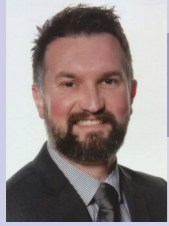




Summer 1st Half-Term 2018

Bollington Cross C.E. Primary School Newsletter



Another Half-Term has flown by. Our pupils have had a positive and engaging half-term and we have all enjoyed the opportunity to get out more during the amazing weather. The school grounds here at BCPS are excellent, but in this weather they really come into their own.

This half-term has offered rich and engaging experiences for our pupils and we have been successful in achieving the Primary Science Quality Mark Silver Award. We have also had a very successful moderation of our judgements in our Early Years setting - undertaken by the Local Authority.

I hope you have a relaxing half-term break. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4th June.

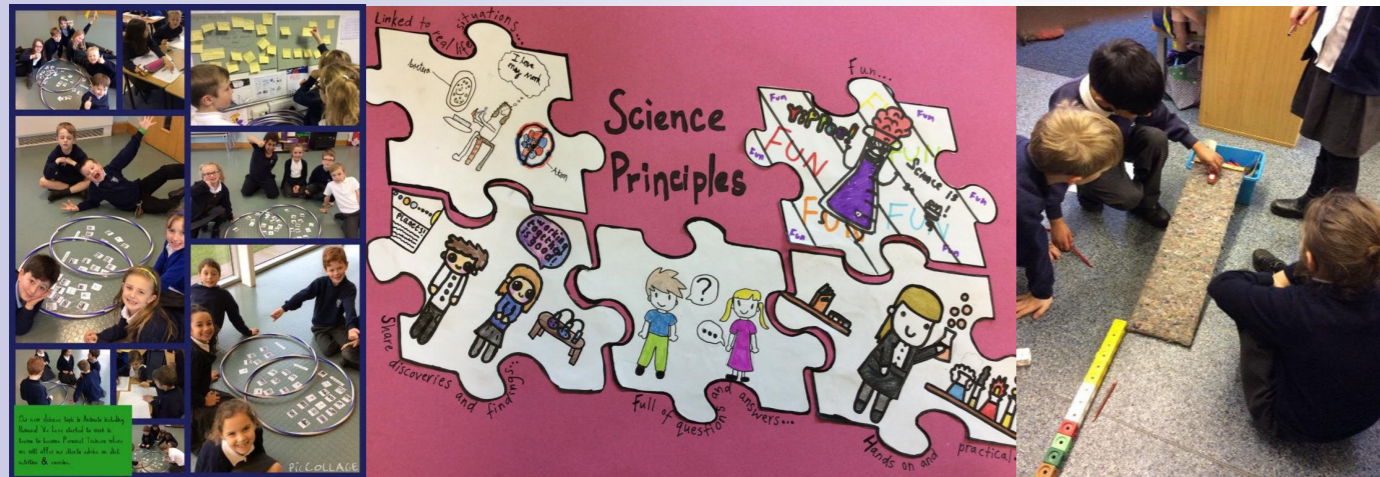
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Silver Science Award!

Recently, BCPS were awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark Award (Silver Level). Mrs Smith, our Science Lead Teacher, had undertaken the task of working towards achieving the award last September. Right from the start, she involved the children and sought to understand what makes Science such a fun and engaging subject at BCPS. The pupils, from across the school, had some excellent ideas about how we could improve Science lessons further. They also helped develop our 'Science Principles', which are now on display around the school.

Parents were also pivotal in supporting the hard work that goes into Science at BCPS. Parents from across the school led engaging Science clubs and shared their knowledge, through accessible tasks, with our pupils.

With James Chadwick's blue plaque on the front of our school, it only seems fitting that we are continuing to value Science highly for all of our pupils and deliver engaging, hands-on, activities to help our pupils become the scientists of the future!



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NSPCC: Speak out. Stay safe.

On Monday 21st May, the school had a visit from the NSPCC. Karen ran assemblies for KS1 and KS2 which included some fantastic information to help children understand what to do if they, or a friend, is worried about something which is happening to them. The assemblies covered topics of neglect and abuse in an age appropriate and thought-provoking way.

Year 5 and 6 then had excellent workshops, which gave them knowledge and skills to support them in keeping themselves safe.

As a thank you to the NSPCC, the children will be completing a sponsored 'Colour Run' in school on Friday 8th June. Your child will bring home a sheet for collecting sponsors over the half-term break. We thank you all in advance for supporting this worthy cause.



If you are looking for things to do during half-term...

<https://www.kidsguide.org.uk/cheshire-children/whats-on-for-families-in-cheshire/>



Sports Day 2018

Our whole school enjoyed a competitive and fun-filled afternoon. It was great to see so many of you there, in the sunshine, to cheer on your children. The children had certainly practised hard and gave it their all during the afternoon. Well done to all of the competitors and congratulations to the winning team: White Nancy.



Attendance at BCPS

Our current attendance figures for the whole year so far are;

Rec 96.3% **Year 1 96.1%** Year 2 97.4% **Year 3 96.4%** Year 4 96.8% **Year 5 96.4%** Year 6 95.4%

Attendance averages for the Summer term so far are;

Rec 94.1% **Year 1 95.5%** Year 2 97.6% **Year 3 97.3%** Year 4 97.9% **Year 5 96.7%** Year 6 96.1%

Thank you for continuing to support your child's progress by ensuring they have good, or better, attendance.

10 days absence over the whole year 95%-100% Good Attendance Good chance of success and progress	19 days absence over the whole year 90%-95% Worrying Less chance of success Harder to make progress	29 days absence over the whole year Under 90% Serious Concern Detrimental to success and progress
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Putting pupils at the centre!

We are always striving to improve at BCPS and we have identified that, in order to support our young learners in understanding their own learning journeys, we need to increase our verbal feedback to them. We are also keen to empower them to take control of their learning and understanding of their own competence and confidence in different skills and concepts.



With this in mind, we are improving our approaches to assessment at BCPS. The Balance system, which we have been integrating into classroom practise since late January, encourages increased progress through verbal feedback at the point of learning. It also encourages more opportunities for children to reflect on their learning through peer and self assessment. All of our work in this area is based on research in thousands of schools across the world by Prof. John Hattie.

Our classroom environments continue to evolve to maximise progress for children. The more visual changes are the L-shaped and Horse-shoe shaped desk layouts and the Confidence Wheels and Steps on display in the classrooms. Staff and pupils alike are already speaking positively about the effects of the Balance system on learning and progress. As we develop this aspect of our teaching further, we will keep you informed.

Marie Curie Fundraising

Earlier this term, we welcomed Mrs Walker, Katy and Chan into our school to tell us all about their amazing work in raising funds for the Marie Curie charity.

Our pupils enjoyed joining in by wearing yellow for the day and hearing all about why Marie Curie became famous and her passion for helping others. The children showed lots of enthusiasm, and knowledge, during the assembly and our visitors gave them a lot of praise and positive feedback.

Once again, it showed that our Christian Value of generosity is always prominent in our school community. Thank you all for your support in raising £146.48 for this amazing charity.



"We thought that it was a great success... I know that Chan thought the children and the school were wonderful! The children were very interested in Katy's talk and they really got involved."

*Marie Curie
Representative Mrs Walker*

Pentecost Week

Pentecost is the festival when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter (the name comes from the Greek pentekoste, "fiftieth").

To help us mark Pentecost week, we had two opportunities to work with St Oswald's Church. On Wednesday, last week, breakfast club visited the church to eat breakfast and help raise money for Christian Aid Week.

Beverley Nixon (Children and Families Worker) came in on Friday 18th May to run Prayer Workshops across the school. The children enjoyed learning practical and fun ways to pray.



A note from the office

The office request that any outstanding monies are paid promptly - particularly for swimming and school meals. Before and After School Club have tried to make it easier to access their booking in system. Booking forms can now be collected as a paper copy from school or can be downloaded from our website, filled in and emailed. Please ensure that payments are also prompt for this. We are finding it increasingly difficult to get our staffing ratios accurately planned as booking forms are not in promptly. Please help support us with this by getting booking forms in as early as possible. Thank you.

Keeping our children safe and healthy

This half-term we have had lots of activities around school focussing on keeping children safe and well in both the mental and physical sense.

Mental Health Awareness week was an opportunity for pupils to learn about how we can manage some strong feelings in different ways. Understanding that strong emotions are part of life and that it is normal to feel upset and angry, at times, is important. We noticed that children usually have many more words to describe troublesome feelings than they do positive feelings. This can have an impact on their ability to self-regulate. There are some great insights and tips on self-regulation on the web page below.

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/self-regulation_children.html

We also had a visits for the children and a presentation to parents by our local PCSO (Hannah Jackson) on how to keep our pupils safe online. This raised as many questions as it answered, as you can imagine, so I have followed it up by distributing the 'Digital Parenting' magazine and also refreshing the links and guidance we offer on our website. Here is one link you may find particularly useful when deciding on books, games and films for your child(ren).

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/>

Dates for your Diary

- May**
- Thursday 24th School closes for Half-Term
- Friday 25th School is closed for INSET
- June**
- Monday 4th School opens for Summer 2nd Half Term (Music Extravaganza week begins)
- Thursday 7th 6.30pm NSPCC evening workshop for parents
- Friday 8th Sponsored Colour Run Event (raising money for NSPCC)
- Monday 11th PTA Summer Fair meeting at the Cock and Pheasant 7.30pm
- Year 2 and Year 4 Cake Sale (themed on the Queen's Birthday)
- Wednesday 13th Class 3 Assembly
- Thursday 14th Deadline for Keeping a Child Warm donations
- Tuesday 19th Year 4 Bridgewater Hall event
- Wednesday 20th Class 5 Assembly and Class 2's Trip to Chester Zoo
- Monday 25th Reception Intake Taster Session 9.30-11.30am
- Wednesday 27th June Class 2's Assembly
- Friday 29th Art Exhibition 5pm-8pm (including BCPS Art Work at Boll Arts Centre)
- July**
- Wednesday 4th Reception Class Assembly
- Friday 6th Non-Uniform Day (Bottle donation)
- Wednesday 11th Class 1's Assembly
- Friday 13th Year 6 Cake donation for the Summer Fair
- Saturday 14th BCPS Summer Fair
- Thursday 19th Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
- Friday 20th Summer PTA Disco
- Tuesday 24th School Closes For the Summer Holiday
- September**
- Tuesday 4th School reopens for the Autumn Term

A moment of prayer

Dear God,
Help me to hear you today.
To hear your joy in the birds songs.
To hear your heart in the chattery voices
To hear your voice in the quiet
Help me to hear you today.
Amen.

From all of the team at Bollington Cross C.E. Primary School, have a great half-term holiday.

