



# Bollington Cross C.E. Primary School Newsletter



Dear Families,

I want to start this newsletter with a huge thank you to everyone in the Bollington Cross Community. Pupils, teachers, parents and governors have all been part of the reason we have been able to get to the end of the term with very limited absence and after a whole term of consistent high quality teaching and learning for our pupils. It has really felt like everyone has pulled together and although we know there have been adaptations and little sacrifices along the way – they have all been worth it to be able to say that we have given the pupils a great experience and an opportunity to make good progress in their learning throughout Autumn and into the Christmas period.

As parents, I know you understand that a lot of thinking goes into all of our decisions at school and what I hope you all feel is that even if a decision is not what is wanted – we can look back and understand why it was made and that it was reflected upon a great deal. Our priority has always been to get to the Christmas break as safely as possible and that has been key in decisions not to have large gatherings of parents in school. Once again, thank you for your support and understanding throughout the pandemic. Our school community still feels intact and strong and ready for any challenge – which is a great example to our pupils – whom we are trying to instill with the resilience to face challenges head on and with positivity and confidence.

As you will see from our newsletter, we were still able to get into the Christmas spirit fully at Bollington Cross. Whether it was the Jingle Jog, our Christingle collective Worship, a visit from Santa Clause, eating our Christmas Dinners or performing our Christmas songs – we all had a smile on our faces at this exciting time of year. On behalf of the staff and governors, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone in our Bollington Cross Community a Merry Christmas and a chance to switch-off and relax and focus on spending time with those you love. I hope you all have a happy New Year too! *Best wishes!*

*Mr Yenson Donbavand*

## A Jolly Bolly Christmas!



### Year 4

We are feeling very proud of our creative writing this term, our narratives based on the book 'Leaf' are superb! We have been learning about Roman mosaics and made our own pieces of 'White Nancy' mosaic art. In P.E we learned new moves and choreographed part of our routine for our 'Romans' dance. We enjoyed being fierce gladiators!



### Year 6

In Year 6 this term, we have been learning about the circulatory system and the heart. We were incredibly lucky to have an experienced heart surgeon, Mr Odell, come into school to help us in our very own heart dissections. We looked at the different parts of the heart (we even saw the aorta and the different valves!) and got to investigate if each side of the heart holds the same amount of liquid. Did you know that the heart can pump blood around your entire circulatory system in less than a minute? We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Odell for helping us to learn so much about the heart.

Also, this term we have really enjoyed trying to create our own Pixel art - one of our classmates planned a lesson to teach us how to do it!

Written by Year 6

Here are some quotes from the class about their learning with Miss Bold and Mr Odell on the subject of the heart:  
*"It was really interesting...and smelly! I learnt a lot about the different parts and how hearts work. Looking at it really helped me to understand a lot more."*

*"I liked holding it [the heart] to see what it felt like."*

*"It was good to see where the blood actually goes in and out and how the valves actually stop it going the wrong way."*

*"I liked how many facts Mr Odell gave us about his life as a heart surgeon. I liked asking lots of questions."*

*"It was interesting to see where every artery and vein led to inside the heart."*

*"I think it was a really good experience because you just don't get to do things like this, every day."*

*"I liked seeing what it looked like inside the heart because I would never get to do that otherwise."*





# Jingle (Jog) All the Way!

This year and last we have taken part in the Jingle Jog in order to raise funds for the amazing work done at East Cheshire Hospice. We were overwhelmed with pride to be told that the children and families in the Bollington Cross Community raised a whopping **£1170 (calculated before any Gift Aid is taken into account)**! All of our pupils took part with a smile on their face and should be proud of what they have achieved, collectively and individually! Thank you all so much!



**We raised £1170 for East Cheshire Hospice!**



Dear Lord,

We pray that this Christmas is celebrated with a heart filled with peace and love. Please take away all the bad feelings and emotions in people, and show them what Christmas is all about. We also pray for the people who are having a hard time this Christmas. Please hug them and let them feel your peace and love. Amen.



# Year 3

Year 3 enjoyed their first school trip for a while, with a visit to The Opera House in Manchester to watch Gangsta Granny! Everyone was super excited and thoroughly enjoyed the show. It has inspired us to read the sequel 'Gangsta Granny Strikes Again..!' as our class book. It has also been lovely to see lots of children reading David Walliams books after our visit!

We have also been busy collecting food, toys and blankets for the animals at Windyway. Pupils have made posters and helped to collect the donations from around the school. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our families and the staff at Windyway were extremely grateful and passed on their thanks on behalf of all the animals.



# Representing Bollington Cross

With limited opportunities for cross school sports competition – it was amazing to have our first four fixtures on our all-weather pitch. All of the boys and girls involved absolutely embodied the resilience and respect we pride ourselves on. They represented the school superbly as I was very busy as; kit man, coach, manager and referee for two of our games! The pupils sat and supported wonderfully as they waited their turn to be involved.

We fielded a mixed A and B teams and they had the following results;

Bollington Cross A (1) v Rainow A (3)

Bollington Cross B (0) v Rainow B (8)

Bollington Cross A (1) v Dean Valley A (0)

Bollington Cross B (0) v Dean Valley B (1)

As I have said, we were extremely proud of all the players involved, some of them pulling on a shirt and completing their first competitive matches ever!

PS – If anyone watching the games I refereed thought my whistle was quiet – it was because the black centre of a British Legion Poppy had become lodged inside it and no matter how hard I blew – no sound was coming out! I was nearly resorting to coughing loudly to indicate the final whistle! Anyway, once back in the office I was able to use a paperclip to dislodge the blockage and give the whistle a full practice blast, which Mrs Booth, Mrs Smith and Miss O'Donovan, who were close by, are still recovering from! Toot-Toot!

