



Bollington Cross C.E. Primary School Newsletter



Dear Families,

Although there has been a celebratory tone to the end of what has been a very challenging academic year, I wanted first off to acknowledge that both our Year 4 and Year 5 classes have been unable to join us in school for the last 4 and 2 days respectfully. I was gutted to share this news with the classes and parents and I know that we will endeavour to ensure that both classes get a treat on their return in September to make up for it.

I also want to acknowledge any staff—of which I think we have at least 6 who are unable to finish the term with us collectively - they will be missed on the INSET as we get together to develop, reflect, prepare and have a lunch put on by the governors as a thank you to staff for the year.

I think if we'd have made it to the last day of term together as a whole school I would have been amazed and very emotional!

Our Year 6 pupils, whom I've just finished a day of abseiling, rock climbing and Archery with (hence me looking so crispy in the photo above!) have also been amazing during a challenging time. They have had 2 recent ten day isolations within their last half-term of Primary school. They also had their residential trip postponed, then cancelled and subsequently replaced. As adults, we all know how important endings can be and Miss Bold has done a brilliant job of ensuring that through a Bollington Three Peaks Challenge, A Popcorn, Pizza and Premier Night and today's outdoor pursuits at Tegg's Nose, that they have had wonderful collective experiences to cement friendships and collectively send them off with exciting and happy memories of primary school. Best of luck Year 6! Pop back and see us!

The staff and pupils really have been tremendous this year and people who talk to me often, know that I love this job and I never tire of telling people what a privilege it is to be part of this wonderful school community. Throughout all rule changes, guidance changes, stops and starts, bad news and good news, I have had nothing but support and messages of thanks as people have been acutely aware of the difficult circumstances and the fact that every staff member is doing their best.

On behalf of staff and governors at Bollington Cross CE Primary, have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you in September for another exciting year!

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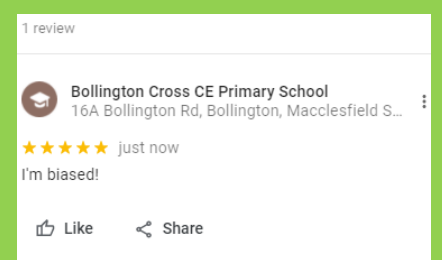
Year 1: When I asked the children in Year 1 what their favourite lessons have been this half term, their answers were so varied that I couldn't record them all here! This makes me feel proud, as a teacher, that we are able to offer such a broad and balanced curriculum, catering to many different interests and nurturing each child's strengths. My personal highlights include creating stop-motion animations for the first time, using iPads on our new tripods, which then led to producing a full news report about the extinction of the dinosaurs. The children also made incredible clay sculptures of dinosaur eyes, using several new artistic techniques. I know both of these projects have made each child feel really proud of themselves, that they can produce something of such high quality. As Seren asked, "Will we be famous artists now?"

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, pupils and parents at Bollington Cross for a wonderful 9 years! I will miss you all. Best wishes, Liz Coxhead



Can you help?

I am very biased, but maybe **you** could support school and spread the word by filling in a Google Review. It will only take a couple of minutes and will help more prospective parents learn more about everything we do and what to expect at Bollington Cross CE Primary! All reviews much appreciated! You can do this through your Google Profile/Google Maps on your phone and help us stand out from the crowd as the unique Primary School we are!



Year 5 have had a busy and enjoyable end to this year:

Some activities have been: designing and making rafts, using clinometers to measure the heights of trees, creating our own islands, performances by our keyboard players and our Rocksteady band, and the fantastic Lego workshop. The children – and I – had never seen so much Lego!

Even during a period of self-isolation, the children remained engaged in their learning, bringing in all the work that they had completed; it made a fascinating display. Year 5 are undoubtedly enthusiastic and hard workers!



Left: Using a clinometer to measure trees on the school site.

Top Right: Year 5 getting stuck into the Lego workshop



Lord God, We put ourselves into Your hands, and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen





Reception: We have really enjoyed our last half term together in Team Reception, looking back at how far we have all come and looking ahead to all the adventures we will have in Year 1. All the grown ups are super proud of all the children - they have become independent, confident learners who are happy and cheerful. They have built strong foundations for the rest of their time at Bollington Cross and we wish them all every success.



Year 6: Wow! What a busy end of term for the children in Year 6. We have walked for 15km (!!!) over all of Bollington's three peaks (White Nancy, Kerridge Ridge and The Nab), showing incredible determination and resilience. The children celebrated each others' successes by applauding everyone as they reached the third peak - a real testament to the strong relationships in the class. Next up, was a film premiere of our very own 'Year 6's Got Talent' leavers video with plenty of pizza, popcorn and laughs. Finally, we visited Teggs Nose and completed archery, team building, rock climbing and orienteering (despite the extremely warm weather). We wish all of our Year 6 children lots of luck as they continue their journey to high school and hope they will pop back to visit!



"how lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."
-A.A. Milne

Year 3 have enjoyed a little trip down to The Rec to play games and have a picnic owing the disappointment of their Burwardsley trip being cancelled on the last minute. The weather was kind to us and lots of fun was had by all, we even had a surprise visit from Granelli's!! Year 3 also got into the Euros and followed England's journey. We did our own sweepstake, with our winner, Jacob, with Italy, winning an Amazon gift voucher! We all learnt lots about the different countries taking part and enjoyed designing our own football kits. We were all very proud of England's achievements and celebrated with a little party at the end of the tournament!



Year 2: What a busy half term we have had! Your children have taken their learning into their stride and enjoyed many different aspects. We have completed different topic weeks from Science, History, DT, Geography, Lego workshop to a Forest School day. Your children have impressed me with their ability to adapt to different learning styles and it has been a pleasure to work with each and every one of them. Have a lovely Summer. You will be great in Year 3.



Year 4: The children have navigated their way through Year 4 together as a class, in a lockdown bubble and learning at home this year; and they have been superstars throughout it all. A real highlight was seeing how pleased the children were to be back in school and see each other after a period of lockdown. They fitted back together as the great team that they always are! Our classroom got quite smelly when we investigated tooth decay by soaking eggs in different liquids. We were shocked when Mrs Flynn accidentally dropped and popped the 'bouncy egg'! We got even more messy when we made 'poo' by pushing food and liquids through our model digestive system. During our 'I am Warrior' topic about the Romans, the class were put through their paces at Ludi (Gladiator School). Each week the teams competed to win against their opponents. They all also worked with their fellow gladiators to write and lead us through grueling workouts. As 'Vikings' they feasted on flatbreads and cheese and enjoyed a Viking Day in Forest School. Our learning journey also took us through some exciting texts this year, a favourite story was 'The Lost Happy Endings' that started when the children enjoyed piecing together the clues around the Hollow, they loved the suspense of it all! In drumming, the class have been amazing, they had lots of fun including their own samba grooves in their performances. After a great summer term learning about the Olympics, we are all looking forward to the Tokyo 2020 games.

