



# Bollington Cross C.E. Primary School Newsletter



Dear Families,

For such a short half-term it has certainly been one choc-full of learning, exciting events and unfortunately absence due to Covid and other illnesses!

After remaining relatively unaffected across the staff team in terms of high staff absence, throughout the pandemic, last week we had 7 members of staff absent of the 31 staff team members. As you know, this included myself and our Deputy Head Miss Bennett.

This did create a significant challenge in terms of our capacity to run all classes whilst endeavoring to offer all pupils their required support – but both staff and pupils were amazing. It is a testament to the outstanding relationships we have around school that the pupils were able to adapt to having different adults supporting them.

The absences above also coincided with Parent’s Evening appointments too and impacted on our recruitment process for a new Deputy Head – as this had to be rescheduled.

I have felt very proud of the resilience shown across school and I am very thankful to all staff and pupils for sticking together!

I would also like to extend my thanks to our Year 5 class, in particular, for the role they played in our Deputy Head recruitment process on Wednesday of this week. They were amazing and everything we see in them day to day. They were superbly behaved, gave everything in terms of enthusiasm, showed all their amazing knowledge and stunned the candidates with just how quietly they worked! I was very proud to be their Headteacher and they were great ambassadors for the school!

We were successful in recruiting a Deputy Head for September 2022 and I am sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Georgia Bold, our Year 6 Teacher and English Lead – who was successful in securing the Deputy Head Post at Bollington Cross.

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## Loving learning (in its many forms) at Bollington Cross!



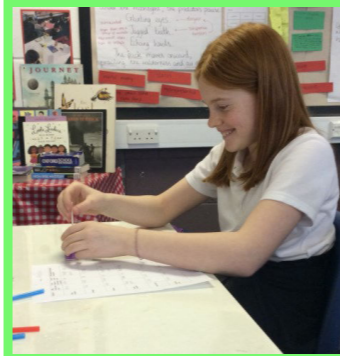
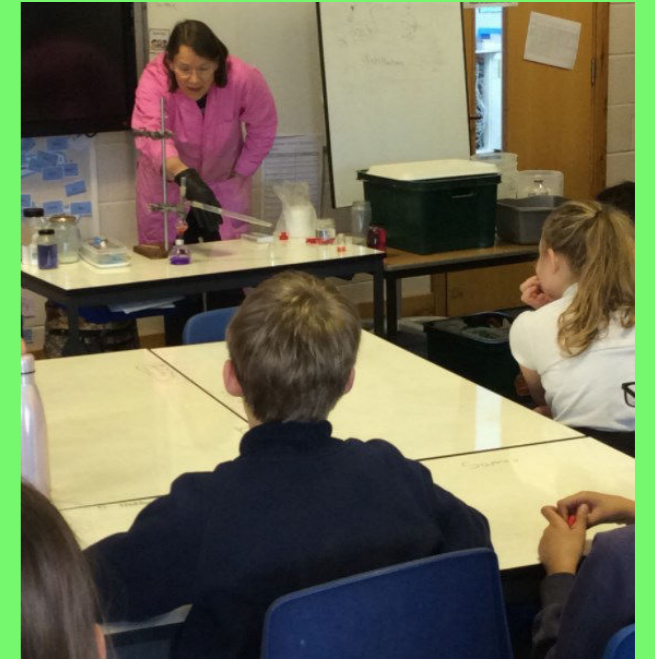
## Learning in Year 6

What an intriguing term it has been in Year 6! We have learnt many wondrous things, including applying our understanding of ratio when making chocolate fridge cake. However, our favourite day of this particular term was when we had 'Chemistry with Cabbage' science day. Throughout this fascinating day, we took part in lots of wonder inducing experiments - using only household items - and used scientific vocabulary to describe what we were investigating. We were completely spellbound by how a fire extinguisher works and loved testing acids, alkalis and neutrals using red cabbage extract as an indicator. Thank you to Professor Wilson for making it the best day ever.

Written by Year 6



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## Learning in Year 4

Year 4 have achieved the RSPB Bronze Award! They have been making bug houses, planting seeds, litter picking and much more to aim for the silver award . The class also raised £117 for the RSPB too through a superbly organised cake sale. Well done all!



May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.





# World Book Day 2022!

Thank you to Miss Bold for organizing such a lovely, exciting and engaging World Book Day celebration this year to further inspire our pupils to become confident and versatile readers who love books! This year we offered pupils, and staff, the chance to dress up as a character from a book or to wear their PJS and bring a book they enjoy. Once in school the pupils were seated at tables with lovely table cloths and invited, across all classes, to indulge in a 'book tasting' - giving them the opportunity to experience a new author, genre or level of challenge. The children were certainly inspired by the day and had so much fun!



We love reading!



World Book Day 2022!



# Learning in Year 5

Despite this being a short half term, it has been a busy and active one in Year 5. We have been back out using the orienteering trail to develop both our Maths and Spelling knowledge, as well as our mapwork skills.

We started our topic of 'Life Cycles' with a 'Guess the Baby' competition – some of the photographs were really tricky and fooled everyone!

We also planted broad bean seeds and were able to observe them germinating and growing into plants.



Our broad bean plants are looking really healthy – the recent sun and warmth has helped!



Class 5 have also taken part in practical activities linked to World Maths Day. Here they are learning about co-ordinates whilst playing Battleships!



# Representing the School

We have recently had a few more football fixtures against other schools and although the results haven't always been as wished the pupils have been amazing ambassadors for Bollington Cross. No matter who their opponents have been and no matter whether home or away—our pupils have behaved impeccably, grown in confidence, respected every player and decision, and given every game all of their energy and enthusiasm. Though, as Headteacher, I don't often get the chance to teach these pupils, it is clear that they are excellent listeners and follow all instructions and are well motivated to improve. They also possess grit and determination. Everyone who has represented the school at any point has been a credit to themselves and to the school community.

