numbers. In English, we have been working on comprehension skills, focusing on inference, backing up our responses with evidence or quotations from the text. In IPC, we started our new IPC topic, 'Bake it!' We researched different types of microbes, and used images of microbes under a microscope to create models of them using clay. We also enjoyed a assembly from ANSA about composting, and we have continued our rehearsals for the Leavers' Assembly.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, in PE, we started practising for Sports Day.

Class 2 – This week, in PE, the children played tennis. After a warm up, they started the session with some racquet and ball skills. Next, they had a game of mousetrap. Then, they got some rallies going with their partners to practise body and ball positioning while using forearm shots. To end the session, the teachers fed groundshots to each child individually to hone their forehand skills.

Class 3 – This week, in PE, the children played cricket: they were fielding and also practising the long barrier to stop the ball. In tennis, the children practised their directional shots; forearm and backhand.

Class 4 – This week, it was sunny, so we were on the field. In cricket, we split into groups of five and practised our throwing and catching skills, including how to catch a ball using our leg to stop it. We then practised our serving and catching skills in tennis.

Star Performers

Class 1: Oscar Lapi

Class 2: Thomas Woolley and Jessica Walton

Class 3: Niamh Vanaudenaerde and Lilly-Belle Watkins

Class 4: Ally Simpson and Myles Wadsworth

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