

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## 'Christian Value' – Growth

*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen."*

*2 Peter 3:18*

29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### Head's Message

What a fun filled week this has been. It started on Monday when all the children took part in a cricket taster session, led by Stewart Garnett from Cheshire Cricket. The lessons were delivered on behalf of the charity Chance to Shine. On Tuesday, Image Theatre Company were in school and the children thoroughly enjoyed their performance of The Sword in the Stone. Eight of the children got the chance to be part of the production cast. They were all splendid. Swimming also started on Tuesday for the children in Reception and Year 1. Our SIP (School Improvement Partner) was in school on Thursday. Mrs Downing was thrilled to meet some of the pupils, and hear all about their learning. After school on Thursday, our magnificent football were glorious in defeat after losing a very tight battle against St Gregory's 3-2. Next week, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May is Bike to School Day. Please note the school will be closed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for the May Bank Holiday.

### School Photographs

Please note the following dates, year group school photographs will be taken on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June (with Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June as a reserve in case of bad weather).

### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree

Our school council, with the help of Vice Chair of Governors Mr Rogers, have planted a Glastonbury Thorn tree, to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Glastonbury Thorn is believed to have been brought to the UK by Joseph of Arimathea, and a flowering sprig is sent to the British Monarch every Christmas. Unlike ordinary hawthorn trees, it flowers twice a year, the first time in spring and again at Christmas. Following our tree planting ceremony, we have been informed that our event has been uploaded to The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) map.

### Issues or Concerns

If you have any issue or concern that you wish to discuss, or any question that you wish to ask, please remember that we are always here for you. Please do not hesitate to email either [head@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk) or [admin@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk)

### **Walk to School Week Information from Transition Bollington**

*I am writing to raise awareness of 'Walk to School Week.' This is taking place from the 16th to 20th of May and is initiated by the 'Living Streets' campaign with awareness and information being raised nationally via their website. We think this is a great opportunity to highlight this issue to children and their parents and are asking you to share this information so families who are able, will take up the challenge. With traffic in Bollington being of particular concern at present with ongoing road works highlighting just how many cars travel through the town around school times, this is an ideal opportunity to get people to think about the journeys they make and how they make them. There is information available about the Walk to School Week available through the Living Streets website [Walk to School | Primary schools | Living Streets](#) There is also information available from Eden Project communities about organising walking buses which may also be of use [Organise a walking bus | Eden Project Communities](#)*

*Thank you, Transition Bollington.*

### **Summer Term Diary Dates**

We have the following diary dates for you, of some lovely summer activities:

Jubilee Party – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May in the afternoon, for the children;

Talent Shows – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June and families invited. The shows will be 9:30-11am (Classes 1 and 2) and 1:30-3pm (Classes 3 and 4);

Sports Day – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm and families are invited. (Reserve date is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July.)

### **News from Reception**

This week, in Reception, we have been scientists! We have carried out an investigation into melting ice and learnt some new key vocabulary. We then candled our chicken eggs to locate the blood vessels and embryo. We focused on the story of The Odd Egg, and the children were fantastic at role playing the duck and other characters as a starting point for discussing emotions. In maths, we have looked at how to be a careful counter when counting larger quantities. Our bluetit family now have at least 8 eggs, and we expect them to hatch at the same time as our incubator chicks.

### **News from Class 2**

This week, in English, we have written a letter of apology to the three bears. We looked at interesting sentence openers and using the word because in a sentence. In maths, we have worked on our quick fire addition skills and moved on to time. We have looked at o'clock and half past times. In IPC, we aimed to answer the question, 'I wonder if water can be used as a force to move things?' The children worked round four outdoor water stations and investigated water wheels, the effect of mass on how easy an object is to move and the effects of different sieves filled with materials. We found out that water could be used as a force and enjoyed getting messy in the playground.

### **News from Class 3**

This week, Class 3 have started a new class book, 'The Chronicles of Narnia: the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.' The children have looked at 'jumping in' to a sentence with a relative clause and adding detail. In maths, we have continued to look at fractions. We have looked at adding, subtracting and ordering fractions. In IPC, the children have started a new topic, 'All Aboard'. They have completed a knowledge harvest, a glossary and a timeline of significant advancements for rail travel.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, we have been focusing on line graphs, reading, drawing and solving problems involving them. In English, we have been writing our own stories based on 'The Lost Thing', by Shaun Tan. In IPC, we have been learning all about the Persian Wars, and we have been exploring the question: What can the Parthenon teach us, as historians, about Ancient Greece and the Athenians? We have been revising the difference between primary and secondary sources of information and exploring the reliability of different sources.

### **Sports News**

Class 1 – The children practised their throwing and kicking skills to perfect their aim before moving on to their first archery lesson.

Class 2 – In PE this week, we enjoyed a great session of cricket on the field and learnt lots of new skills. We also took part in obstacle races and team races.

Class 3 – In rounders, the children have practised fielding and learned about different roles and responsibilities. In athletics, the children partook in long distance running races.

Class 4 – In rounders, we played mini games, focusing on our fielding skills, and, in athletics, we focused on long distance running.

### **Star Performers**

Class 1: Jensen

Class 2: Olivia B and Rory

Class 3: Theo and Jessica D

Class 4: Airon and Ben

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