



Spring 1st Half Term 2019

Bollington Cross C.E. Primary School Newsletter



It has been a very busy, half-term since Christmas and our pupils have had some fantastic experiences and shown great maturity and resilience. We are ensuring that we reflect on our achievements collectively and as individuals, and there has been a lot to reflect upon. We have reflected on a great many happy events and opportunities, but also, through our memorial assembly for Mrs Royle, reflected with sadness. During the assembly, it was lovely to see children with their arms around each other. They showed great maturity and care for each other.

We will be planting two trees to remember Mrs Royle . One will be in the Reception playground (an Amelanchier) and a larger tree in the orchard near Forest School (a Copper Beech). These will be planted during March. This will allow children across the school to have a place to recall the wonderful times they had with Mrs Royle.

Thank you all for your kindness, support and generosity in supporting school events, initiatives and trips this half-term. I hope you all have a restful and fun half-term and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 26th February.

Mr Donbavand

Raising awareness and supporting others

Over the past week, we have been learning all about Diabetes and what impact it has on people. Ben (Year 6) has Type 1 Diabetes and it was his idea to have events in school which would raise awareness and money for Diabetes UK.

The week has been a great success and has included games, competitions, exercise, research and lessons: all with the aim of raising money and sharing knowledge across the school. Year 6 have designed lessons for each class, which has in turn, increased their own knowledge of Diabetes. Each class has run a mile, with a short introduction from Ben, on how exercise impacts on blood-sugar levels.

Thank you to Ben and Mrs Hancock for supporting school with the activities and resources. It has been great fun and we have raised £278.32. Mr and Mrs Hancock have kindly agreed to match that, meaning that Diabetes UK will be getting a donation of £556.64! Well done to everyone involved.

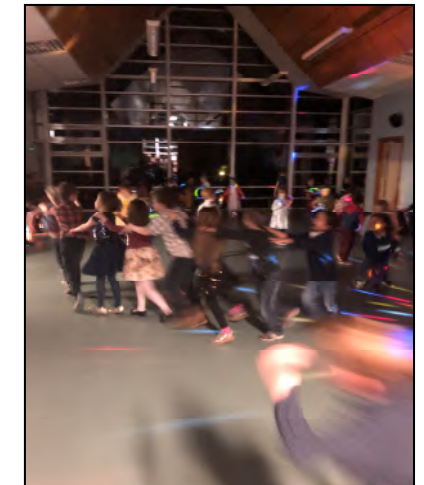


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PTA Funds

With their frequent cake sales and two fantastic Discos, our amazing PTA have, yet again, been generating significant funds to buy resources and support school. We are aiming to become more and more transparent with just how we make use of these funds in the future. One significant purchase we have made recently, solely using PTA funds, was a complete restock of the KS1 Reading Scheme Books. This was something that we thought would have a great impact on engaging the children with fresh, modern, age-appropriate and interesting fiction and non-fiction texts. These books will last the school a long time. They cost £900 and will benefit a great many children in getting to grips with their reading skills and becoming life-long lovers of reading.

Our recent Spring Discos raised an incredible £550! Thank you all for supporting these events in giving your time and generous donations.



Welcoming special visitors

In February, we welcomed our Mayor and Bollington Town Councillors. This annual event is aimed at ensuring that children understand the roles of councillors in our town and also giving the children the opportunity to use their speaking skills and show their pride in belonging to the BCPS team. It is always lovely to hear the feedback we receive,

"councillors view the school visits as a hugely positive exercise and look forward to engaging with the children and answering their questions. Councillors, even those who have been doing this for some time, continue to be impressed by the children in terms of their manners, knowledge and level of interest."

Members of our School Council have also been attending the Council of Council events at the Council Chambers, in order to ensure that they get to shape the future of Bollington and help it to become a more sustainable town.

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Mayor Cllr Jon Weston

I came across the following article recently. It is about developing resilience in children: something we value greatly at BCPS (so it is one of our values!). This article highlights some of the ways we can encourage resilience in our children.

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2019/jan/05/six-ways-to-raise-a-resilient-child>



Young Voices 2019

Young Voices 2019 was an amazing night for all involved! In 10 or so years of teaching Year 6 classes, I can't believe I'd never been before. It was a fantastic night. All of the staff and pupils were able to enjoy it because the children behaved so wonderfully before, after and during the event.

It was clear that the Year 5 and Year 6 classes relished the opportunity to be part of an enormous choir and create such a spectacle for the audience. They had practised the words and actions extremely well and this helped them to really get the most out of it. A special thanks to Mrs Vaughan for the part she played in preparing the children and encouraging their love of singing. Thanks also to all of the staff who came along to support the children and join in the fun. It was lovely to see so many parents there cheering us on. We also made it onto Newsround on CBBC!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/47245197>

I must mention that, at one point, there were so many staff (from other schools) seeking a selfie with Tony Hadley, the adult to child ratio must have dropped significantly in the arena. Thank you to our staff for remaining vigilant! :-)



A note from the Office

We have a number of parents who have fallen behind with payments for swimming / dinners / Breakfast Club/After-school Club. Please could you ensure you keep up to date with payments for these services.

In order to offer more convenience, you can pay using the Cheshire e-payments system.

http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/schools_epayments/schools_epayments.aspx

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

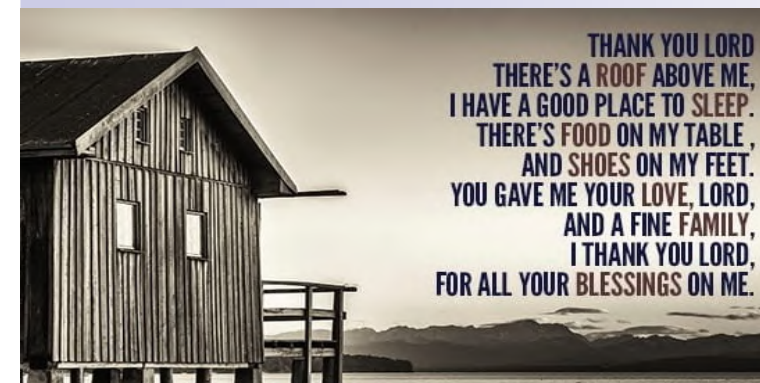
Budding Artists

All of our classes have been involved in creating colourful canvases, which now decorate the school. These will be rotated termly, so watch out for your child's class canvas.



An exciting visit from author Fay Evans

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had an exciting visit from local author Fay Evans. Fay wrote the book, 'Bob's Beard'. It is a story about a man who lets creatures live in his beard. It was lovely for the classes to be inspired by an author and hear her read out her story to them.



From all of the team at BCPS, have a lovely Spring Half-Term holiday!