

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## 'Christian Value' – Creation

*"By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible."*

*Hebrews 11:3*

4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Head's Message

It is always a good week when it includes a world record attempt, and that is exactly what happened this week. On Thursday, the junior children were counted into the hall and took part in, what's hoped will be, the world's largest live poetry lesson. It was an event organised to celebrate World Poetry Day. Fingers crossed the attempt is successful. This week, we also held our Harvest Service, with all of your donations going to the Silklife food bank. I may be biased, but I thought the children were all amazing. Various Open Mornings/Evenings have been held for children by local High Schools in the last few weeks. I have spoken to the children about their visits and Tytherington, who provided food, appears to have rated highly with many of them. I can't help but feel the snacks may have been well played by Tytherington! Rev Jenny led worship on Wednesday, and then visited the classes to discuss their current RE topics. The children had their Fluenz vaccine on Thursday. Next week, the Saltmine Theatre Company will be in school on Monday and some Year 6 children will be attending a Creative Writing Workshop at Tytherington on Wednesday. Also, we have our first football match of the academic year as our boys are in action against Mottram. Finally, please see the attached leaflet about a community litter pick with the Town Mayor.

### Diary Dates

7<sup>th</sup> October – Saltmine Theatre Company in school delivering performance to all classes and a workshop for junior children

9<sup>th</sup> October – Creative Writing Workshop at Tytherington High School (3 x Year 6 pupils)

10<sup>th</sup> October – Junior Boys' football match v Mottram Primary School at St John's at 3:30-4:30pm

13<sup>th</sup> October – PTA Pub Quiz at the Poachers at 7pm for a 7:30pm start

15<sup>th</sup> October – Junior Girls' football match v Rainow Primary at Capelli Ground at 3:20-4:15pm

18<sup>th</sup> October – Junior Boys' football match v Nether Alderley at St John's at 3:45-4:30pm

18<sup>th</sup> October – PTA School Disco at 6-7pm

21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Parent/Carer Evening Meetings at 3:30-6pm

24<sup>th</sup> October – Last Day of autumn term 1

25<sup>th</sup> October – INSET Day (Read, Write Inc training for staff)

4<sup>th</sup> November – First Day of autumn term 2

6<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm

27<sup>th</sup> November – Reception Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm

29<sup>th</sup> November – Last day of After School Clubs (teacher and volunteer led)

29<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Forensic Science Workshop (whole year group) at 12:30-2:30pm at Tytherington High School

10<sup>th</sup> December – Infant Nativity Play at 2pm. Families invited

13<sup>th</sup> December – Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime at Buxton Opera House (junior children)

17<sup>th</sup> December – Junior Christmas Production at 2pm and 6pm. Families invited

18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmassy Clothes Day and Christmas Lunch for the children

20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

### **News from Reception**

This week in Reception, we have used the book *In Every House on Every Street* to help us think about the similarities and differences between our homes and who lives there. We used google maps to explore our local area and the streets that we live on then we collaged pictures of our houses. In maths, we have ordered objects according to size and used STEM sentences to compare them. We all enjoyed listening to poems on National Poetry Day and then creating our own animal countdown poem.

### **News from Class 2**

This week, our highlight was learning about poetry for the National Day of Poetry. Class 2 enjoyed reading and acting the poem, 'The Terrible Ten' by James Carter. In maths this week, we have been learning to compare and order numbers, as well as use greater than, less than and equal to. In English, we have enjoyed predicting how a character is feeling. In science, we explored our senses of smell and hearing in different areas of the school.

### **News from Class 3**

This week, in maths, we have continued to learn and apply the rules for rounding to the nearest multiples of 10, 100 and 1000. In science, we investigated the strength of different magnets and produced a bar chart to show our results. In DT, we started cladding our pavilion structures using weaving and paper folding techniques. In English, we started to write our final version of *Leon and the Place Between*. Thursday was a highlight for us as we took part in the Guinness Book of Records official attempt at the world's largest poetry lesson! We also had fun in history, learning about games from the Victorian era and practicing them on the playground.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, we have started work on addition and subtraction, practising formal methods involving multiple exchanges. We have also been exploring how we can use inverse operations to calculate missing values. In English, we have completed our stories inspired by 'Firebird' by Saviour Pirotta. The children have been working hard on editing their own writing, both to fix mistakes and make improvements. A highlight this week was our Guinness World Record attempt during our live lesson for National Poetry Day.

### **Celebration Awards**

#### **Good Work**

Class 1 – Isla for her enthusiasm in phonics, especially with her writing.

Class 2 – Samuel for super investigating in science.

Class 3 – Seth for writing his story with such eagerness

Class 4 – Freja for a wonderful piece of writing, taking the role of someone who witnessed Richard III's burial.

#### **Good Citizen**

Class 1 – Isabel for being an excellent role model.

Class 2 – Rosie for helping her friends to achieve success.

Class 3 – Olivia for being such an enthusiastic learner in all lessons.

Class 4 – Ellie for always making wonderful contributions in the classroom.

**Ethos Award (Creation)** – Class 3: Hugo for being so creative with his pavilion and following his design plan.

**House Points** – Adelphi are currently in the lead.

### **Sports News**

Class 1 – This week, we looked at rolling a ball through gates to our friends. We did this over different distances and in between different sized gates.

Class 2 – In PE, we focused on target practice and team games, using different techniques to pass using hands and feet whilst working in a team to hit the most targets.

Class 3 – We have focused on football and basketball. In football, we created a circuit of challenges to practise our passing and shooting. In basketball, we practised counter attacking at speed.

Class 4 – This week, we have looked at creating challenges for the class in a circuit looking at weight of pass, direction and body shape. In basketball, we looked at counter attacking fast and being able to find space quickly.

### **Star Sports Performers**

Class 1 – Deborah

Class 2 – Gus D and Evelyn

Class 3 – Jensen and Lola-Rose

Class 4 – Ella and Natalia

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