

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Friendship

*"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity."
Psalms 133:1*

28th April 2023

Head's Message

Good afternoon. I do hope the weather improves for the Bank Holiday weekend. I have had all the Academy forms in, and returned them to the children highlighting which Academy they are in. Please check your child's bag for their sheet, detailing their allocated Academy. We cannot wait to start this year's programme. In worship today I told the children that our Talent Show this year will be held on the 26th May, so they have plenty of time to rehearse if they wish to enter. It is always such a wonderful event. Please be reminded that next Wednesday our infants will be on their school trip to Peak Wildlife Park, and Year 3 parents/carers are invited into school to join us for lunch. Huge congratulations go to our amazing footballers who competed in last night's tournament. It was always going to be an uphill battle as we fielded players from Year 3, and faced opposition from much bigger schools whose teams were mainly Year 6. We are so proud of all our players. Steve Hodgson, who organised the event, text me this morning to say that our team fought bravely, and that a highlight of the whole evening was Johnny's goal. Thank you to all the parents who have supplied cakes for the PTA cake sale this afternoon. Finally, as we do not have any classes closed due to industrial action on Tuesday, we look forward to seeing you all then.

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We will shortly be advertising for a full time teaching assistant to work in Class 3 from September. If you know anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact the school for more details.

Diary Dates

Please find below a list of our diary dates for this term. These can all be found on our website which is regularly updated: <http://www.bollingtonstjohns.co.uk/events>

1st May – Bank Holiday

3rd May – Reception and Class 2 trip to Peak Wildlife Park

3rd May – Year 3 Parent Lunch at 12-12:30pm (Year 3 families invited)

8th May – Bank Holiday

9-11th May – SATs Week for Year 6 (Year 6 children welcome from 8.30am for a SATs breakfast)

12th May – Coronation Celebration Lunch for the children

12th May - Coronation assembly and afternoon tea at 2pm. All families welcome

15th May – Playground Portraits in school to take year group photographs

15th May – Colin Foley, Neuro Diverse Workshop for parents/carers at 5:30pm
 19th May – PTA School Disco at 6-7:30pm
 24th May – Playground Portraits (reserve date)
 26th May – Infant Talent Show at 9:30-11am. Junior Talent Show at 2-3:30pm. All families welcome
 26th May – Last day of term
 5th June – INSET Day
 6th June – First day of term
 7th June – Start of our Academies
 13th June – Class 3 trip to the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI)
 15th June – Class 4 trip to the Bridgewater Hall to play with the Halle Orchestra
 21st June – Parent coffee afternoon with Mrs Walker, Mrs Hemmings and Mrs Smith
 27th June – New Starter Visit at 2-3pm for children who are starting in Reception in September 23
 28th June – Sports Day at 2-3:30pm. All families welcome
 30th June – Class 4 Swimming Gala
 1st July – Well Dressing Event. All families welcome. Timings to be confirmed
 4th July – New Starter Visit at 2-3pm for children who are starting in Reception in September 23
 5th July – Sports Day (reserve date) at 2-3:30pm. All families welcome
 8th July – PTA Summer Fair
 10th July – Year 6 Taster Day at Tytherington School at 9:30am-2:30pm. Move up afternoon for children
 11th July – Bibles will be presented to Year 6 in school
 12th July – Celebration Academy Assembly at 2:30-3:30pm. All families welcome
 14th July – PTA School Disco at 6-7:30pm
 21st July – Leavers' Assembly for Class 4 families at 9:30-11:30am
 21st July – Last day of term
 4th September – INSET Day
 5th September – First day of term

Attendance

Non-attendance is one of the single biggest blockers to achievement, with evidence suggesting that an attendance figure of below 96% will have a detrimental effect on the achievement of that individual student. By focusing on good attendance, we can make a significant impact to the outcomes of our pupils. While dealing with the challenges surrounding Covid-19, it felt appropriate to allow some flexibility with attendance authorisations (which remain at the discretion of the school). Although we intend to remain as supportive as possible, it is important to note that attendance will be a priority area this upcoming academic year. Please also note that it is important to inform school, before the start of the school day, if your child is going to be absent. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have used the text *The Odd Egg* to inspire our writing; we have discussed how Duck felt and then annotated our own paintings of the egg to describe how the odd egg looks. We candled our duck eggs for the final time, and we identified the blood vessel and embryo in each egg; we drew and annotated the inside of the egg to ensure our understanding of each part. We linked *The Odd Egg* story to our research when we compared the actual size of each character's egg then moved on to discuss the size differences when looking at dinosaur eggs. This will lead us into our topic of Dinosaur Detectives.

In maths, we have created colour coded numberlines to show odd and even numbers. We used the story 'Two of Everything' by Lilly Toy Hong to develop our discussion around patterns, and we spotted that even numbers occur when we counted objects in twos.

We are continuing to observe our Bluetit nest each day. Everyone is busy sketching how the nest changes daily and we are anticipating the arrival of eggs any day now.

News from Class 2

In maths, Year 1 have looked at multiplication by making arrays, then writing a number sentence to match. Year 2 have used the 2 times table and divided by 2.

In English, Class 2 have started a new book, 'Wolves'. We read the book together and predicted what might happen next. We thought about wolves in other stories we knew and gathered adjectives to describe the wolf. We talked about the difference between a fiction and non-fiction book.

In IPC, we continued to look at habitats by researching the animal group we were given in forest school. We drew a poster with facts about the habitat and how the animal is adapted to suit this environment.

News from Class 3

This week, the children have continued their topic of fractions. The children have compared and ordered non-unit fractions, looked at fractions on a number line and added two fractions together. In English, the pupils have continued to enjoy our class book of 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We have looked at how characters feelings can change over time and how.

In our new topic of 'Shake It', we researched the story of milk. In R.E., we looked at the story of Moses before creating model baskets.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been working on angles, focusing on recognising acute, obtuse and reflex angles and calculating angles around a point. Year 6 have been exploring the internal angles in quadrilaterals and polygons and looking at the key language linked to circles. In English, we have read to book, 'The Princess' Blankets' by Carol Ann Duffy, and we started planning and writing our own stories based on the structure of the book. We have also been exploring, and completing art work, based on the kings and queens of England since 1066 ready for our Coronation celebration event in a couple of weeks.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Kobi for being so motivated to complete additional challenges in maths.

Class 2 – Ena for listening and showing her work in maths.

Class 3 – Jessica for working hard to increase her independence with her English work.

Class 4 – Lucy for a fantastic draft of her opening to her story based on 'The Princess' Blankets'.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Sasha for having such a brilliant attitude to his learning.

Class 2 – James for perseverance and working hard.

Class 3 – Lilian for becoming increasingly independent and always giving 100% effort.

Class 4 – Stella for always being a great friend and treating others with kindness and respect.

Ethos Award – Class 2: Tabby for being a caring friend to all of her classmates.

House Points – Clarence currently lead by 1 point.

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Sports News

Class 1 – This week, Class 1 have been using hand eye and foot eye co-ordination to send objects from one place to another.

Class 2 – We have been using hand eye co-ordination to throw over various distances and using underarm/overarm technique.

Class 3 – In PE this week, we have been practising our striking technique in rounders to concentrate on connecting with the ball. We also did sprint races to prepare for Sports Day.

Class 4 – This week, Class 4 enjoyed an energetic Just Dance session.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Joseph

Class 2 – Scarlett and Cora

Class 3 – Phoebe and Mark

Class 4 – Charlotte and Halla