

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Compassion

"Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore He will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him!"

Isaiah 30:18

8th December 2023

Head's Message

"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas ... perhaps ... means a little bit more!"

Dr Seuss, How the Grinch Stole Christmas.

What a delightful infant trip we had on Wednesday to watch The Grinch at Cinemac. The children were amazing and thoroughly enjoyed the visit. As always a huge thank you to the volunteers who accompanied us. On Monday, we held our last new starter tour of the year, for children due to start school in September 2024. We were thrilled to welcome Beverley into school on Tuesday to lead Christingle workshops in all the classes. Today, has been extra Christmassy in school. We have combined our Christmas non-uniform day (many thanks for all your donations to Silklife Foodbank) with the School Games Santa Dash. This is a national initiative to get all children active, in a fun way, at the same time. The children have also had their nasal flu jabs. Next week we have Bikeability for Year 4 and 5, our junior trip to Cinemac and the Infant Nativity to look forward to. I genuinely cannot wait!



Class 4 preparing for their Santa Dash

Diary Dates

11th December – Bikeability for Year 5 students

13th December – Infant Nativity Play (Reception Class and Class 2) at 10-11am and 2-3pm. All Reception and Class 2 families invited

14th December – Bikeability for Year 4 students

15th December – Junior Cinemac Trip to see Wonka (morning)
19th December – Junior Christmas Play (Class 3 and Class 4) at 10-11:30am, 2-3:30pm and 6-7:30pm.
All Class 3 and 4 families invited
20th December – Christmas Lunch (children only)
21st December – Class Christmas Parties
21st December – Last day of term
22nd December – Inset Day
8th January 2024 – First day of the spring term
12th January – Chester Zoo Whole School Trip
14th January – PTA Poachers Pub Quiz
17th January – Open the Book will lead a weekly assembly for 10 weeks
19th January – PTA Class 3 Cake Sale
22nd January – KNAPS assembly about Uganda (children only)
24th January – Year 6 Maths Workshop at Tytherington School (4 pupils) at 9:30am-2:30pm
24th January – Year 2 Family Lunch at 12:00-12:30pm
30th January – Presentation by the Fire Brigade to Class 4
6th February – Young Voices Concert (Choir Club members)
14th February – Year 3 Family Lunch at 12:00-12:30pm
16th February – Last day of half term

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have focused on the story of The Little Cloud. Everyone was curious about what clouds are actually made out of, so we linked the book to geography and the basic elements of the water cycle. In maths, we continued our learning about staircase patterns with a focus on representing 'one more.' We have been busy practising our nativity play and are looking forward to our performances next week.

News from Class 2

This week, we have been busy with a range of activities. Year 2 have completed their 'special learning booklets', and I couldn't be more proud of their resilience and application. We have also been applying the final touches to our Christmas nativity - we are all so excited to perform it next week. On Wednesday, we visited Cinemac in Macclesfield to watch the Grinch - we had a tremendous time. In Geography this week, we enjoyed applying our geographical skills to designing a new playground. Year 1 have carried on with subtraction in maths. Class 2's highlight of the week was Friday's Santa Dash in our Christmas clothes!

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, the children have completed their NFER assessments in maths, reading, grammar and spellings. In our maths lessons, the children have started their new topic of multiplication and division. In English, the pupils have completed our newspaper reports based on our class book 'Escape from Pompeii'. In computing, we continued to use our animation skills to create a story. This time we looked at how to print screen the code we created. In geography, the children researched different volcanoes around the world. Finally, in RE, the children have researched the Nativity Story.

News from Class 4

This week, we have been completing our autumn term assessments for reading, maths and spelling, grammar and punctuation. In English, we have been learning about using relative clauses to add extra information about nouns. In geography, we have been comparing the geographical features of Innsbruck and Bollington. In science, we have been working on identifying reversible and irreversible

changes. We also enjoyed our session about making our own Christingles, and we reminded ourselves of the meanings of the different parts.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Ivy for working hard to understand one more and represent numbers in a staircase pattern.

Class 2 – Henry for consistently insightful work in RE.

Class 3 – Olivia B for creating an excellent newspaper report that included all of the features that we have looked at.

Class 4 – Laurie for amazing perseverance when faced with maths questions in her end of term tests.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Rory for representing the school so well during our school trip to the cinema.

Class 2 – Finn for a fantastic attitude and resilience during our Year 2 test week.

Class 3 – Isaac for becoming more independent and improving the presentation of his work.

Class 4 – Kit for wanting the best for all his classmates and great reflection about situations.

Ethos Award – Class 2: Gus for showing compassion and kindness to the whole class this week.

House Points – Lowerhouse are still in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – Today, we ran thirteen laps of the playground which equates to one full mile! This was part of our Santa Dash and the children loved it!

Class 2 – We focussed on developing explosive strength by doing a range of exercises in circuit training.

Class 3 – In PE, we have recorded scores for speed bounce, press ups, sit ups, burpees, bench step up and star jumps.

Class 4 – This week, the class have recorded scores using a table grid and stop watch, utilising their maths to add the totals.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Fabian

Class 2 – Finlay and Maggie

Class 3 – Sophia and Freja

Class 4 – Sigrid and Eleanor

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