

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Respect

"Yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God."

Romans 4:20

29th September 2023

Head's Message

How lovely to see so many of you at this morning's Harvest Assembly. I know I am biased, but I thought the children were remarkable. It was also good to be able to share with you our passion for Global Learning and how we link the 17 Sustainable Development Goals into our curriculum. Also, a huge thank you for all the donations you have made, which will be collected by Silklife Foodbank on Monday. This week we were delighted to be informed that we had achieved the Primary Science Quality Mark. We are very proud that we have been nationally recognised for our commitment to excellence in science leadership, teaching and learning. Our thanks to Mr Timmis for gathering all the evidence and submitting the paperwork. Now we are working on our Silver Global Neighbours Award. Other highlights of the week include a Wonderful World Workshop in Class 2 yesterday, and on Monday Mrs Jobbins and I held the first New Starter after school tour, for children who will begin primary school in September 2024. Finally, it was my pleasure to be invited into Class 2 this afternoon by Mr Hanson, who needed someone really old to tell the children what life was like in the past. I am going to take the weekend to process how I feel about this.

Collection Arrangements

Please make sure to let your child's teacher know at drop off if someone else is collecting your child at the end of the day. If you are not able to speak to your child's teacher please make sure that you contact the office in good time.

General Permissions

Thank you to all the families who have returned their Data Collection Sheets this week. We would be very grateful if those families who have not yet done so could return them as soon as possible.

Diary Dates

11th October – Tytherington Creative Writing Workshop, 4 Year 6 children at 9:30-11am

16th October – Playground Portraits in school taking photographs

16th October – Reception 2024 starters open evening at 4-4:30pm. Families of children starting school in 2024 welcome

18th October – Playground Portraits reserve date

18th October – Reception Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm. Reception families invited

19th October – Last day of term

30th October – First day of term (please note teacher-led After School Clubs will not run this week due to Parent/Carer Evening meetings)

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we visited the school orchard to gather all the apples; a big thank you to the PTA for the gift of an apple picker, this was extremely useful! We used our apple press to create some delicious apple juice that we all enjoyed. Thank you to Mr Rogers for carrying out the pressing with all the children. Our new book this week is The Family Book by Todd Parr. We have focused on the similarities and differences between lots of different families and created family groups in our small world area.

News from Class 2

Our highlight of the week has been hard to choose with an exciting week of events that included the Harvest Assembly and the Sowing Roots workshop. However, on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Woolley took Class 2 to an apple pressing workshop and it was incredible fun! In English, we have written a letter of apology this week, based on the contents of our first book 'Cave Baby.' Also, in Class 2 this week, we have been using drawing materials to create different lines and marks to represent water, adding in our own sea creatures to complete a whole group picture. In music, we are learning about pulse and rhythm, using our bodies and percussion instruments to identify the pulse in a piece of music.

News from Class 3

Class 3 have had another great week. In maths, we have continued our topic of place value. The children have ordered numbers, counted in 50's and identified Roman numerals. In English, the pupils have started a new class book called 'The Tear Thief.' We have posed questions, looked at verb tenses and identified similes. In history, the pupils have continued to research Bronze Age Britain. In science, pupils have looked at how muscles help us to move.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been focusing on mental strategies for addition and subtraction and formal addition of whole numbers with more than 4-digits. In Year 6, we have been revising factors and multiples and have been exploring prime, square and cube numbers. In English, we have been writing newspaper reports based on 'The Man Who Walked Between The Towers' by Mordicai Gerstein. A highlight of this week has been our science lesson, exploring which materials make the best filters.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Guy for trying very hard to answer questions during phonics.

Class 2 – Orla for outstanding work in English when writing a letter of apology and for always demonstrating exceptional focus in lessons.

Class 3 – Olivia for developing resilience in her maths work.

Class 4 – Stella for a fantastic music lesson, singing and playing the glockenspiel.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Ivy for being so comforting to children when they have been upset.

Class 2 – Dyiako for always demonstrating kindness, respect and work ethic in all aspects of school life.

Class 3 – Joey for taking pride in the work that he produces.

Class 4 – Jessica for a consistently positive attitude in all lessons.

Ethos Award – Class 3: Orin for always being respectful and using kind language.

House Points – Clarence are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we had an introduction to yoga. We linked each animal pose to a story.

Class 2 – In PE this week, Class 2 explored the different techniques of dribbling a football and also played some team building games to help us understand how to exploit space.

Class 3 – We focused on small group matches to learn and understand the basic rules of football. In basketball, we studied attack and defence and how to transition from one to the other quickly.

Class 4 – This week in football, we played small group games to learn the rules of the game. In basketball, we focused on how to attack and make the most of overloads in a game situation.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Bertie

Class 2 – Cora and Jensen

Class 3 – Henry and Jess

Class 4 – Max and Scott

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