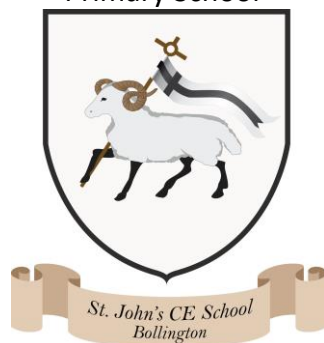


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Trust

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."

Psalm 56:3

2nd February 2024

Head's Message

Thank you to all the parents who sent money in to buy the wonderful Ugandan items we had for sale. I am pleased to report that we raised £227 for the children of Kamutuza. The fundraiser followed an assembly on Monday, led by Doreen from the charity KNAPS, who updated us on her work in Uganda, specifically with Tower Primary School, which our sponsored child Frank attends. Our week has been filled with lovely visitors to our school. The Fire Service delivered a Road Safety talk to Class 4, giving the children lots of useful advice to stay safe. Class 3 enjoyed a Sewing Roots workshop, where the pupils thought about Jesus the storyteller. Open the Book delivered their third assembly, entitled 'The Storm on the Lake', which was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole school. Finally, Rev Nancy visited us for the first time this academic year on Thursday to lead worship with the children. Also, this week, six pupils attended a PE Leadership event in Wilmslow. During the day the children had to organise and lead team events, and then embed their learning in school. They pushed themselves outside of their comfort zone and we are so proud of them all. Next week, we have a Year 6 maths workshop at Tytherington and the amazing Young Voices to look forward to. It is also Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, and we will update you on all the activities linked to this we do in school.

Attachments

Please note there are two attachments with this newsletter. One is a DfE guidance leaflet about measles and the other is a WhatsApp safety guide for parents.

Diary Dates

6th February – Year 6 Maths Workshop at Tytherington School (4 pupils) at 9:30-2:30pm

6th February – Young Voices Concert in Manchester (Choir Club members)

7th February – Reception Class community litter pick at 10am

14th February – Year 3 Family Lunch at 12:00-12:30pm

16th February – Last day of half term

26th February – First day of term and Thinking Day (scout and guiding community wearing uniforms to school)

News from Reception

This week in we have enjoyed studying trees; we learnt about the parts of a tree and what their role is and how to work out the age by looking at the tree rings. We created a booklet to share our knowledge. In maths, we have learnt how to record quantities using tally lines. We have carried out a number of surveys to find class preferences using our new skill.

News from Class 2

This week our highlight has been in science. We conducted an experiment to help us understand our sense of smell - it was great fun! In maths this week, Year 1 have been learning how to estimate on number lines and add using number bonds. Year 2 have started to learn about equal groups and how these relate to times tables and division. Unfortunately, forest school was cancelled this week, so we used the time to design a fact file for our class pet and create some mini beasts ourselves!

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, the children have completed their topic of multiplication and division. They have started their topic of length and perimeter; we have measured in centimetres and meters. In English, the pupils have continued to enjoy our topic of myths. The children have started to write their myth; we have looked at devices such as personification to improve our description. In history, we have started to look at why the Roman army was so efficient. In computing, the children have started to film their book trailers.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have learned to find fractions of numbers and have been working on place value to three decimal places. Year 6 have been working on algebra, writing expressions and solving equations, including where there are two unknowns. In English, we have continued our work on the book, Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race, by Margot Lee Shetterly. Another highlight this week has been playing Pachelbel's Canon in our music lesson.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Viktoria for creating an excellent booklet about trees.

Class 2 – Sophie for excellent progress in maths and consistently trying her best in phonics.

Class 3 – Freja for creating an exciting opening to her myth.

Class 4 – Lois for a fantastic space-inspired piece of art work in chalk.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Fred for being so thoughtful towards others.

Class 2 – Kobi for looking after his friends when they need help.

Class 3 – Henry for showing good resilience and taking care with all of his work.

Class 4 – Shiri for having an amazing attitude to her learning and for being a joy to have in our class.

Ethos Award (Trust) – Class 1: Fabian for being so truthful, kind and trustworthy.

House Points – Lowerhouse are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, the children moved around the jungle equipment in different ways that matched certain animals. We then played 'mirror monkeys' where the children copied actions with a partner.

Class 2 – We have been performing gymnastics, travelling forwards and sideways on benches including jumps. We have also been playing team games using cones to catch and throw bean bags.

Classes 3 and 4 – In PE this week, we have been performing gymnastics: travelling forward, backwards and sideways. We also did some dance work and finished off our dance routine in groups.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Lilia

Class 2 – Arlo and Asher

Class 3 – Ena and Johnny

Class 4 – Shiri and Leon