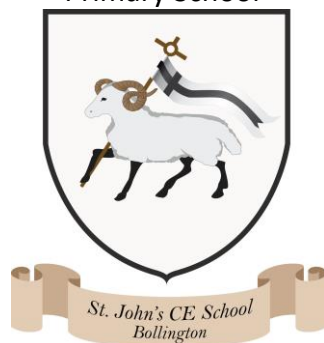


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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

18th March 2022

Head's Message

What a lovely week we have had in school, although I must admit I cannot believe how quickly this term is going. There are just two weeks left until we break up on Friday 1st April. School will then re-open on Tuesday 19th April. We started the week with our fantastic Ukraine fundraiser – thank you so much for donating so generously. The LA wrote to schools on Monday inviting them to take part in a Ukraine Day by wearing blue and yellow. It's a tribute to our amazing children that they had already had the same idea and arranged and organised our school event. Thank you to all the parents who joined our PGL Teams meeting on Wednesday. We are very much looking forward to the residential, which is always such a fun event. British Science Week has been our focus in all classes this week. Please check the website for lots of photographs. My I remind you that the PCSOs are delivering an online presentation to junior parents at 7pm on Wednesday. Finally, thank you to everyone who dressed up and donated to today's Red Nose Day event.

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>

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.

Cross Country

Well done to our Year 5/6 girls for taking part in a very wet cross country race on Wednesday this week. All three girls showed fantastic endurance by running in difficult conditions, and both Mathilde and Angelica ran really well in what was their first cross country race. Holly put on a brilliant performance and came 2nd overall which is a fantastic achievement. Congratulations to the girls for their team contribution this week!

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have learnt all about Mars. We have painted, made models of the Mars Rover and written facts about our neighbouring planet. We all enjoyed carrying out a science experiment to discover how craters are made and what changes their size and shape. In maths, we have continued our focus on the number 7, using numicon and multi link to help us work out the composition before creating sums. In literacy, after finding the mysterious space objects last week, we have written a missing poster for an alien.

News from Class 2

This week, in English, we have written our own versions of the story 'Lost and Found'. We changed the animal in the story and researched where each animal came from. In Maths, we worked on reasoning problems, including time, money and shape activities. In IPC, we attempted our own game of tug of war. We worked out how this could be a fair test and decided the teams should be a mixture of boys and girls and Year 1 and 2. We drew diagrams of the game and labelled the forces we used. We have also created our own glossaries for our new topic. In aid of science week, we were visited by Mr Timmis, and we learnt all about adaptations and designed and made our own Martians out of play dough.

News from Class 3

Class 3 have completed our stories based on our class book, 'Black Dog' by Levi Pinfold. We have looked at how we can edit and improve our work. In maths, we have continued to look at measurements, as well as completing our assessments. As part of British Science Week, the children have researched Mars and investigated ways to make it habitable for humans.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have continued exploring the concept of measurement, looking at conversions between metric and imperial units. In English, we have started work on a new book, called 'The Lost Thing', by Shaun Tan. We have been thinking of adjectives and verbs to describe the soundtrack to the trailer, and using these to make predictions about the story. We have also completed our Spring Term assessments this week. In IPC, we have been comparing the Greek city states of Athens and Sparta.

Sports News

Class 1 – In PE, the children played team games that encouraged them to find individual objects and count them. The children had to follow more complicated instructions in order to win.

Class 2 – In PE, we practised different types of passes with a football and directed it through a narrow target. We then practised balancing and traveling with different objects on our heads.

Class 3 – In PE, the pupils played tag rugby and were playing passing races and learning all about directional play. In netball, the children were practising their throwing and catching skills.

Class 4 – This week, the children played tri-rugby and were practising their passing and defence skills. In netball, the pupils were learning all about the roles and positions and also practising their throwing and catching skills.

Star Performers

Class 1: Dyiako

Class 2: Johnny and Jack

Class 3: Sigrid and Emily

Class 4: Aaron and Amelia