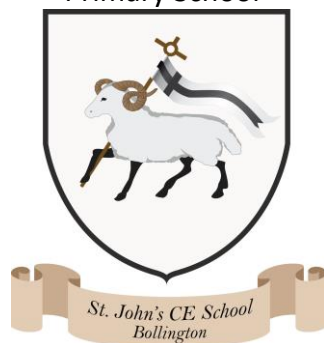


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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

11th October 2024

Head's Message

As we approach the end of this half term, the weeks just seem to get busier and busier. On Tuesday, Mrs Jobbins and I attended Read, Write Inc training. We had anticipated starting this new phonics scheme next September, but after this intense introduction day, we are eager and excited to get started straight after half term. Please do bear with us as we change schemes, as Read, Write Inc is very different to Monster Phonics. There were so many wonderful activities and opportunities for the children to take part in this week. On Monday, we welcomed the Saltmine Theatre Company into school. They managed to re-enact the entire Bible from the Book of Genesis to the Gospels in just over an hour. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance. On Wednesday, some of our Year 6 children attended a Creative Writing Workshop at Tytherington High School. As always, they represented St John's wonderfully. Our boys were in action on Thursday, in a football match against Mottram. Although they did not win this time, their attitude and their care for each other made us all very proud. Thursday was also World Mental Health Day. Next week, we have two further football matches (as our boys and girls are in action), as well as a PTA school disco to look forward to. Finally, my thanks to Ella and Jess who cooked a beans and cheese wrap while in Forest Schools today, and then hand delivered it to me. What a super end of the week treat!

Forest Schools Update

We are delighted to let you know that in the coming week we will be launching a Forest School Instagram page. Forest Schools is so integral to St John's, and so much happens in each and every session, that we thought we would ensure it is all shared with you. Marcella will also be providing some information for a regular Forest School section of this weekly newsletter. Furthermore, Marcella and the school would also like to say a huge thank you to three families (Finlay H, Ivy and Evelyn), for generous donations they have made for our Forest School area. Thanks to them we now have a water butt, a work bench and some little seats.

Diary Dates

13th October – PTA Pub Quiz at The Poachers, 7pm for a 7:30pm start

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

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

18th October – PTA School Disco at 6-7pm

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

24th October – Last Day of autumn term 1

25th October – INSET Day (Read, Write Inc training for staff)
4th November – First Day of autumn term 2
6th November – Year 2 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
27th November – Reception Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
29th November – Last day of After School Clubs (teacher and volunteer led)
29th November – Year 6 Forensic Science Workshop (whole year group) at 12:30-2:30pm at Tytherington High School
10th December – Infant Nativity Play at 2pm. Families invited
13th December – Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime at Buxton Opera House (junior children)
17th December – Junior Christmas Production at 2pm and 6pm. Families invited
18th December – Christmassy Clothes Day and Christmas Lunch for the children
20th December – Last day of term

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have loved reading the story Martha Maps It Out. We were inspired to create maps of our local area using photos of familiar places. We also learnt how to make a key for a map using simple symbols. In maths, we have focused on capacity using a range of jugs in the water tray and repeating patterns in both actions and objects.

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight was our art lesson where we were sketching expressions to help us understand our emotions. In maths this week, Year 1 have been using different resources to make number bonds to 10, whilst Year 2 have been using fact families to deepen their understanding of addition sentences. In English, we have enjoyed writing commands with contractions. In science, we have explored our sense of sight in different areas of the school, and in RE we enjoyed learning about the Old and New Testaments.

News from Class 3

This week started with an exciting afternoon on Monday when we watched the Saltmine Theatre Company's performance of 'The Rhyming Bible' which we all really enjoyed. In maths, we have been learning how to read and write Roman Numerals, and we have nearly completed our unit on place value. In science, we looked at uses of magnets in our day to day lives. We finished our pavilion structures in DT and these looked fantastic! In English, we finished writing our final version of Leon and the Place Between and started our exciting new story, 'The Matchbox Diary'.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been exploring multiples, common multiples and factors. In English, we have started a new Literacy Tree unit, 'Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen. We have been making predictions and exploring what we can learn about the key characters in the first few chapters of the story. A highlight this week was our music lesson where we used the xylophones to play a walking bass line to 'Rock Around the Clock'.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Freddie for trying hard to participate with phonics lessons.
Class 2 – Fabian for working hard on his handwriting.
Class 3 – James for writing a fantastic version of Leon and the Place Between.
Class 4 – Megan for focusing so well on her times tables in maths lessons and great participation.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Eva for an excellent attitude to learning.

Class 2 – Guy for being kind to all his friends.

Class 3 – Jensen for such a positive start to Year 3.

Class 4 – Lilian for being a great classmate and for increasing her participation in lessons.

Ethos Award (Creation) – Class 2: Orla for creating positive relationships with her peers.

House Points – Clarence are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – In PE this week, we looked at using our balance and co-ordination crossing a spider's web (skipping ropes) and using floor spots to balance whilst collecting items to take back to our team.

Class 2 – This week, we focused on team games and looked at relay races and how to pass batons in a race.

Class 3 – We have focused on a basketball tournament (6 teams) earning points for winning/ drawing, good teamwork, enthusiasm and good sportsmanship.

Class 4 – This week, we have looked at creating a basketball tournament (6 teams) earning points, including for good teamwork, enthusiasm and good sportsmanship. The children were using their teamwork, awareness and co-ordination to compete.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Isabel

Class 2 – Arthur and James

Class 3 – Sophie and Hugo

Class 4 – Daniel and Max

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