

Summer 2nd Half-Term 2023



Bollington Cross C.E. Primary School Newsletter



ONWARDS AND UPWARDS AT BOLLINGTON CROSS!



Wishing all of our amazing pupils a smooth and successful onward journey into their next year group. Especially our Year 6 pupils as they move into Year 7 & the world of high school. Best wishes everyone. We are proud of you!



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Dear Lord,
Thank you for an amazing year at school. We're grateful for all the learning and fun we had. As we move on to the next class or school, please guide us and grant a smooth transition. Give us courage and wisdom to face new challenges. Thank you for your love and care. Amen.





Dear Families,

The 2022-23 academic year has been a great one for our school community. It has brought us so many aspects to be thankful for. I could not possibly catch them all here, but here are some of the highlights;

Outcomes:

We have had some really pleasing outcomes this year. The elements we have focused on in our School Development Plan have risen – which is a testament to the hard work that has gone in to these areas of the curriculum. Our Reception GLD outcomes have risen, as have our Phonics screening outcomes – both of which are at least National Average. This is due to the diligence and consistency of the Team who teach in Reception & Fred Time Lessons. This is also due, of course to the hard work of the pupils and families too!

KS2 Results –

We have now had our results through for 2023 and we are really pleased with the heights which we have reached!

Our **92% Reading** at the expected standard is 20% above the national average and our percentage for pupils reaching **Greater Depth Standard for Reading is an incredible 57%!**

Our **Writing** result is actually slightly lower than national at **65%** (whereas national is 72%). However, we currently have this on our School Development Plan and post covid this is an area which all schools are focusing on! It is also on Cheshire East’s improvement plan too. We are super confident that the our newly embedded Literacy Curriculum will continue to support improvements in this area too.

In **Maths** we had **86% of our pupils achieving the Expected Standard**. This is compared with 73% on average nationally. **43% of our pupils achieved the Greater Depth Standard in Maths!**

In **Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling** we had **82% of our pupils achieving the Expected Standard**. This is compared with 72% on average nationally. **46% of our pupils achieved the Greater Depth Standard in Grammar Punctuation & Spelling!** Everyone should be very proud of these achievements!

Ofsted

We have also had a visit from Ofsted this academic year, after a six year wait! This was a great opportunity to showcase the passion, hard work, commitment and great relationships which we pride ourselves on. Not only did they say we were a good school, with a strong safeguarding culture, but they recognised the great capacity we have among the team to keep improving and we see this as a platform to take Bollington Cross even further.



Sustainability

Fresh on the back of our ‘Bollington Goes Green Exhibition’ at the Arts Centre and our push now to recruit an Eco-Council consisting of pupils from across the school, we have some exciting news.....

18 months ago I threw our hat into the ring in a bid to one of 15 schools bidding for a grant to enable us to become more sustainable. Everything went quiet for a considerable time and I thought the bid had failed. Recently, we were informed that we were successful! This means that Bollington Cross plans to have **100 solar panels AND an Air Source Heat Pump** installed by March 2024! This will hopefully mean that the KS2 building generates all of it’s own energy! This is truly amazing news and will make a difference for our finances and for the planet, for years to come! I genuinely jumped out of my seat when I heard.

We have had a number of amazing events this year including a whole school trip to Chester Zoo! As well as school trips, we’ve had discos, Sports Day, Parent Workshops for reading, Christmas Fair, Harvest Festival, Summer Celebration , an art exhibition, Young Voices, Play with the Halle Orchestra, Year 6 PGL ...the list goes on.

It has been a brilliant year and the support from parents has been brilliant. Thank you!

Our PTA has been extremely busy and has organised brilliant events, yet again, which tick off our PTA Event values/ objectives being...

- Inclusive
- Fun
- Bring the community together
- Sustainable

...and our fifth priority is making a profit if we can, to spend directly on pupils. The PTA have really delivered on this. It is not all just about making money, but they have been able to do that too!

Year 6 moving on up!

Our Year 6 pupils treated us to a real extravaganza of zany, funny and impressive talents this week during their Leaver’s assembly. They are lovely young people and it was a real pleasure to complete a 14k Three Peaks Challenge with them this week. If you don’t think it is a challenge – I urge you to have a go at Kerridge Hill (then down the other side), then back up to White Nancy (then down the front), then head over to conquer The Nab. Our Year 6 pupils rose to the challenge and were great company (and very funny too!). I wish our Year 6s a great future and feel assured after seeing how confident and happy they have become as people – that they are ready for their high school journey.

Finally...

A parent said to me this week, “You can tell that you love what you do!” I’m glad it comes across that way, because it is true.

Thank you for being an ace school community, which it is a privilege to be part of. I look forward to a bright future at Bollington Cross next year; building on our fantastic achievements together. Have a great Summer break.

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