

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Respect

"Yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God."
Romans 4:20

6th October 2023

Head's Message

To celebrate National Poetry Day (which was yesterday), we were thrilled to welcome local author, Sean Perkins into school on Wednesday. Every class joined him in a poetry and song writing workshop, where Sean's original pieces were reimagined by the children. Please see Ellie's poem below. Also on Wednesday we took part in Education Nature Park Day, where we explored our school grounds to see if we could discover hidden or unexpected nature. The Bollington Discovery Centre is hosting an exhibition of never-before-seen items from the personal archive of Col. Geoffrey Hillier Swindells from Kerridge. We do hope you are able to visit. After school tonight Class 4 will be hosting their PTA Cake Sale. Highlights of next week include a Tytherington writing workshop, a PTA school disco and on Tuesday it is World Mental Health Day.

*On the train I can see
A happy place made just for me,
I think of my friends when I feel glum
But there is a new life yet to come.

Beyond the window I can see
A crooked tree and a boat for me,
The luminous moon; oh what glee
And the stars that look like a buzzing bee. By Ellie*

Diary Dates

- 11th October – Tytherington Creative Writing Workshop, 4 Year 6 children at 9:30-11am
- 16th October – Playground Portraits in school taking photographs
- 16th October – Reception 2024 starters open evening at 4-4:30pm. Families of children starting school in 2024 welcome
- 18th October – Playground Portraits reserve date
- 18th October – Reception Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm. Reception families invited

19th October – Last day of term

30th October – First day of term (please note teacher-led After School Clubs will not run this week due to Parent/Carer Evening meetings)

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have read a new book, In Every House On Every Street, to encourage us to think about different types of houses and the families that might live there; we have created collages of houses and maps to show what our house looks like. To celebrate National Poetry Day, we welcomed local author, Sean Perkins into our class. Sean taught us a poem that we then recreated and sang together. We all enjoyed making an apple crumble with the apples from our orchard.

News from Class 2

In English this week, and for National Poetry Day, we had an excellent workshop which involved singing, rhyming and listening to music! We have been very busy – exploring money, ordinal numbers and number lines in maths. We have also enjoyed exploring daylight hours in different seasons and how the rotation of the Earth causes these differences. Our highlight of the week was creating posters to represent different emotions in PSHE and presenting them to the class – we have some excellent artists in Class 2!

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, the children have worked hard to develop their fluency with place value. They have recapped their prior learning of adding 1, 10, 100 and 1000. The children have ordered numbers and placed them onto a number line. In English, the pupils have continued our class book called 'The Tear Thief'. We have built up our confidence with creating similes, using them to describe imagery from the book. In history, the pupils have continued to research Bronze Age Britain, and they have looked at how trade started to develop during this time. In science, we have researched how the body converts food into energy.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been working on column addition and subtraction, including multiple exchanges. Year 6 have been working on long multiplication and short and long division. In English, we have been planning and writing biographies about Philippe Petit. A highlight of this week has been exploring the Mars Rovers in our computing lesson. We also enjoyed a wonderful poetry workshop on Wednesday and took part in the Education Nature Park day, exploring nature in our school grounds.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Rory for excellent reading and writing in phonics this week.

Class 2 – Samuel for writing fantastic compound sentences independently.

Class 3 – Henry for creating some excellent similes.

Class 4 – Skyler for mastering long multiplication, showing great perseverance and a positive attitude.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Fabian for trying so hard to help others during tidy up time.

Class 2 – Maisie for being so kind to her friends this week in Class 2.

Class 3 – Rory for always trying to improve his work.

Class 4 – Luke for always participating well in all lessons and making great contributions.

Ethos Award – Class 4: Phoebe for always being polite, kind and respectful.

House Points – Clarence house are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we played stop/start games that encouraged everyone to follow instructions, move in a range of ways and find safe positions in the hall.

Class 2 – In PE this week, we focussed on developing speed and agility as well as developing our technique of kicking a football.

Class 3 – In PE, we have focussed on football and basketball. We have been dribbling and passing the ball using team work and communication.

Class 4 – This week, we have been shooting in football, working in teams to create goal scoring chances. In basketball, we have played small team games with floating players.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Florence

Class 2 – Oliver and Arlo

Class 3 – Hugo P and Mark

Class 4 – Shiri and Freddie

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