

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Endurance

*"You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised."
Hebrews 10:36*

22nd March 2024

Head's Message

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who joined the working party on Sunday to improve the garden area at school. The allotment looks amazing and Mrs Hyde cannot wait to get to work! We are so appreciative of our PTA, for not only organising this event, but also the cake sale last Friday, buying an Easter egg for every child and for the disco tonight. This week, we held our Parents' Evening meetings for all children. We do hope you found your meeting both informative and useful. Class 4 were thrilled to receive letters from their Romanian pen-pals this week. This has proven to be such a joyous global link. It was a pleasure to welcome Year 4 family members to lunch on Wednesday. Mrs Green will soon send out details of our Year 5 and Year 6 lunch dates. Also on Wednesday, Open the Book came and told the children the Easter story from the Gospel of John. Yesterday, we celebrated World Down Syndrome Awareness Day. It was wonderful to see so many children in their odd socks, enjoying their gingerbread biscuits. To date we have raised £115 for this worthy cause. Today, Rev Jenny led our Easter assembly and the children participated by singing Easter songs. We do hope all the families who attended, enjoyed the service. I also met with the class reps, and I thank them for their time and commitment to our school. Next week, Class 3 are meeting up with Year 3 at St Oswald's for a day of Easter activities together. This should be such a lovely event. Please keep your fingers crossed for us all weekend, so that we have some wonderful weather for our PGL adventure. Finally, this is the last newsletter this term, so may I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter.



It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man."

Luke 23:44-47

Key Stage 1 (Year 2) SATs

Just to confirm that this year there is no longer a statutory requirement to administer the Key Stage 1 SATs. We will, however, be giving the children an optional set of papers in the same week that the rest of the children do their NFER tests. In this way we can fully assess the cohort and ensure they are on track. Their attainment will be recorded on their Year 2 reports.

Diary Dates

22nd March – PTA School Disco at 6:00-7:15pm

25th- 27th March – Class 4 PGL Residential at Boreatton Park

27th March – Class 3 Easter Experience Day at St Oswald's Church (9am drop off at St Oswald's)

28th March – Last day of term

15th April – Summer term begins

News from Reception

This week we have used the book *The Loon on the Moon* to help us learn about the moon and its phases. We have written sentences about the main character and focused on key vocabulary linked to the moon such as crater, crescent, full, half and eclipse. In maths, we have continued our learning of double facts to ten; making ladybirds with moveable wings to reveal sums linked to our dot patterns.

News from Class 2

In Class 2 this week, Year 1 have been learning about mass in maths. We have explored the weight of different objects and how to balance the scales. Year 2 have continued their work on division in maths and have made good progress! On Thursday, we celebrated International Forest Day by learning about the importance of forests. We also discussed deforestation and how we can help to save the trees. Our computing lesson this week took us on a journey of the different external parts of a computer. We can't wait to continue our learning with technology! Our final Forest School session of the year was fun and filled with outdoor learning - a huge thanks to Mrs L for taking us on the Forest School journey!

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, the children have carried on comparing fractions. Class 3 have continued with our class book 'Black Dog', and we have started to create our own stories using the same format. In art, we worked on frottage to create a flower. In geography, we have started to create a fact file about the Amazon rainforest.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been working on shape, classifying, estimating and measuring angles. Year 6 have been working on statistics, including dual bar charts and pie charts. In English, we have been exploring Carol Ann Duffy's use of similes, metaphors and personification. Another highlight this week has been exploring the life cycles of amphibians, linked to the tadpoles we currently have in our classroom. We also explored the importance of forests on Thursday for International Day of Forests.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Fabian for great recall of our double number facts.

Class 2 – Henry for excellent contributions to our work on forests and deforestation.

Class 3 – Seth for creating a beautiful piece of artwork.

Class 4 – Nathaniel for creating a wonderful frog life cycle, describing each stage.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Guy for engaging well and involving others in his activities.

Class 2 – Rosie for always listening and trying her best in all areas of learning.

Class 3 – Dan for always working hard on his targets.

Class 4 – Emily for a fantastic attitude to her end of year tests, showing great independence in her revision.

Ethos Award (Endurance) – Class 2: Gruff for endurance when dividing in maths.

House Points – Lowerhouse are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we continued our focus on ball control, this time passing a ball to a partner and ensuring that it is rolled and received effectively.

Class 2 – We have been looking at jumping and landing in different directions and distances. We have also been working in teams to roll tennis balls through target zones using weight of roll to stop the ball in hoops.

Class 3 and 4 – This week, we have had lineball matches looking at team work and movement off the ball. We have also played tag rugby, practising attacking play and how to use the width of a pitch in attack.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Maksym

Class 2 – Rosie and Henry

Class 3 – James and Mark

Class 4 – Kit and Laurie

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