



Bollington Cross C.E. Primary School Newsletter



Dear Families,

This half term has ended with some lovely and much needed sunshine (especially as we had our school photos this week!). Our pupils have worked so hard this half-term and made some great progress as individuals. It has been lovely to see pupils getting outdoors even more often, as the weather has brightened-up. Year 1 even treated me to a school-made, Wild Garlic Pitta Bread, which was very tasty (and VERY strong!).

This half-term has seen both Year 2 and Year 6 complete their SATs. I am always amazed at how well our pupils maintain their focus, pace and resilience, when they are asked questions which challenge their knowledge and skills. Some of this is obviously down to our brilliant pupils and some of it down to the incredible preparation, teaching and planning of their teachers. It all seems very seamless in school. All the time, we try to hit that fine line between—the need for pupil reassurance and nurture, coupled with the need for pupils to build resilience, understand that assessments are just a snapshot of their learning and to take them seriously. I think we manage this well and thank you to those parents who fed back regarding our skill in doing this.

We had a visit from another Cheshire Headteacher this week aimed at helping us prepare for our SIAMs inspection (which focusses on the Christian ethos of our school), which is roughly 18 months away. Our visitor had the following to say about her first visit to our lovely school.

"It was an absolute pleasure to visit your school, the children were polite, kind and welcoming throughout the day...from the directions given to me to find the school entrance at the very beginning of the day to warm welcoming smiles as I entered each classroom. Thank you for inviting me to join in worship, to hear your responses and reflections during times of stillness was very powerful."
Ms Magiera

I do hope that you all have a restful, refreshing and hopefully sunny, half-term and for those of you joining Bollington Cross at the Carnival—I'll see you on Sunday!

Best Wishes, Y. Darband



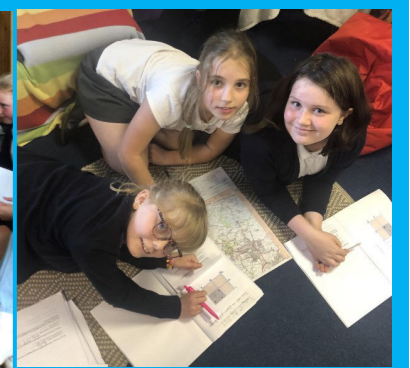
Bollington Cross Celebrates the Coronation of King Charles III



Learning in Year 5

What a busy term we have had in Year 5! We started Our topic 'Sow, Grow and Farm' with Mrs Flynn making all of the children a cup of coffee (decaff!) Then they explored world climates, with a focus on where coffee grows, the processes to make it, and the importance of Fair Trade. We moved onto looking at seasonality of different types of food, where they come from in the world and the 'food miles' they have travelled. Some children discovered new tastes and enjoyed some foods they didn't think they liked, even going on to include them in their design for their tortilla wrap. (pea shoots and celery were not very popular!) The class especially enjoyed the evaluation part of this D&T project, when they got to eat their creations! The children developed their map reading skills by using the orienteering course around the school grounds, mapping out routes they take to school and learning to read six-figure grid references on OS maps. During Mental Health Awareness Week, we have explored what it means to be brave, resilient and have courage. The class learned about the inspirational educational campaigner Malala Yousafai and we shared her book 'The Magic Pencil'. They showed what they would draw if they had a magic pencil and about what resilience means to them. The lesson raised some important questions about equal rights and interesting discussions about their hopes for the future. Last week, all children that took the Bikeability course, passed their level 1 course. The instructor commented on their and respectful manners 'can do' attitudes – well done Class 5! At the end of this short, but action-packed term, we are feeling very proud of them all.

Year 5 have been busy!





Learning in Year 1

We have had a fun filled half term in Year One! Miss Purcell asked us what we had enjoyed and here is what we said; celebrating the King's Coronation, reading our chapter book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, going swimming, completing our independent challenges, having fun with friends, learning about Brazil and playing football!

We have also made clay fossils...

"We were moulding it and pressing it down to shape animals." Clove

"We made fossils of clay by pushing sea creatures in so we then printed fossils to make a clay fossil." Oliver

"Pressing down, shaping them." Ivy H

"When we put sea animals on the clay. They were billions of years old." Harley

"The fossils were fossilised." George

"I enjoyed pressing down and moulding them and shaping them." Freddie S

We foraged for wild garlic in the woods and made our own garlic butter...

"I liked snipping the garlic." Ivy P

"I liked eating it because it did taste nice." Toby

"I liked picking it because we got to go in the forest." Ewan

"I liked smelling it because it smelt like a really strong smell and I liked it." Elijah

"I liked mixing it." Oscar

"I liked grinding the garlic." Coby

"I liked giving it to all the teachers." Darcie Clove Ewan



& been on a litter pick...

"I liked when the teachers make sure all the children know all about it. You really helped me learn." Isla

"Picking up the trash to keep the animals safe." James

"Picking up rubbish to look after the fish." Henry

"I liked when we were helping the environment because its not safe for people to drop rubbish on the floor and then animals don't get poorly and our posters make sure no one throw rubbish on the floor in this school anymore." Clove



A moment of Prayer:

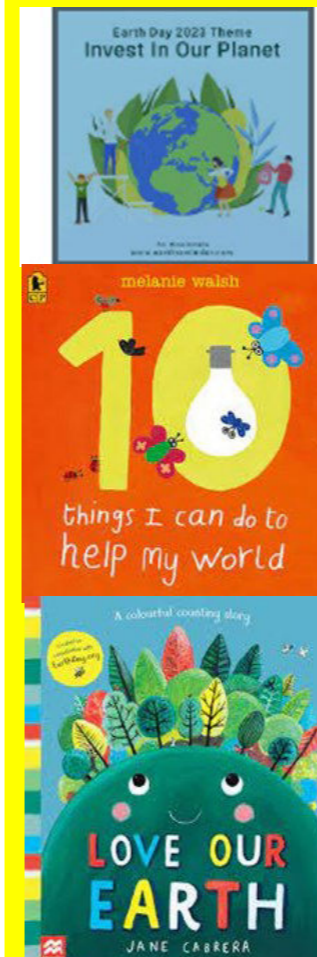
Heavenly Father, we thank you for the Whit holiday. Bless each child with joy and fun. Keep them safe and grant them happy memories. Refresh their minds, bodies, and spirits. Help them see your beauty in nature, family, and friendships. Give them rest and renewed enthusiasm for their studies. Remind them of your love and presence. Guide and protect them. May they grow in faith and understanding. Amen.



Learning in Reception:

What a busy half term we have had! Here are some highlights!

We have enjoyed learning about Andy Goldsworthy – an artist who makes wonderful art and structures using natural objects. We looked at some of his techniques and used these to help us create our own in the forest. They were AMAZING!



We celebrated Earth Day - We thought about all the beautiful things here on earth and what we can do to help keep it beautiful. We learned how plants and trees can keep our air clean so we gave all the children a little seed to grow at home.

We have also enjoyed watching our beautiful little garden grow!

