

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

9th February 2024

Head's Message

Children's Mental Health Week was marked by different activities and assemblies taking place across the school this week. We also held a whole school staff meeting on Wednesday to ensure that we are all focusing on this priority issue and embedding consistent strategies in the classrooms. We have been thrilled that Ava has joined us this week to complete her work experience. It has been a joy to have her with us. Mrs Roberts joined us on Monday for a second yarn bombing session. This is a project which is being completed for the Bollington Festival. Also on Monday the junior children had a wonderful online assembly, led by Marie. She explained to the children the effects of climate change on our link school in Melanesia. Tuesday marked one of the highlights of our school year, the Young Voices concert in Manchester. The children (and staff) had a wonderful time and represented our school magnificently. Other events this week included Year 6 children attending a maths transition event at Tytherington. Well done Team St John's. Open the Book delivered an assembly on Wednesday discussing 'The Good Neighbour'. School nurses were in school for a vision and hearing screening on our Reception children, who had a busy week as they also went on a marvellous litter pick on Wednesday. Full details of this, and other events, can be found on our website. Next week, we have a special Year 3 Family Lunch as well as a Chinese New Year Lunch to look forward to. Finally, please note that we break up next Friday and so this is the last newsletter this half term. For that reason I am adding our diary dates for next term below.

Bollington Youth Council

We are delighted that two students from St John's joined children from the other Bollington primary schools and Tytherington High School on Monday for a Bollington Youth Council meeting. At that meeting Louis was elected Chair and Kit was elected Vice-Chair. We are so proud of them both. It is wonderful that our pupils can have their voice heard on community issues. One item discussed at the meeting was providing a separate area on the Rec for dogs.

Diary Dates

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

15th February – Chinese New Year Lunch

16th February – Last day of half term

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

1st March – Year 6 Languages Workshop at Tytherington School (3 pupils) at 9:30-2:30pm

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

7th March – World Book Day (theme – Reading is a Gift)

8th March – Girls' Football session – at lunchtime with Mr Hanson as part of the #letgirlsplay scheme
11th March – PGL meeting – Class 4 families at 5:00-5:30pm
11th March – SATs meeting – Year 6 families at 5:30-6:00pm
11th March – Last week of teacher led after school clubs
15th March – Comic Relief/Red Nose Day and a non-uniform day
15th March – Class 2 PTA Cake Sale
18th- 20th March – Parent/Carer Evening Meetings
21st March – Down Syndrome Day (Odd Sock Day)
22nd March – PTA School Disco at 6:00-7:30pm
25th- 27th March – Class 4 PGL Residential at Boreatton Park
28th March – Easter Assembly (all families invited) at 1:30-2:00pm
28th March – Last day of term
15th April – Summer term begins

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have used the story of The Messy Magpie as a focus for our fieldwork. We used Digimap and Google Maps to locate the recognisable features around school and then create a route to Tinker's Clough. We added our favourite places to the map and located them during our litter pick. In the woodland, we collected litter and read our story. At school, we wrote speech bubbles for each character in the story and discussed how they felt. As part of Mental Health week, we have focused on empowering the children to share their feelings and understand emotions.

News from Class 2

This week our highlight has been creating our rockets after spending a few lessons designing them on the ipads, which was great fun. We have had a very exciting week. We have created and written our own stories in English based on our class text. In maths, Year 1 have been exploring number bonds and place value, whilst Year 2 have enjoyed learning about multiplication - our progress in maths this week has been fantastic! In science, we explored our senses of taste and touch by tasting different foods and having a mystery item box in our classroom. We have spent some time drawing and creating mini beasts for our new classroom display - our stick insect, Steven, now has some friends!

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, the children have started their new topic of length and perimeter. We have looked at equivalent measurements focusing on millimetres, centimetres and meters. In English, the pupils have completed writing their myths. In history, we have looked at what made the Roman army so effective. In computing, the children have started to film their book trailer, and, in science, they have started to create their own fossils.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been working on decimals, including tenths, hundredths and thousandths. Year 6 have been exploring decimals, partitioning, rounding and adding and subtracting. In English, we have completed our work on the book, Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race, by Margot Lee Shetterly, writing in character, including feelings and emotions. Another highlight this week has been using Tinkercad in our computing lesson, working on using Computer Aided Design.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Skylar for her brilliant ideas in English and for trying so hard to write independently.

Class 2 – Orla for creativity and imagination when designing and building her rocket.

Class 3 – Arthur for working hard to create his own myth.

Class 4 – Sigrid for her fantastic work in French.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Maksym for always involving other children in his play and sharing beautifully.

Class 2 – Oliver for always trying his hardest and helping others to do the same.

Class 3 – Sophia for always applying herself to her work.

Class 4 – Freddie for being a good friend to others.

Ethos Award (Trust) – Class 3: Joey for being such a trustworthy friend.

House Points – Lowerhouse are currently still in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week in PE, we moved in different ways, avoiding obstacles. We played timed games and focused on being a 'good sport'.

Class 2 – We have been creating and performing a sequence in gymnastics, and we have also been playing team games and racing using different movement and directions.

Classes 3 and 4 – We have been creating a sequence (solo or as a team) in gymnastics. We have also finalised our dance for a performance next week

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Josephine

Class 2 – Oliver and Sasha

Class 3 – Laurie and Daniel

Class 4 – Phoebe and Charlotte

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