

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Joy

"Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

John 16:24

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Head's Message

Academies started this week, which are always such a joy. Walking around school seeing all the children so excited is a pleasure. I am always so impressed with the creativeness of the academies on offer too. Please make sure you are available to come to our presentation on Thursday 11th July at 9.30am. There will hopefully be performances for you to enjoy. Class 1 had a wonderful trip to Macclesfield Forest on Wednesday, where they took part in pond dipping and other activities. Lovely photos of this visit are on the website. It was lovely to see all the Year 4 family and friends joining us for lunch this week. On Thursday Beverley from St Oswald's led a worship based around 'Thy Kingdom Come.' Today we were delighted to honour four of our pupils who won awards in a recent Bollington Festival writing competition. Well done Tabi, Emily, Lucy and Kit. Finally, I am delighted to report that we have secured the Gold School Games Award for 2018/2019, which recognises the highest level of commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport.

PGL

Year 6 will be on residential from Monday until Wednesday next week. Please make sure that you have carefully read the kit list and provided the school with any medications that need to be taken. We are very sure the children will have an amazing few days with lots of super activities planned. They also get the bonus of sleeping in the mansion house.

Emotionally Healthy Ambassadors

Our wonderful ambassadors from Year 2 - 5 will be attending their third day of training at Tytherington High School on Tuesday. Details of this event will be sent out separately.

Year 4 Squash

As part of their PE provision the children in Year 4 are taking part in squash lessons at the leisure centre. This is part of a Squash Programme that runs for all local children, and a programme that Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed last year. The sessions will last for a further four weeks. They children did extremely well this week. Please keep an eye on the weather and make sure they have a coat in school if rain is forecast.

Year 6 Transition

Just a reminder there is a Tytherington Information Evening for parents of children in Year 6 who will be attending the High School in September. You should have already received an information pack from Tytherington about this event. It is being held at the High School and starts at 7pm.

Phonics Screening Check

Mrs Stout will be administering the phonics screening check to Year 1 on Wednesday.

In school next week:

Monday – Year 6 at PGL.

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Wednesday – Year 6 at PGL. Phonics screening tests for Year 1.

Thursday – Academies week 2. Mrs Walker at an afternoon safeguarding meeting. 7pm Tytherington Information Evening for Year 6 parents.

Friday – PCSO assembly.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have focused on the Russian abstract artist, Wassily Kandinsky. We have learnt about his life and famous artwork that he created as well as looking in more detail at mixing colours, changing tints and categorising colours as warm or cold. We have recreated our own version of his famous artwork, Circles. We enjoyed a wonderful trip to Macclesfield Forest on Wednesday. We learnt all about the woodland animals on the Gruffalo trail as well as pond dipping in the afternoon.

Class 2 – This week in literacy we have started our new class story, The dragon machine. We went on a dragon hunt in the school grounds and used prepositions to describe where we found them. In maths we have been adding 10 and 11 to two digit numbers and combining different coins to buy certain items. In IPC we have started our new transport and travel topic and have looked at the history of transport focusing on cars. We have also begun looking at Viking's and have made our own Viking long boats.

Class 3 – This week, in maths, children have worked on fraction and decimal equivalence. In literacy, we completed our Indian folk tales. In IPC, we have started our new topic of Time and Place, Earth and space. Children have created a glossary of the scientific language they will be using in this topic. On Friday, pupils worked on the playground and created a model solar system.

Class 4 – This week, we have been revising key operations in mathematics, including conversion of mixed numbers to improper fractions. In English, we have been writing fairy tales with a 'twist', based on Little Red Riding Hood. All the children now have their parts for the leavers' play, and we have just started our rehearsals.

Sports News – This week Class 1, 2 and 4 were busy preparing for sports day, which involved running, throwing and jumping events. Class 3 were at Bollington Health & Leisure for their first f 5 squash sessions.

Star class this week – Class 1.

Class Stars – Class 1: Sigrid, Class 2: Rachel, Class 3: (At squash), Year 5: Ines, Year 6: Emma.

Well done to all stars of the week.

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