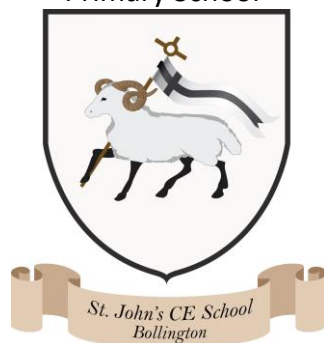


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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

20th May 2022

Head's Message

Another very busy week at St John's, especially on Wednesday. The Year 2 children have started their SATs this week, and we are so very proud of them all. We keep the Year 2 SATs very low key, and the children will complete them over a number of days. On Wednesday the day started with a wonderful Safeguarding Assembly, led by the Safeguarding Council. I have attached their PowerPoint for your perusal. Some of our Year 6 children attended a transition day, and represented the school magnificently. It was also National Numeracy Day, and all classes did enrichment activities linked to the book, 'How Many Jelly Beans?' by Andrea Menotti. Finally, at the end of the day, I had the pleasure of handing out the Year 6 leaver hoodies to the pupils. A huge thank you to the PTA for once again providing these lovely souvenirs of the children's time at St John's. Today, I am at an RE conference in Runcorn and so will sadly miss tonight's PTA disco. Again thank you to the PTA for organising this event, and I do hope the children have a super time. Finally, please remember that school closes on Thursday 26th May next week and re-opens, after an INSET day, on Tuesday 7th June.

Jubilee Celebrations

Next week, on Wednesday, we will be having a special Platinum Jubilee Day in school. It would be lovely if the children could come to school dressed in red, white and/or blue. At lunchtime the children will eat packed lunches outside (weather permitting), including the children on school dinners. In the afternoon, we will be having a special Jubilee Party. To make the party a bit more special we are asking if families could provide a party snack, for example a packet of biscuits/crisps/fruit or anything else deemed suitable. (Remember we are a nut free school). Please bring donations to the School Office on Wednesday morning.

LA filming

You may remember that last year our wonderful Year 6 pupils won a £10,000 solar panel competition. This competition was run by Cheshire East and the energy company Storengy. Further information on us winning the competition is on our website:

<http://www.bollingtonstjohns.co.uk/news/solar-panel-competition-winners/63347>

Cheshire East are now putting together a video to showcase what they are doing to become carbon neutral as a council, and have included the children of St John's school. On Wednesday, a film crew came into school and talked to the children about climate change and the solar panels. The children

were fantastic! Please note further information on Cheshire East's Carbon Neutral plans can be found on their website <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/environment/carbon-neutral-council/carbon-neutral-council.aspx> The video will be available at the end of the year.

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have focused on how fossils can help us understand more about dinosaurs. In Literacy, we have looked at information books about fossils and labelled our own sketches. We linked this learning to history as we looked at a range of fossils and tried to work out what plant or creature they could have been. The children loved being archaeologists for the week! Carrying out archaeological digs and making our own clay fossils have been highlights! In maths, we have looked at the composition of 10 and practised our number bonds. As part of National Numeracy Day, the Year 6 children shared the book, 'How Many Jelly Beans?' with us. We used the text to inspire us to take a vote for our favourite flavour and then discuss our findings.

News from Class 2

This week, in English, we have started our new class story, 'Iggy Peck, architect'. We have created a roll on the wall for Iggy which explores what he is like as a character. We have also compared Iggy to his teacher, Miss Greer, and we have created compound sentences using the word but. In maths, we have continued to work on fractions of amounts and revised some of our written calculation methods such as column addition and column subtraction. In history, we have looked at Clarence Mill. The children have sketched the mill and learnt all about what the mill used to produce. We have also sketched and researched White Nancy. In design, the children were lucky enough to have a visit from Gary Pennington who taught them all about his process for the building and designing of his wonderful garden rooms. The children created a list of questions for Gary and will be designing their own garden rooms next week.

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 which will later be used as a prophesy in a story that they will create. In maths, the children have looked at hundredths as decimals and how to place them in a place value grid. As part of their topic, 'All Aboard', children have enjoyed exploring Victorian artefacts which have been borrowed from the Macclesfield Silk Museum. We have examined maps of Macclesfield and how they have changed over time.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been comparing, ordering, naming and calculating angles. For National Numeracy Day, Year 5 converted between fractions, decimals and percentages, and Year 6 drew their own pie charts. In English, we are exploring the book, 'Can We Save the Tiger?' by Martin Jenkins. We have been developing sentences starting with subordinate clauses to give additional information. In IPC, we have started exploring Ancient Rome, and we have answered the question- Why did Rome have a Republic and then an Emperor? We have also research what society and daily life was like in Ancient Rome.

Sports News

Class 1 – In PE, this week, the children practised their aim using beanbags and a range of different size balls before using the basketball net to practise their throwing skills.

Class 2 – In PE, the children completed a series of different races and then created their own obstacles courses. The children also played dodgeball, where they practised their skills at being a good team member.

Class 3 – This week, the children played a full rounders game. They had a focus on striking, fielding and other responsibilities. In hurdles (athletics), the children have looked at how to use correct form when racing.

Class 4 – Sport- In athletics, we focused on hurdle skills and races, and, in rounders, we played a full game.

Star Performers

Class 1: Olly

Class 2: Jessica and Lola-Rose

Class 3: Jess and Sigrid

Class 4: Jessica and Arley

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