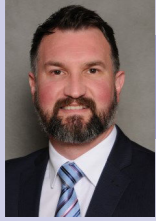




Spring 2nd Half Term 2019

# Bollington Cross C.E. Primary School Newsletter



There really isn't a lot of space for my introduction this Half-Term. Suffice to say it has been a busy one! We have made many positive contributions to our community, enjoyed sporting competition, learned a great deal, had fun dressing up, improved our school, welcomed many visitors and been on some engaging visits. I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter and I wish you all a restful and fun Easter break.

*Mr Donbavand*

## Remembering Mrs Royle: Our new Memorial Trees

Last week, Mrs Royle's husband came in to plant two Memorial Trees with Reception. Mr Royle works in landscaping and gardening and was able to support school in choosing the right types of trees. He was keen to involve Reception, as were we, in planting the trees and reflecting on why they were being planted.

In the Reception playground planter, they planted an Amelanchier tree (also known as Snowy Mespilus or Juneberry). It was one of Mrs Royle's favourite trees. It has interesting leaf colours in spring and autumn, lovely white flowers in spring and red or purple berries in early summer.

In the orchard, they planted a Liquidamber tree (also known as Sweet Gum tree). They are very similar to Maples with an interesting leaf shape and beautiful autumn colour.

I will make all pupils aware of the significance of these trees and hope that they will be used as a place for children to reflect on the impact Mrs Royle had on them personally.



## School Experience Week

Last week, every class had the opportunity to visit St Oswald's Church and learn about Jesus' family. It was an interactive and enjoyable workshop and the children (and adults) loved a chance to dress up and immerse themselves in the story. Even Year 6 were thrilled to travel back 4000 years in a Time Tunnel. It was clear to see that the children learned a lot from it and, once again, the team at St Oswald's had shown their creativity in ensuring that the workshop was relevant, fun and engaging for children of all ages.



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## Comic Relief 2019!

This Year we raised a fabulous.....  
**£186.23**  
..for a selection of worthy causes around the world.  
Many thanks for your support.



## Lacrosse Regional Final

Well done to our Lacrosse team, who came second in the regional finals of the Lacrosse tournament



God made you and God made me,  
He made the world for us to see.  
God loves you and long ago,  
He sent his Son to tell us so.  
Jesus showed us many things,  
To love and share and dance and sing.  
To learn and pray, to help and care,  
He promised he'd always be there.



He died but then came back to life,  
Let's celebrate for he's alive!

## PTA Update

Easter Bingo,  
A huge thank you to all who donated, volunteered their help and attended the Bingo afternoon! Great fun was had by all! And an extra special thanks to Mr. Donbavand who always gets stuck into every event and volunteered to be our resident Bingo Caller!! We raised an amazing £309!!

Ladies Fashion and Fizz Night,  
Another amazing fundraiser for the school! Karein Smith and Michaela Matthews did a sterling job in organising and hosting this event! The evening (held at the Tytherington Club) raised a whopping £960!! Absolutely amazing! - thanks to all who sold tickets, brought their friends and family along and attended this event! Can't wait for the next one!!



Cake Sales,  
Our next Cake Sale will be Year 4&5 on Monday 17th June. The monies we raise from cake sales go towards the cost of class trips. We have raised £180 so far! Year 6s cake sale will be at the Summer fair.



## Upcoming Events - Dates for your diary!

- Sports Day BBQ (weather permitting) Wednesday 22nd May
- PTA Meeting June (date to be confirmed)
- Year 4&5 Cake Sale Monday 17th June
- Summer Fair Saturday 6th July

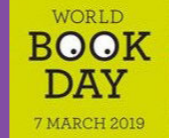
*Total amount raised so far from our events this school year.... £2,651!*

This will go towards helping revamp the library areas in the school. Thank you all so much for your continued support of our PTA. We couldn't have raised this much money without your contributions! So thank you again! From all of us on The PTA Team!

*Mrs Brewin*



## World Book Day 2019!



Yet again, the pupils, parents and staff of BCPS made a fantastic effort in celebrating World Book Day 2019. There were so many original costumes throughout the school and children sharing some of their favourite stories with each other.



*"My daughter has talked almost non-stop, apart from eating her tea, about her experience of World Book Day, the costumes you all wore and the fun she has had."*

*Year 3 Parent*

## Supporting Young Readers

We invited the Reception children's families to come and learn Letters and Sounds with us. The children loved showing their families what they could do and enjoyed trying lots of different phonics activities together. Here is some of the lovely feedback we received;

*"It gave me a good insight into how I can support my child learning each of the sounds."*

*"It gave me more ideas of how to practise phonics in different ways."*

*"I wasn't expecting to see such a varied and fascinating way of teaching letters and sounds"*

*"I've really enjoyed reading through the pack for ideas."*

*"It was lovely to see and understand a part of my child's day at school."*

*"Thank you for inviting us into your classroom and supporting us as well as our children."*



## Singfest

Year 3 joined several other primary schools from across Cheshire to take part in the Singfest Concert at The Lyceum Theatre in Crewe. The theme was Music Through The Decades and pupils enjoyed singing a range of songs from the war through to current day. They enjoyed the experience of performing on the stage for an audience of parents.



## Emotionally Healthy School Ambassadors

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2 pupils from Year 4 (Tyla and Teddy) and 2 pupils from Year 5 (Alessia and Zak) accompanied me to Tytherington School for the Tytherington Partnership Emotional Health Ambassador Training. This involved children from 7 other primary schools in addition to Bollington Cross.

The programme runs over 3 days with the next sessions taking place in May and June.

The aim of the programme is for the children to become emotional health ambassadors for their school and to:

- Understand the role of a mental health ambassador
- Be able to recognise what good and bad emotional health looks like
- Understand how to signpost other children to get help and support

As part of the programme the children will:

- Create an assembly and follow up classroom activities
- Develop an awareness day to host in their respective schools
- Organise a day of mental health awareness

Tyla, Teddy, Alessia and Zak are beginning work on the assembly plan this week, designing slides and researching information regarding emotional health. They are very excited about presenting their ideas at the next partnership meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

*Mrs Allen*

## Hitting the High Notes

We have been wanting to update and improve some aspects of our music resources for a while now and recently we had the opportunity to do this.

Having a Rocksteady tutor in school each Thursday has increased the feeling that we needed new resources. Each Thursday, they bring their full rock band set up and our bands do not have a practise until the following week. Therefore, we have invested in this aspect of the curriculum in order to create an inspirational music room to practise their skills in.

This involved getting in touch with The Sarturday Gallery in Macclesfield and seeing if they knew any artists who could help us to update our music room. Paul, at the gallery, put me in touch with Emma and Lydia (a mother and her daughter) who agreed to take on the project. They completed the mural last week and the children absolutely love it. It is certainly inspiring our musicians!

The Sarturday Gallery would love you to pop in and look at the art on display or click on and like their Facebook page: [fb.me/sarturday](https://fb.me/sarturday) How many of the musicians on the wall can you identify?

