

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Reverence

"Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe."

Hebrews 12:28

16th June 2023

Head's Message

A huge well done to all the children who completed either their Phonic Screening Test or their Multiplication Tables Check this week. They all did magnificently, and we are so proud of them all. We are also proud of the children who attended the Bridgewater Hall to play with the Hallé or visited the Museum of Science and Industry this week. They represented the school brilliantly and had a fantastic time. Week 2 of the Academies saw the children (among other things), operate speed cameras, build Lego Eiffel Towers and start to prepare their miniature gardens. We are so grateful to our talented staff and volunteers for organising, planning and delivering the Academies. Please make sure you check out the website, which is updated every week by the Journalism Academy. The art exhibition was very well attended last Saturday. We now hope to make some glorious displays in school using the children's creations. Today, we have welcomed Year 5 parents in to school for lunch, and there was a Year 6 PTA cake sale after school. Looking ahead, we have a student teacher joining us all next week from Tytherington High School. Mr Osman will be visiting all the classes, but focussing on the transition from Year 6 to Year 7. We also have a Futsal competition, a Maths Challenge event and a visit from the school nurse. Finally, on Wednesday Mrs Smith, Mrs Hemmings and I will be available at school for a very informal drop-in session at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Staffing News

We are sad to announce that Mrs Raniwalla will be leaving us at the end of this term. We wish her all the very best for the future. We are thrilled to announce that Mr Sam Hanson will be the new class teacher from September. Mr Hanson has many planned visits this term to meet the children and ensure a smooth transition.

Diary Dates

20th June – Futsal competition at Tytherington School (small team of Year 3/4 girls)
21st June – School Nurse in school to do height and weight checks with Reception and Year 6
21st June – Parent coffee afternoon with Mrs Walker, Mrs Hemmings and Mrs Smith
23rd June – Primary Maths Competition at King's School (small team from Year 5)
27th June – New Starter Visit at 2-3pm for children who are starting in Reception in September
28th June – Sports Day at 2-3:30pm. All families welcome

30th June – Non uniform day for PTA summer fair
1st July – Well Dressing Event. All families welcome. Timings to be confirmed
4th July – New Starter Visit at 2-3pm for children who are starting in Reception in September 23
5th July – Sports Day (reserve date) at 2-3:30pm. All families welcome
8th July – PTA Summer Fair
10th July – Year 6 Taster Day at Tytherington School at 9:30am-2:30pm
11th July – Bibles will be presented to Year 6 in school
12th July – Celebration Academy Assembly at 2:30-3:30pm. All families welcome
14th July – Swimming Gala (swimming team from Class 4)
14th July – Move up afternoon
14th July – PTA School Disco at 6-7:30pm
21st July – Leavers’ Assembly for Class 4 families at 9:30-11:30am
21st July – Year 6 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
21st July – Last day of term
4th September – INSET Day
5th September – First day of term

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have focused on the story of The Gingerbread Man. We have written sentences to describe him and the setting of the river, with a big focus on our sentence structure. In maths, we have started to look at ‘First, Then and Now’ as a way to work out the sum from an addition or subtraction story or word problem.

We have said goodbye to our bluetit family as the six babies fledged this week. It’s been an amazing experience tracking their growth and seeing the life cycle of a wild bird in action.

News from Class 2

In English this week, we have started a new book – Send for a Superhero by Michael Rosen. We started by making a prediction about the characters Vacuum and Filth, what they might do and how we could get rid of them. We shared ideas as a class and wrote our sentences using conjunctions to expand our answers. In maths, we continued to explore fractions, with Year 2 finding a third and finding the whole from a fraction, and Year 1 recognising and then finding a quarter of an object and number. In IPC, we made animal food chains, labelling the producer, consumer, predator and prey for each chain. In RE, our topic this half term is creation. We revisited the story of creation, considered how God’s beautiful world made us feel and then moved on to look at the story of Adam and Eve.

News from Class 3

This week, the children have enjoyed a fantastic trip to Manchester Science and Industry Museum. You can find lots of fun pictures in our gallery. In maths, Class 3 have continued to look at money. We looked at solving money problems, how to find change and complete calculations with money. In English, we have continued to read our class book, ‘Weslandia’ by Paul Fleischman. The children have started to create a travel brochure. We have looked at persuasive techniques of writing. We have started our topic of ‘Temples, Tombs and Treasures’. The children have created a knowledge harvest and thought about the questions they want answered about Ancient Egypt.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been working with negative numbers, including finding the difference between positive and negative integers. In Year 6, the children have been completing investigations involving solving problems using organised lists. In English, we have completed our speech and diary entries based on 'Otto: The Autobiography of a Teddy Bear' by Tomi Ungerer.

On Thursday, we enjoyed our fantastic trip to the Bridgewater Hall to play with the Hallé, and we have continued with our rehearsals for Oliver, our end of year production.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Sasha for working so hard at writing independent and interesting sentences.

Class 2 – Oscar for working independently in science.

Class 3 – Ellie for maintaining focus to complete a great introduction to a travel brochure.

Class 4 – Lilly-Belle for writing a wonderful speech in character, independently using editing to improve her work.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Kobi for always offering to help and support others, including staff.

Class 2 – Henry Valentine for trying hard with his handwriting this week.

Class 3 – Hugo for improving the quantity and quality of his work.

Class 4 – Dylan for a great attitude and amazing behaviour on our trip to the Bridgewater Hall.

Ethos Award – Class 1: Rosie – For always being polite and respectful to adults and children.

House Points – Adelphi are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we did target practice, using underarm and overarm to throw at targets which were different shapes and sizes.

Class 2 – We have been throwing beans bags at different targets using different techniques and using hand eye co-ordination in a tournament format.

Class 3 – In PE, Class 3 enjoyed cricket batting practice with defensive shots and tennis shot direction, controlling hitting the ball into target areas.

Class 4 – This week, we have been using different cricket shots, defensive and longer shots. In tennis, we have worked on understanding the weight of shots and controlling the direction.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – James

Class 2 – Abigail and Gruff

Class 3 – Sigrid and Henriette

Class 4 – Lilly-Belle and Abigail

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