



Summer 1st Half Term 2019

# Bollington Cross C.E. Primary School Newsletter



There have been so many positive, exciting events, initiatives and new experiences to learn from across the school this half-term. There are many opportunities for our wider school community to support in school and so many parents and grandparents do. We are always thankful for this. Whether it be, walking to swimming, supporting on school trips, listening to readers, teaching a lesson, organising PTA events or playing in the PTA five-a-side team, it is very much appreciated!

*Mr Donbavand*

## BCPS and the Bollington Festival 2019

The Bollington Festival has come around once again and BCPS has been getting involved in a variety of ways;

The Bollington Festival Scarecrow Trail is up and running and there have been many excellent scarecrows to find around Bollington. Mrs Smith, Class 2 and Craig were creative enough to organise and build our very own contribution: Freddie Mercury. The theme was the periodic table, so this was an inspired choice. Replete with his iconic yellow jacket, white vest and vacuum cleaner, Freddie stood outside St Oswald's for the duration of the festival and has definitely turned heads!

Parents and pupils got together to represent BCPS in the Festival Parade through Bollington. The theme was trains, so there were plenty of checked shirts, flat caps, neck-ties and home-made trains. It was a lovely event and it was great to see many of our pupils representing drama groups, dance groups, Brownies, Rainbows, Scouts and more. Well done to all who joined in!

We are very lucky at BCPS to have a great many parents who volunteer their time to support the school in many different ways. Recently, Mrs Harris has helped research Sir James Chadwick, who attended BCPS, in order that we can start to bring greater awareness to the links we have with a physicist who went on to win the Nobel Prize. In order to further celebrate this part of our school's history, we held a Sci-Bar Physics lecture entitled, 'Sir James Chadwick and the Discovery of the Neutron'. It was presented by Dr Peter Rowlands of the Institute of Physics. It was a well-attended and engaging talk, which really brought home the importance of his discoveries and gave an insight into what he was like as a person.

<https://www.bollingtonfestival.org.uk/>



**Bollington Festival 2019**  
10 - 27 May



## Author Onjali Q Rauf visits BCPS

Author Onjali Rauf, who wrote the book, 'The Boy at the Back of the Class', visited Bollington Cross C.E School to inspire their young writers. She talked to the children about her work in refugee camps and for her charity; Her-Story. Pupils were engaged in listening to her inspirations for writing the book, which has recently won both the Blue Peter and Waterstones Children's Book Prizes for 2019. One pupil said of her talk, "It really hit me hard." This was upon hearing about the conditions within the refugee camps she visits and the circumstances in which she is trying to help hundreds of refugees. She also gave year 5 and 6 pupils a reading from her award-winning book.



## For those about to Rocksteady (We salute you)

Pupils from across the school rocked out at our recent Rocksteady Concert. From Year 1 through to Year 6, some pupils have signed up to be taught in their bands once a week by Band Leader: Joe Gibson. We even had a surprise appearance from our staff band, The Laminators! Hopefully, our bands will also be ready to perform at the Summer Fair on July 6th (12.00-2.00).



"I was so pleased at how well the first rocksteady concert at Bollington Cross went, and it was all down to the amazing talent from all of the children. Every one of them impressed me with their dedication and focus. I Can't wait to see how amazing the next concert will be!"

Band Leader Joe Gibson





### Celebrating the Sciences at BCPS

Mrs Foat and Dr Angela Davies have been in recently to support the children in learning about DNA. The children loved using beads to replicate the DNA patterns of some animals and insects. One very popular activity involved using Jelly Babies to create a Double Helix. Although, I'm pretty sure some of the Jelly Babies never made it onto the models!

Mrs Ray came in to and visited Year 4 to teach them about veins and capillaries in a fascinating lesson. Many pupils left this lesson dressed in doctor's gowns and masks!

Mrs Roberts supported BCPS in arranging a Solids, Liquids and Gases talk for KS2, which had the children gasping in amazement. Fabio taught the children about different elements from the periodic table and the burnt or exploded most of them! I have no doubt that it will live long in the memories of our pupils and staff in KS2.

I would also like to thank Mark Roberts and the Waters team for spending the day in our school. The children loved the learning opportunities they provided during their workshop. They made noises like Star Wars, built structures with spaghetti and jelly babies, mixed colours and learned about magnets. It was an action packed time!



### BCPS Sports Day 2019

This years Sports Day was different for a couple of reasons. Firstly, we wanted to try some new events and structure the afternoon differently. We hoped that children would enjoy having a wider variety of events. They really seemed to like the change.

Another difference was that, thanks to Mrs Jocelyn (Year 1 parent) we were able to host four Paralympians from the GB Swimming Team;

- Hannah Russell MBE
- Mikey Jones MBE
- Tully Kearney
- Johnny Booth

It was amazing for the children to get to meet them, hold a gold medal and be inspired to achieve their



### Reception Take Flight

Reception enjoyed a fantastic day out at Manchester Airport Viewing Park. We learned so many facts about planes, especially Concorde and we learned about the different roles of the cabin crew and what the flight deck looks like – we even pretended to fly the plane! The staff there remarked on how well behaved our children were. Well done Team Reception!



Dear Lord,  
Thank you for all of the opportunities we have in our lives to learn and experience new things. Help us to make the most of every opportunity and find our passions in life, Amen.



From all of the team at BCPS, have a restful and relaxing Half-Term. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 4th June.