



Bollington Cross C.E. Primary School Newsletter



SCALING THE HEIGHTS AT BOLLINGTON CROSS!



Our proud Year 6 Cohort, having scaled heights with their results, completed a 14k Bolly Three Peaks Challenge!



Heavenly Father,
Thank you for the diverse learning opportunities and outdoor experiences we've enjoyed. Bless our leavers with success and happiness in their new journeys. Guide and protect them always. Bless our teachers, staff, and families who support us. Amen.



See you all on Wednesday September 4th! Have a great Summer!





Dear Families,

Welcome to our end of Summer 2nd Half-Term Newsletter! I can't believe the end of the school year is upon us and there is no way I can wrap the achievements of this year into this newsletter – but I will try and capture some highlights!

This year has been a successful one for Bollington Cross in so many ways.

Our teaching of early reading and phonics has continued to be a focus and earlier this term we had an audit visit from the Lacey Green DFE English hub. The visit was super successful and as well as being a partner school to the hub over the next three years, they asked us to consider Miss Asbury being a DFE reading consultant teacher to support other schools in their practice, which she will be next year. This year, 93% of our Year 1 pupils passed the Phonics Screening Test (National Average 72%). So, well done to Miss Asbury and the whole RWI teaching team in Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 for these results. Well done to the pupils too in showing their determination and commitment to reading every day. Thank you to you all too for supporting your child with their reading at home.

On a similar note – we have had several visitors to our Year 1 classroom to observe Miss Purcell's approach to teaching & learning in year 1 and how our transition harnesses the learning styles developed in Reception, whilst maintaining excellent outcomes and increasing engagement.

Our outcomes in Key Stage 2 have also been excellent, with all of our results in line with or above national averages. They are as follows;

Outcome	School	National
GLD EYFS	65%	67%
Y1 Phonics Screening	93%	79%
KS2 Grammar Punctuation and Spelling Expected Standard	81%	72%
KS2 Grammar Punctuation and Spelling Greater Depth	51%	30%
KS2 Reading Expected Standard	85%	74%
KS2 Reading Greater Depth	30%	29%
KS2 Maths Expected Standard	93%	73%
KS2 Maths Greater Depth	37%	24%
Writing expected Standard	70%	72%
Combined Expected Standard R,W,M	67%	61%

We are really proud of all of our pupils and I feel privileged to be part of the team supporting our pupils to achieve highly and to make good progress. It really was a pleasure to read every report and see just how much energy, enthusiasm and concentration our pupils have put in across the school year.

We have had so many positive things happening this year, including having our Solar Panels and our LED lights fitted – which have reduced our electricity usage by up to 75% in the newer building! Our ASHP is scheduled to be fitted and commissioned over the Summer, so we hopefully will have that in action next term! It's so exciting to think that school will be using much more renewable energy, come September, and having a positive impact from a sustainability point-of-view.

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This year has been a challenge in terms of the school office and this can obviously impact other areas of school life. Mrs Mansfield started at our School as Business Manager at the start of June and I know that she has settled into the team really well and made an incredible start to managing the business aspect of the school – which is a bigger job than many people realise. Thank you all for making her so welcome. Mrs Wearden will leave the office at the end of this term and we thank her for her service, as she has been here just over a year during a challenging time. We will move swiftly to recruit a full-time office administrator. We know that the changing team in the office has had an impact on our service and we want to reassure all parents that we will quickly gain capacity and appreciate your patience and support.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Odell, who has been a great colleague for three years in KS1 and has developed a great many children through her teaching and support. She has also profoundly inspired, and improved, the communication skills of some of our pupils with additional needs through her advocacy of consistent use of visual-aids and Makaton. We wish her all the very best in the future and hope that she will pop back to see us.

We have had a great deal of fun getting involved in many events this year, including the recent Well-Dressing, our brilliant Summer Fair and a fantastic Sports Day, led by Mr McKinnel. I was also lucky enough to see the Bollington Cross Drama Club's production of Peter Pan this week, which was amazing! I am still whistling all the tunes! The children showed amazing confidence and talent and the show was so entertaining.

Our Summer Fair was brilliant and again it was lovely that the PTA offered free inflatables to ensure everyone could attend and have fun! I am still recovering from some of the absolute pelters I received on the Soak the Headteacher stall! I know these are just the tip of the iceberg for the school year in terms of events, as there is simply too much to capture here. It was also great to see many pupils and parents at the 'Save Bollington Library' protest event too – let's hope it has an impact.

We have also been developing our staff and over the last couple of years we have made use of the apprenticeship levy in order to access training. One recent example of this is Mrs Turner-Smith, who has, in the last few days, passed her Teaching Assistant Diploma. We knew she would 'smash' it as she, like our other fab teaching assistants, does an amazing job every day.

It is time to say goodbye to our departing Year 6s, who have been an absolute pleasure to work with. Their consistency and commitment to school and learning has been incredible and I really take my hat off to them. I spent the day, on Wednesday, on a 14k Bollington Three Peaks trip with them and they were such lovely company. I know they are going on to bright futures and that they will pop back and see us! There are so many other aspects of the school I could choose to focus on and talk positively about, as we have accomplished so much this year.

I know that a lot of you get in touch with positive feedback and also that you spread the word about Bollington Cross in the community. How do I know? Well, people tell me! I bump into lots of people who tell me the lovely things that you all say. The other evidence is that we are over-subscribed for September and we have several classes now with waiting lists. We don't really do any marketing, other than trying to do the best we can and continuously improve, every day, to provide the best we can for our pupils. So, thank you for the way you support school in getting that good word out!

Next year, will bring new challenges and new successes and new ways to improve what we do. Thank you all for the part you play in the Bollington Cross Community. Have a brilliant Summer! Take care of yourselves and your families.



Mr Y. Donbarand