

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

30th June 2023

Head's Message

Despite the weather doing its very best to dampen our spirits, we still had a wonderful Sports Day on Wednesday. All the children were magnificent, but a special congratulations goes to Oak Bank, our new champions. Mr Hanson, our new Class 2 teacher spent that day with us and I am glad many of you got to say hello to him. He will be back in school on Friday 14th July for our move up afternoon. Mrs Watson, Mrs Hyde and Class 4 have worked tremendously hard this week completing the well dressing board, which was delivered Monday morning and picked up this morning. Our 'Treasure Island' creation will be located at Clarence Mill. Children joining us tomorrow morning for the opening ceremony should gather at the top of Flash Lane at 11.15am. Please note that our board is not located there. Today, I had the honour of attending St Michael's Church in Macclesfield to watch Oliver, a former student, perform a saxophone recital, accompanied on the piano by his father. It is always such a joy to keep in touch with pupils as they fly the St John's nest and go on to soar. He was truly amazing! Also this week, all the children made a prayer station on Monday to mark Pentecost. On Tuesday we were thrilled to welcome our new starters in to school for their first transition event. Week 4 of our Academies took place and we cannot believe that we only have one week left before our Celebration Assembly. Finally, I am sending home two parent leaflets with this newsletter about assessments at the end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

Industrial Action 5th and 7th July

Please note that Class 3 will be closed on Friday 7th July due to industrial action. All other classes will be open as usual that day. There are no classes affected on Wednesday 5th July.

Diary Dates

1st July – Well Dressing Opening Ceremony at 11.15am at Flash Lane

4th July – New Starter Visit at 1:30-3pm for children who are starting in Reception in September 23

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 introduced our new story, The Bug Collector. We have focused on key vocabulary in the text and had discussions about our own experiences. We have looked closely at the parts of an insect and created pictures of bees to demonstrate our understanding. In maths, we have continued to look at subtraction but now we have used number lines to help us understand how to count back. Sports day has been a real highlight; everyone gave it their best and we are so proud of all the children.

News from Class 2

In English this week, we have continued to explore our ‘Send for a Superhero’ story by using plurals to make a list of the things our superheroes need for their mission. We also explored adding suffixes -ing and -ed to verbs to spot patterns and find any which were irregular. We wrote an email to the mayor in the story explaining what was happening in the city. In maths, Year 1 have looked at numbers to 100, partitioning into tens and ones using a part whole model. Year 2 have explored finding $\frac{3}{4}$ in fractions and telling the time past the hour. In RE, we considered how Christians view the effect of the choice Adam and Eve made on our world today.

News from Class 3

In maths, Class 3 have continued to look at time. We have looked at hours, minutes and seconds as units of time. We have also started to solve multistep problems that use time. In English, we have continued to read our class book ‘The Story of Tutankhamun’ by Patricia Cleveland-Peck. The children have started to express opinion and look at the differences between facts and opinions. They created a set of instructions and began to make inferences about a character. We have continued our topic of ‘Temples, Tombs and Treasures’ with pupils researching canopic jars and how Egyptian society was structured.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been working on calculating volume, and we have started a project based on designing, and budgeting for, our own theme parks. In English, we have continued exploring Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' by creating our own story boards, including all the key events. We have also identified the relationships between the main characters. We have also continued with our rehearsals for Oliver, our end of year production, and we have been very busy designing and making our well-dressing.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Evelyn for trying so hard to write more complex words independently and putting them into her sentence writing.

Class 2 – Hugo for working hard in maths, learning to tell the time.

Class 3 – Ella for taking excellent care and attention with her work.

Class 4 – Rachel for a wonderful theme park design, budgeting carefully.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Rosie for always being so gentle and thoughtful towards others.

Class 2 – Emme for being a kind friend to others.

Class 3 – Natalia for being an excellent member of our class and always showing determination.

Class 4 – Airon for a consistently wonderful attitude to learning.

Ethos Award – Class 3: Johnny for always being polite and respectful around school.

House Points – Adelphi are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we have been working on gross motor skills, playing fun games and using our awareness to react quickly to win points. In yoga, we practised balances and shapes.

Class 2 – We practised for Sports Day, including tug-of-war, sprint races and the obstacle course.

Class 3 – We worked on our skills for Sports Day, focusing on tug-of-war, sprints, obstacle race and the bean bag throw.

Class 4 – The children enjoyed tug-of-war and some fun games, using teamwork to battle in teams and 2v2s. We also played cricket matches, practising our skills.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Ruby

Class 2 – Henry L and Asher

Class 3 – Louis and Olivia B

Class 4 – Leon and Airon

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