

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Endurance

*"You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised."
Hebrews 10:36*

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Head's Message

We came back to school after the half term break, and straight into a full schedule of events. On Monday we had Year 5 Bikeability, Thinking Day (for brownies, cubs and scouts) and the first of two Parents' Evenings. I do hope you all managed to meet with your child's teacher and have a productive and helpful appointment. On Tuesday we had two exciting sports fixtures at school. Both our netball and football teams were in action and we were so very proud of all the children who took part. Please see below for a special sports report by Mr Di Marco. Wednesday saw Open the Book back in school leading another wonderful worship. This week the ladies told the children the story of 'The Big Spender' otherwise known as the Prodigal Son. The Eco Council once again visited the food bank on Thursday helping to support this extremely worthwhile local cause. It is so good to see our pupils making a difference in their community. Then today, we hosted two amazing Talent Shows which are always one of the highlights of the year. Our thanks to the four judges and to all the children who took part who were all simply marvellous. Please note next week we have Playground Portraits in school, two parents' information meetings and World Book Day. Finally, there is an attachment from the local authority's inclusion team going out tonight with this newsletter.

Arbor and Payments

All Arbor invoices for wrap around provision from last term will be available on the system to pay by Sunday evening. Please note that if you have any queries relating to Arbor, payments or wrap around provision please email Mr Duffy at bursar@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk

Football and Netball Reports by Mr Di Marco

The boys played their first football match together and were outstanding in their efforts. The team worked relentlessly for each other and played some quality football. The goal scorers were Johnny and Orin, which sealed a 2-0 win against Nether Alderley. Every single player was brilliant including the two Year 3 boys who competed against a full team of Year 6 children. The boys showed great respect to the opposition throughout. The netball team also had their first game of the year and worked tirelessly to push their opponents until the very end. A great run out for all of the children involved, and some great teamwork.

Diary Dates

4th March – Playground Portraits in to take Class Photos

4th March – Lakeside and SATs information evening for Class 4 at 5-6pm

5th March – World Book Day
8th March – Rotary Club Swimathon (volunteers from Class 4)
11th March – Reception Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
11th March – PTA Meeting at the Turners Pub at 7pm
20th March – PTA Disco
20th March – Odd Socks Day to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day
23rd March – Easter Special Lunch
23rd March – Easter Celebration Assembly at 2-3:30pm. Families invited
25th-27th March – Class 4 Residential at Lakeside
26th March – Year 4 Bikeability - Level 1
27th March – Last day of term

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have learnt all about the amazing festival of Chinese New Year. We looked at the traditions of this celebration, focusing on the food, decorations and gifts before making our own lanterns and lucky red envelopes. We learnt all about the story of the Emperor and Zodiac which led to us acting out The Great Race and practising our ordinal numbers. We enjoyed a full afternoon of activities with Class Two, ranging from Mandarin speaking lessons and character painting to dragon dancing. Our Talent Show has been a big focus this week with some fantastic effort put in to our practice time. As the week has come to an end, we have moved on to introducing our next topic of Space; we have gathered all of our initial ideas and questions so we can plan what we'd like to know more about.

News from Class 2

This week in Class 2, we have started reading our new story, The Journey Home. The book has inspired thoughtful discussions about what our world might look like without the impact of humans. As a result, they produced imaginative descriptive writing. In maths, we have been developing our understanding of mixed addition and subtraction, using number lines to support us. In art, we created charcoal observational drawings of living things, studying details and adding tone and textures. We have also thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the talent show – it has been fantastic to see the children share their skills and talents.

News from Class 3

This has been a very busy week in Class 3. They have settled in really well after the half term break and got straight into their work. In maths, we started a new topic of fractions and started to recap what a denominator and numerator is and how fractions work when ordering them. In English, we kicked off our new book Cinnamon and started to predict what we thought would happen and what evidence we could find in the text. Our science topic involves our digestive system and the organs that make it all work. In geography, we have started to look at why rainforests are important and what we can find in each layer of the rainforest. Finally, in RE, the children have started to look at how in the Easter story Christians had to trust Jesus and what was going to happen.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been learning how to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages. In English, we have started to explore a new Literacy Tree book, called 'Can we save the tiger?' by Martin Jenkins and Vicky White, and we have also been recapping on our key grammatical terms. In geography, we have started to answer our key enquiry questions for this half-term: 'Would you like to live in the desert?' We have been exploring where the different biomes are located in the world and have been learning about the characteristics of the desert biome, and we have explored the Mojave Desert.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Penny for her excellent effort in maths when studying ordinal numbers.

Class 2 – Liam for his amazing observational drawing.

Class 3 – Arthur for his fantastic effort in all his subjects.

Class 4 – Joey for wonderful map work in geography and great knowledge about the world's biomes.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Willow for her persistence in phonics, even when things have been tricky.

Class 2 – Posy for enthusiasm in serving the community at the Life Church.

Class 3 – Sophie for her resilience when facing challenges.

Class 4 – Arthur for being such a friendly and positive member of our class.

Ethos Award (Trust) – Class 2: Uthara for her resilience and determination in maths.

House Points – Adelphi were last term's winners.

Sports News

Class 1 – As part of our Chinese New Year study week, we have taken part in several music and movement sessions using traditional Chinese music and drums.

Class 2 – The children were looking at target practice games and working in a team. The children were in groups of three and had to take turns landing their bean bag inside their team's hoop. If they did this, they would get to move their hoop one space forward. We added different rules to make the game easier and harder. We then played games involving hoops, in which we would play games including passing the hoop, spinning the hoop and making the hoop return to whoever threw it.

Class 3 – This week, the class participated in tag rugby and athletics. In tag rugby, the children focused on passing techniques going from low to high and making sure to throw backwards. In athletics, the children were split into two groups. One group were doing their standing high jump and receiving a score based on their reach and jump. The other group had a curling match which some children had seen during the Winter Olympics.

Class 4 – Due to weather, we had a big athletics tournament with children scoring their high jump and competing in a league table. The children then were split into groups for a curling tournament, learning how to score and block, and we focused on target practice.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Gracie

Class 2 – Arthur and Eva

Class 3 – Sasha and Gruff

Class 4 – Jack and Isaac

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