

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Thankfulness

"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

20th January 2023

Head's Message

The children certainly enjoyed the snow this week. On Thursday Mrs Smith and I had a meeting planned with Sue Glover, which had to be rescheduled due to the weather. Mrs Glover is an RE consultant, and was involved in writing the new LA Agreed Syllabus for Cheshire East Schools. We are in the process of re-writing our RE curriculum, and will continue to do so when we meet Sue in March. We will forward the new bespoke curriculum to you when it is completed later in the year. On Monday, I met our new school PCSO, Mr Lorcan Cannard. He has arranged to lead two assemblies with the junior children, on Stranger Danger and Online Safety. This week we gained a new global partner school, situated in Melanesia, called St Francis School. The school faces huge challenges due to climate change, and we are looking forward to working with the pupils there about this issue. Finally, please look at the extended list of diary dates below, which has been updated since last week. Remember to check the website as this list contains just highlights of our planned events. The website also contains lovely photos of activities the children have done this week, including Receptions Andy Goldsworthy sculptures, Class 2s sorting materials work, Class 3s snowy fun and Class 4s 900CE masquerade masks and bread making.

Diary Dates

25th January – Family Lunch for Reception class

1st February – Young Voices concert

6th February – Children's Mental Health Week

3rd February – Vision and hearing check for Reception children

14th February – Class 4 Mosque Visit

17th February – Thinking Day and last day of term

27th February – INSET day (staff are having Philosophy for Children (P4C) training)

28th February – First day of term for the children

1st March – Secondary transfer offers released (Year 6 pupils)

2nd March – World Book Day

20th March – Parents' Evening meetings this week

21st March – World Down Syndrome Day (Odd Sock Day)

27th March – Wind in the Willows theatre performance in school

31st March – Easter Assembly and last day of term

Community Litter Pick

There is a community litter pick taking place on Sunday 29th January (10am – noon) which has been organised by Bollington Town Council. Any child wishing to attend will need to be accompanied by an adult. Equipment can be collected from the Town Hall.

Macclesfield Museums Lantern Workshop/Parade

Macclesfield Town Council are organising a lantern parade to bring some fun to the dark evenings. It is going to set off from the Silk Museum at 5:30pm on Saturday 18th February and everyone is invited to join in. Drop in workshops are being run on Saturday 11th February and 18th February to make the lanterns.

News from Reception

This week in Literacy, we have looked at the differences between information books and story books; we then completed our tree study by creating our own information books about the trees we have on our school site. As Chinese New Year is approaching we have enjoyed exploring the traditions of this festival. We have read stories about the Emperor and the zodiac calendar, made lanterns during our art sessions, looked at Chinese symbols for numbers and animals and decorated dragon masks.

We have compared this festival to some of the others we have studied, looking at the similarities and differences between them all.

News from Class 2

This week, Class 2 have written a newspaper report detailing the strange occurrences in our class book, 'The Grotlyn'. We looked at the features we needed to include, before planning our writing, then edited our work to check spelling, punctuation and how we could improve our vocabulary. In Maths, Year 1 have continued to explore numbers from 11 to 20 in detail, and found 1 more and 1 less than a number. Year 2 have continued addition and subtraction, using Base 10 to practise adding two 2 digit numbers. In IPC, we started our new topic: 'What's it Made of?', exploring different materials and their properties. We worked in groups to sort materials, and tested to see which were waterproof and transparent.

News from Class 3

This week, the children have continued their maths topic of 'multiplication and division'. The children have looked at grouping multiples of 2, 3, 5, 6, 9 and 10. In English, the pupils have continued to enjoy our class book, 'The Matchbox Diary.' They have created their own matchbox diary and written an autobiographical piece. In our topic of 'Bienvenue en France', children have compared and contrasted Paris and Sheffield, created a biography of Napoleon and created a timeline.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have revised short multiplication and have started to learn long multiplication and 2-digit and 3-digit by 2-digit numbers. In Year 6, we have been working on measuring units, learning about imperial and metric units, including converting miles to km. In English, we have continued to explore the book 'Unspoken' by Henry Cole. We have been writing in role as the main character, focusing on creating atmospheric descriptions. In IPC, we have completed our Knowledge Harvest for our new IPC topic, 'The Story of English', and, in art, we have been exploring and creating illuminated letters.

Sports News

Class 1 – The children have been focussing on numbers this week using objects and games to create physical activities which need solving using counting, adding and subtraction.

Class 2 – This week, the focus has been gymnastics, using a partner to create innovative balances. These have then been demonstrated to the class.

Class 3 & 4 – We have been focusing on circuit training the children have been working on 30 second activities both on and off a variety of different circuit apparatus, working hard to complete them all as quickly as possible.

Star Performers

Class 1: Evelyn and Orla

Class 2: Tabby and Sophia

Class 3: Freja and Thomas

Class 4: Matilda and Lilly-Belle

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