

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Peace

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give it as the world does. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

John 14:27

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Head's Message

Once again, unbelievably, we have reached the final newsletter of the academic year. Even writing that sentence always makes me a little emotional especially when I think of our leavers, and all the joy and laughter we have shared together since September. But, although the finish line is in sight, we are still moving at a steady pace here at school. On Monday, we held our Mental Health Information Evening after school. Thank you to the parents who attended. Although the group was small, we had some wonderful discussions, and I do hope those who came found it useful. At the same time our girls' football team was beating Nether Alderley 6-4. We are so proud of all our sporting achievements this year. On Tuesday, librarians from Macclesfield led an assembly to promote this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Then, following this, our Year 6 children received their SATs results. We were so very proud of them all. In the afternoon we had lots of new starters in school in various different classes. On Wednesday, we held our Year 6 parent lunch. Thank you to all who came. In the afternoon we held a rather wonderful Sports' Day, and although all the children were incredible, Adelphi were victorious. On Thursday, we held our Academy Celebration. This began in great style as Class 3 sang a Viking song, and then our young musicians thrilled us with individual and group performances. This led nicely into our Academy assembly where we had a chance to thank all the staff, volunteers, parents and children for making it the best year ever. That afternoon our netball players were in action against Nether Alderley. They did ever so well, and I must thank our wonderful parents who have led training for us. Today, our swimmers represented us magnificently at a gala at The King's School. What a week! Next week, we still have move up afternoon, the Year 6 Bible Presentation, a Class 4 P4C session, a Class 2 visit to White Nancy, a visit from our bee expert and the Leavers' Play to look forward too. Then we will say our sad goodbyes to this amazing Year 6 cohort. As we do so, we will remind them, 'You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.' CS Lewis.

Staff Changes

As well as saying a sad goodbye to Year 6, we also have three members of staff leaving us next week. Mr Timmis will be sorely missed in Class 3. However, we will equally miss Mrs MacEnroe who has worked in Class 4 this year, and Mrs Yurych, who has been our cleaner since October. We are so very sorry to see them all go.

Work Experience

This week, it was an absolute delight to welcome two former pupils back to St John's to complete their work experience. We are always so thrilled when this happens, and it was such a joy to catch up with them both.

Piano Tuner

St John's was thrilled this week when a very generous parent in Class 4 paid for us to have our piano tuned. A wonderful man, called Eric, came into school and literally pulled our piano apart and then put it back together (in tune) – much to the delight of all the children. We cannot thank the parent enough for this amazing gift.

Reports

We do hope you enjoyed receiving your child's report this week. Thank you to all the families who have given such lovely feedback. This year, we trialled sending the reports out electronically to just parents of Class 4. After surveying these parents, it appears to have been a success, and so we will send them all out electronically next year.

Diary Dates

Monday 15th July – Move up Afternoon for all classes

Wednesday 17th July – Bible Presentation to Year 6 at 9:15am. Year 6 families invited. Followed by P4C session with the parents of Class 4 from 9.45-10:30am

Wednesday 17th July – Bee keeper visit to Class 1

Thursday 18th July – Class 2 visit to White Nancy

Friday 19th July – Leavers Assembly at 9:30-11am. Class 4 families invited

Friday 19th July – Last day of term

News from Reception

This week, in Reception we have started our bee project. We have learnt about the life cycle of a honey bee and about the many roles that a worker bee will have in her life. We have created patterns using hexagons to match the honeycomb within a beehive. In maths, we made maps for the bee-bots. Then, we focused on programming them with instructions to reach a destination.

News from Class 2

In Class 2 this week, our highlight was our computing lesson where we considered our digital footprint. Of course, Sports Day was wonderful and every pupil in Class 2 was fantastic! In English, this week we have focussed on using conjunctions and high frequency words to write fluently. In maths, we have enjoyed using our knowledge of position and direction to direct a character around our squared paper. In science, we focussed on teamwork and communication to make bug hotels. Our creations were fantastic! As this is our last newsletter, I'd like to take the opportunity to say how wonderful each pupil has been this year. Have a lovely summer break!

News from Class 3

In maths, the children have continued our topic of shape. The children focused on 3D shapes. We looked at how to identify and create different shapes. In English, the children have started to plan their own story based on 'Farther'. They have thought about different ways to improve their writing. In our art this week, we continued to look at cross hatching. In geography, the children looked at where chocolate comes from. In computing, we held our quiz of the year and then learnt how to create our own quizzes.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Class 4 continued with their Theme Park project, keeping to a budget and calculating income, outcome and profit. In English, we have been continuing exploring the characters and story arc in 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. On Monday, in PSHE, the children explored what mental health means. It has also been a busy week with Sports Day, the Academy Celebration and last minute rehearsals for the Leavers' Production next week. What a busy week!

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Bertie for a fantastic bee-bot map and really careful programming.

Class 2 – Eleanor for excellent communication and teamwork in science.

Class 3 – Ena for excellent work constructing 3D shapes.

Class 4 – Josh for great work on his Theme Park project, planning with a budget.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Sky for being a thoughtful friend.

Class 2 – Kobi for making sure his friends are safe.

Class 3 – Jessica for constantly improving her work.

Class 4 – Leon for having a wonderful sense of humour and for being a great friend.

Ethos Award (Peace) – Class 4: Louie for always being so reliable with any responsibilities he is given.

House Points – Oak Bank are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we warmed up with action games before re-enacting the life cycle of a honey bee through movement.

Class 2 – This week, we have held a Sports Olympics which included various sports.

Class 3 – We have been playing tennis matches (both solo and doubles).

Class 4 – This week, we had a Just Dance competition between Year 5 boys and girls as well as Year 6 boys and girls.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Jonas

Class 2 – The whole class for being Sports Day superstars

Class 3 – Olivia H and Isaac

Class 4 – Phoebe and Matilda

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