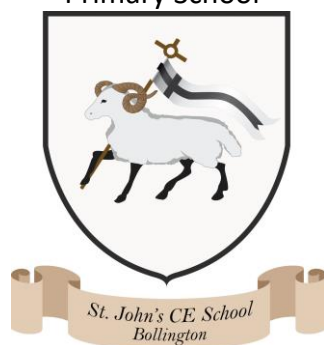


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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

6th May 2022

Head's Message

I do hope you all had a wonderful Bank Holiday and are looking forward to the lovely weather that has been forecast. Next week, we have the Year 6 SATs tests, which is the first time the tests have taken place since May 2019. We hope that the children have a lovely weekend and do not worry, as we all know how amazing they all are. We certainly know they are 'More Than a Score!' This week the children have all been so engaged with their learning. Class 1 are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the chicks. In Class 2, the children went on a lovely local walk today to look at buildings as part of their topic work. Pupils in Class 3 created enormous historical timelines in the hall on Wednesday. Class 4 have started to explore Hinduism. I have included some diary dates and information from the PTA further down this newsletter, but please remember to check our website calendar as we are adding events and activities all the time.

Year 6 SATs Timetable

Monday – Grammar and spelling

Tuesday – Reading

Wednesday – Arithmetic and reasoning (maths)

Thursday – Reasoning (maths)

National Tests Timetable

The following national statutory tests will take place this year:

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

Year 2 SATs – will start on 19th May

Year 1 Phonics Screening Test – Friday 10th June

Air Quality Awareness

May is 'National Walking Month' and everyone is being encouraged to walk to boost their health, improve air quality and help the environment. This theme of this year's event is 'Show the Air You Care.' Across the local authority there is a drive to make more everyday local journeys on foot. 'Walk to School' week takes place during 16th – 20th May. More information can be found at:
<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk>

PTA Diary Dates/Information

School Disco: 20th May – more info coming. Volunteer helpers would be welcome.

Cake sale: 10th June – Class 4.

Talent Show: 29th June – tea, coffee and Krispy Kreme sale. Two volunteers needed for each show.

Summer Fair: 2nd July – volunteers will be needed on the day and we will be requesting some donations in the run up, i.e. tombola prizes, jars, cakes.

Sports Day: 6th July – drinks and food. Volunteer helpers welcomed.

School Disco: 15th July – leavers (VIP area) and again volunteer helpers welcomed.

School Photographs

Please note year group school photographs will be taken on Wednesday 8th June (with Monday 13th June as a reserve in case of bad weather).

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have focused on the life cycle of a hen, linking this to the development of the embryo within the egg. We candled the eggs again (day 15) and compared the growth over the past week. We could see blood vessels and the embryo really clearly through the shell. In literacy, we looked at opposites, using the book *Dinosaur Roar* to inspire our own ideas for dinosaur opposites. In maths, we continued to look at teen numbers, recognising that we can break each number down to a ten and then a smaller number; we used numicon to help us see this.

News from Class 2

This week, in maths, we have focused on time. Year 1 have been telling the time to the nearest hour and half past the hour and have now moved on to sequencing time. Year 2 have looked at quarter past and quarter to and are now telling the time in five minute intervals. In English, the children have been looking at the story, 'Me and You' by Anthony Brown and trying to understand how Goldilocks is feeling in each part of the story. They have completed speech bubbles for her and have compared this story to previous versions. In art, the children have drawn buildings from around the world. To start off our new topic, we looked at where famous buildings such as the Sydney Opera House, the Eiffel Tower and the Leaning Tower of Pisa were located. We have been on a local walk and sketched some houses close to school.

News from Class 3

This week, Class 3 have continued to enjoy our class book, 'The Chronicles of Narnia: the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.' The children have created a poem by using their senses to create descriptions. In maths, we have continued to look at fractions. We have looked at adding and subtracting fractions of amounts. In IPC, the children have continued with their topic, 'All Aboard', and have researched George Stephenson. The children also looked at the impact of the early railway system, looked at different points of view and conducted a class debate.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been estimating, calculating and solving problems involving volume. Year 6 have also been working on pie charts and calculating the mean of a set of data. In English, we have completed our own stories, which have been inspired by 'The Lost Thing', by Shaun Tan. In RE, we have started exploring Hinduism, focusing on our key question: How does belief in reincarnation affect a Hindu's life?

Sports News

Class 1 – There was no PE this week due to the Bank Holiday, but a special mention to Gruff who tried really hard in swimming this week.

Class 2 – The children are looking forward to returning to PE with Ministry4Sport on Monday.

Class 3 – In rounders, the children have practised fielding and throwing and catching. In athletics, the pupils completed games to improve their reactions.

Class 4 – In athletics, we have been developing our throwing techniques with the javelin. In rounders, we played football rounders.

Star Performers

Class 1: Gruff

Class 3: Natalia & Josh

Class 4: Rachel and Phoebe

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