

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Endurance

"Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience"

Colossians 1:11

4th March 2022

Head's Message

Welcome back to the second half term of the spring, and our new Christian Value is Endurance. This week the children have celebrated Shrove Tuesday with special assemblies, and by making delicious pancakes. They have also thought about the significance of Ash Wednesday and how the day marks the start of Lent. This week also saw the beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight, which has been discussed in all the classes. We are delighted to welcome Laura Kendall to school on Wednesday afternoon. Laura is an experienced dance teacher and will be leading sessions for Reception and Year 1 until Easter. Next week, Tuesday marks International Women's Day and Friday is the start of British Science Week. On Wednesday some Year 6 children will be attending an Art transition session at Tytherington, while our Mental Health Ambassadors will also be at the High School that day. Class 4 parents please note there is a PGL Teams meeting at 5pm on the 16th March, to answer any questions you may have regarding our upcoming residential trip.

World Book Day

On Thursday, we celebrated a fantastic World Book Day, which marked the 25th anniversary. Many thanks for helping the children with their wonderful outfits, many of which were linked to classic children's books. The children spent the day reading books and discussing all the things that are great about reading.

The winners of the classic literature themed outfit were:

Reception - Gruff

Class 2 - Joseph

Class 3 – Matilda

Class 4 - Holly

School Places

Secondary School offers were released on 1st March. Please note that parents have until 15th March to accept/decline the place that has been offered. Primary School places for September 2022 will be released on the 19th April.

Red Nose Day – Friday 18th March

Please note that we will be having a non-uniform day on this day to celebrate Red Nose Day. The children can come dressed in their own clothes (with or without red noses). We are encouraging families to donate £1 (or whatever you are able to donate) to this cause supporting people living incredibly tough lives, in the UK and around the world. We would be very grateful if you could donate electronically via the school's Just Giving page rather than give cash donations to the office. The link for donations is: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bollington-st-johns-primary-school2>

World Down Syndrome Day – Monday 21st March

World Down Syndrome Day is about championing and celebrating all that is fabulous, amazing, and unique about our wonderful Down syndrome community. We are asking all our children and staff to join in by wearing colourful mixed-up socks on 21st March. We are also encouraging families to donate £1, or however much you choose, in exchange for a Sock Biscuit. Again, please donate via the school's Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bollington-st-johns-primary-school1>

Online Safety Advice for Parents

We have organised a parents Teams meeting with PCSO Entwistle and PCSO Burdock on March 23rd at 7pm. The presentation is aimed to help parents navigate through the ever changing digital world, and help you keep your child safe online. We do hope many of you will attend this virtual meeting, which we are sure will be very informative.

Ukraine

Russia's invasion of Ukraine is distressing and concerning, and children may have questions or be seeking reassurance. In response the government has produced an information leaflet aimed at helping to avoid misinformation, which parents may find useful. It can be accessed via: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/>

Terracycle Update

We have received this update that we thought we would share with you:

The school and pre-school communities have been fantastic in collecting up the items that can be accepted by the Terracycle streams. The bins are emptied about once a month. This week we collected 3600g of crisp packets and 6000g of mixed waste. To give you some context that totals the weight of 17 basket balls or 480 pieces of sushi! Such a lot of individual pieces of plastic which can go on to become items such as benches, fences or watering cans. All the waste is sorted by volunteers so any assistance with sorting is much appreciated – different categories can be kept together in crisp packets or bread bags - especially smaller items such as contact lens cases. Kate from [One Project Macclesfield](#), who organises the Terracycle collections, has regular sorting days. Anyone can go along to help sort the waste - it is actually quite a mindful activity and the volunteers have a lovely chat at the same time. All items recycled by Terracycle must be sponsored by a company – to check which streams are available follow this link: <https://transitionbollington.wixsite.com/tbolly/terracycle>

National Tests Timetable

The following national statutory tests will take place this year:

Year 6 SATs – Monday 9th May until Thursday 12th May

Year 4 Multiplication Check – can be administered anytime between the 6th and the 24th June

Year 2 SATs – will be administered during May

Year 1 Phonics Screening Test - can be administered anytime between the 6th and the 10th June

News from Reception

This week marked the start of Fairtrade Fortnight; we have learnt about how bananas, coffee and chocolate are all grown in hot countries by hardworking farmers. We have identified the Fairtrade logo on lots of different foods and created speech bubbles giving information about why Fairtrade is important. In maths, we identified numbers that are more or less than a given number and played games that involve finding the total. We all enjoyed World Book Day, sharing stories together and making 'book worms' in forest school.

News from Class 2

We have had such a busy week celebrating Shrove Tuesday, Fairtrade Fortnight and World Book Day! In English, we have sequenced and retold the story of 'Lost and Found', paying particular attention to our punctuation and making our sentences interesting. In Maths, Year 1 have focused on subtraction using the method of counting back and also counting in tens. Year 2 have been consolidating their knowledge of column addition and have now moved onto basic column subtraction. In IPC, we have finished our topic of 'Look and Listen' by learning all about the eye. Thank you to all the efforts you put in with the children's musical instruments. We have had such fun playing them this week. We have learned all about Fairtrade and made some colourful Fairtrade posters. On World Book Day, the children loved dressing up and getting all of the 'Big Books' out for some whole class reading. We designed book covers and made our own book marks.

News from Class 3

Class 3 have continued to enjoy our class book 'Black Dog' by Levi Pinfold. We have created descriptions using expanded noun phrases and punctuated direct speech. In maths, we have looked at converting measurements. Year 3 have accurately estimated lengths, and Year 4 have started to look at how to correctly measure area. In IPC, children have continued to look at adaptations. We looked at how birds are adapted to fly. In 'My Happy Mind' children have started a new module focusing on appreciation.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we completed our work on decimals, completing our end of unit assessments and creating a concept map to recap and reflect on our learning. In English, we have continued our work on 'The Hidden Forest' by Jeannie Baker. We have been writing reports in letter form, sharing all our knowledge about the kelp forests from the research we completed before half-term. In IPC, we have completed our knowledge harvest for our new topic, 'The Great, the Bold and the Brave', and we have been exploring Greece on a map, using Digimaps to locate important cities in Ancient Greece. In RE, we have started our new unit on salvation.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, the children practised their balancing skills using a beam, jumping over obstacles and performing tuck jumps from a raised bench.

Class 2 – The children enjoyed their first dance session this week and focussed on pushes and pulls using their bodies to help them balance. The children also took part in relay races which incorporated targeted throwing. In the second session, the children worked in groups of four and practised their throwing and rolling skills.

Class 3 – In PE this week, the children played netball and were practising chest passes, bounce passes and shoulder passes. In tag rugby, they were learning about the ways to pass and the new rules.

Class 4 – This week, we worked on passing skills in rugby and took part in relays. In netball, we worked on bounce passes and shooting.

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Star Performers

Class 1: Cora

Class 2: Jessica and Rory

Class 3: Thomas and Luke

Class 4: Halla and Phoebe