

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

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Head's Message

Today, I led my first whole school 'Good Work' assembly since the start of the pandemic, and it was an absolute joy. It was truly wonderful to have all of the children together in the hall sharing each other's celebrations and news. Earlier in the week the Ethos Group prepared and delivered a marvellous worship based on the Good Samaritan. Also this week, two groups of children attended Tytherington High School. Our Mental Health Ambassadors continued their training, and some children in Year 6 were invited on an art transition workshop. As always the children were a credit to St John's and represented the school beautifully. On Tuesday, children reflected on International Women's Day, and we have had another super dance afternoon this week and two excellent Forest School sessions. Today, two children from Class 3 attended a tree planting service conducted by the Mayor of Bollington, in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Finally, please remember the Class 4 PGL parent meeting is at 5pm on 16th March via Teams.

Easter Assemblies

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding two Easter assemblies, which will be open to family members to attend. Our infant (Class 1 & 2), assembly will take place at 9.10am on Tuesday 29th March. Our junior assembly (Class 3 & 4), will take place at 3pm on the same day. Please diary date these events and note that more details will be sent out shortly.

British Science Week: Growth

Today marks the start of British Science Week, which lasts until 20th March. The event was launched in school with a visit from Mr Duffy, who spoke to Class 4 about space and the James Webb telescope. Next week there will be different activities occurring in all classes:

Monday – Mars Day and some children will be attending a virtual presentation at 11am.

Class 1 – The children will be exploring Mars Day and looking at plant growth throughout the week.

Class 2 – Pupils will be making Martian models and looking at Martian habitats.

Class 3 – The class will be exploring biomes, and the Martian landscape.

Class 4 – Children will be focussing on mass and weight and Newton metres.

Girls On Board

We are delighted announce that we will be working towards our Girls On Board accreditation. Girls On Board is an approach used for helping girls aged 8 to 18 navigate the choppy waters of friendship problems. It is an approach which helps girls, their parents and their teachers to understand the

complexities and dynamics of girl friendships. The language, methods and ideas empower girls to solve their own friendship problems, and recognises that they are usually the only ones who can. Mrs Smith will be leading this in school, with the support of other staff members. Please see the attached Parent Guide for more information and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further queries regarding this scheme.

School Fundraiser – Monday 14th March

We were so thrilled this week when the children in Class 4 and the School Council showed their empathy and compassion and asked to fundraise for Ukraine. The children suggested that on Monday pupils come to school dressed in an item of blue or yellow clothing, for a humanitarian donation. While we were very proud of our older children, we are also mindful that our younger children may not be aware of current world events. Please rest assured we will not be discussing the situation in Ukraine as part of this fundraiser and teachers are sensitive and keep discussions age appropriate at all times. The monies collected will be donated to the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) Ukraine Appeal.

Cross Country

Children from Class 3 attended a cross-country event at Fallibroome High School on Wednesday this week. All children ran brilliantly well, completed the course and showed fantastic endurance, which is this term's Christian Value. Whilst the teams were not placed in the top 3, they showed huge promise and they also looked really good in the St John's team kits. Particular mention should be made of Eleanor in Year 4, who came 2nd in the girl's race. A very well done to all those runners who took part in the races!

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>

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have started our new topic 'Blast Off'. We gathered our current ideas and understanding of space in a knowledge harvest then chose our own questions for what we'd like to know over the coming weeks. We analysed some unusual objects that had crash landed outside: such as rocket fuel, tools and a map. We will continue our work with these objects next week. In maths, we have focused on the composition of the number seven.

News from Class 2

This week in Maths, Year 2 have focused on division and multiplication problems. We have consolidated our knowledge of column subtraction and exchanging tens. Year 1 have been focusing

on addition and subtraction fact families to ten. In English, we have had a non-fiction focus. We have continued to write instructions and also written a non-chronological report based on penguins. In IPC, we have started our new topic of 'Push me, Pull you' which focuses on forces. We used this in our dance lesson to help us create separate push/pull dances in pairs. In PSHE, we have focused on a book called 'The Invisible'. We have made a class gratitude jar and filled it with things that we are grateful for that we may sometimes take for granted.

News from Class 3

Class 3 have started to create our own stories based on our class book 'Black Dog' by Levi Pinfold. We have made sure to include direct speech, precise verbs and exciting fronted adverbials. In maths, we have continued to look at measurements. The children have measured accurately to work out the perimeter of shapes. In IPC, the children have created some amazing posters demonstrating their research about biomes. Groups then presented their findings to the rest of the class.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have started our new concept of measurement. We have been looking at conversions of measurements, kilograms to grams, millimetres to metres, millilitres to litres and visa versa. In English, we have completed our work on 'The Hidden Forest' by Jeannie Baker. We have written letters, including non-chronological reports, and we have completed our final drafts. We have also started exploring our key concepts in our new IPC topic, 'The Great, the Bold and the Brave'.

Sports News

Class 1 – The children enjoyed team games involving balancing beanbags, using rackets and aiming balls.

Class 2 – In PE, we have been practising controlled rolls with different sized balls. We then played team games rolling balls over targets and practising passing skills.

Class 3 – In PE, the pupils played tag rugby. They were travelling forward, whilst passing the ball fast to one another. In Netball the pupils were shooting into hoops with a focus on technique.

Class 4 – This week, we worked on directional passing and team play in tag rugby, and, in netball, we took part in line ball team games.

Star Performers

Class 1: Bobbie Class 2: Austin and Olivia Class 3: Talia and Skyler Class 4: Rachel and Leo



Following Class 4s visit to the Yeshurun Synagogue, the children sent thank you letters to their tour guide, Charles Bloom. Charles was so delighted to receive them he put this photo in the synagogue's newsletter.

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