

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Reverence

"Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe."

Hebrews 12:28

9th June 2023

Head's Message

I cannot believe we are at the last half term of the academic year. Hopefully the good weather we have had recently will continue. Our most exciting news this week is that our Academies started back after a three year hiatus. As I walked around school, all the children appeared to be having the most wonderful time. Thank you to all the staff, and additional helpers, who have worked hard to get the Academies up and running. We had two special assemblies this week. On Tuesday Rhona Marshall, from Christian Relief Uganda, spoke to the children about Maria's Care School. Following the talk an appeal has gone out to parents for donations of old swimming costumes that could be used by the children and staff at the school. Then on Thursday Rev Nancy came in to school to lead worship. Today, we have been setting up our art work at the art centre for tomorrow's exhibition. I do hope you can pop along to see the children's marvellous creations. The exhibition is open from 10am-4pm. Next week, we have two fantastic school trips. Class 3 are going to the Museum of Science and Industry on Tuesday, and Class 4 are visiting the Bridgewater Hall on Thursday, where they will get the chance to play with the Hallé orchestra. We are looking forward to welcoming Year 5 parents to lunch on Friday, which will be followed after school by a Year 6 PTA cake sale. There are two attachments being sent out with this newsletter. One provides information on the Phonic Screening Test that will take place next Wednesday. The other is the most recent diocese newsletter, which contains an article about the school. Please also note that Year 4 will be sitting the Multiplication Tables Check on Wednesday next week. Finally, Year 6 received their Leavers' Hoodies after school tonight, a presentation that is always bitter-sweet.

Healthy Eating Week 12th – 16th June

Healthy Eating Week is all about supporting and promoting healthier lifestyles, and this year's theme is 'Healthy Eating Week - For Everyone!' For more information on healthy eating please use the link: <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/health-matters/keeping-well/healthy-eating/healthy-eating.aspx>

Diary Dates

10th June – Bollington Goes Green art exhibition 10am-4pm. All families welcome

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

16th June – Year 5 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm

16th June – PTA Cake sale – Year 6
21st June – School Nurse in school to do height and weight checks with Reception and Year 6
21st June – Parent coffee afternoon with Mrs Walker, Mrs Hemmings and Mrs Smith
23rd June – Primary Maths Competition at King’s School (small team from Year 5)
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
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.
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 – Swimming Gala (swimming team from Class 4)
14th July – Move up afternoon
14th July – PTA School Disco at 6-7:30pm
21st July – Leavers’ Assembly for Class 4 families at 9:30-11:30am
21st July – Year 6 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
21st July – Last day of term
4th September – INSET Day
5th September – First day of term

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have focused on the story, The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Each day we have practised using interesting vocabulary related to the story and then we've joined in with retelling the story as a class. We have drawn pictures of what we believe the troll looks like as well as the bridge structure before labelling and writing descriptive sentences. Everyone enjoyed a walk to Tinker's Clough as part of a geography field trip. We tracked the route on a map and took photos of the interesting things we spotted on our journey. At Tinker's Clough we re-enacted the story over the bridge and read a new version of our focus story, The Troll by Julia Donaldson. In maths we have focused on positional language, using bridges and trolls to inspire our learning.

News from Class 2

In English this week, Year 2 have used the story 'The Disgusting Sandwich' as inspiration, creating our own sandwiches outside and writing instructions for how to make them. Year 1 wrote a character description for the troll based on 'Three Billy Goats Gruff'. In maths, we continued our work on fractions, looking at halves and quarters. Year 2 also looked at telling the time. In IPC we started to look at our new topic, 'The Circus Comes to Town'. We all enjoyed the first week in our academies on Wednesday.

News from Class 3

This week in maths, Class 3 have started to look at money. We have created our concept grid and looked at how to convert between pounds and pence. We have started to look at word problems associated with money. In English, we have continued to read our class book 'Weslandia' by Paul Fleischman. The children have started to design a fact file about the new land. We have completed our topic of 'Feel the Force'. We looked at buoyancy, up thrust and density. We then created a boat out of foil and tested how many pennies it could hold.

News from Class 4

This week in maths, Year 5 have been working on multiplying and dividing by 10,100 and 1000 and learning about negative numbers. In Year 6, the children have been exploring spirals and completing investigations, using logical systems to approach problems. In English, we have finished reading 'Otto: The Autobiography of a Teddy Bear' by Tomi Ungerer, and we have written either speeches or diary entries in role as Otto, recounting the significant events in his life. In RE, we have been exploring the questions- How can religious communities live together in peace? We have also started rehearsing for the Leavers' Assembly, and we had some last minute practice for our performance at the Bridgewater Hall next week.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Gus for using fantastic vocabulary in his sentence work.

Class 2 – James for working hard on his writing.

Class 3 – Arthur for brilliant science work, using his knowledge of density and buoyancy to design and create a great boat.

Class 4 – Skyler for fantastic work on negative numbers in maths.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Orin for having such a sensible and caring attitude at school all week.

Class 2 – Asher for listening carefully and working hard.

Class 3 – Megan for excellent reading with Mrs Green.

Class 4 – George for always showing kindness and respect to everyone.

Ethos Award – Class 4: Luke - For always being respectful to everyone at all times.

House Points – Last terms winners were Oak Bank. This term Adelphi are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we worked on football skills, using co-ordination to learn dribbling in different directions.

Class 2 – In PE we focussed on cricket and bowling skills.

Class 3 – In PE, we played tennis, learning how to use different techniques while striking accurately and under control. In cricket, we worked on bowling underarm and overarm.

Class 4 – This week in tennis, we worked on using shot selection to accurately score points through gated targets. In cricket, we worked on being able to bowl at targets and field efficiently, recycling the ball back to the bowlers.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Joseph

Class 2 – Rory and Emme

Class 3 – Talia & Daniel

Class 4 – Luke & Jess

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