



The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents/Carers

Last Friday, Bolham Primary School hosted this year's Youth Speaks Competition. Two teams of Year 6 pupils competed against pupils from Bampton Primary School and Dulverton Primary School. Our congratulations go to Bampton Primary School who were the overall winners with their talk about Exmoor and congratulations to Will Findlay, Dylan Tron and Oliver Hanks who were this year's runners up and will now progress to the North Devon Area Final on March 2nd. A special mention must also go to Sebastian Harvey who stepped in at the last minute which meant that Oliver Slade and Sunny Webber's team were able to compete.

This term we have also welcomed Mandy Slevin and Tom Lark from Tiverton High School who are introducing the Year 4 pupils to the pbone as part of a Tiverton Co-operative music project. Pupils from across all the Tiverton primary schools are having the opportunity to learn the instrument free of charge and there will be a concert for Year 4 parents after half term. Please note that we will advise you of the time and date once it has been confirmed.

This morning, Lewis Clarke from the Tiverton Gazette visited the school and took some photographs for a forthcoming piece on our recent Ofsted achievements. Unfortunately, due to illness I was not in school when the report was published, but please can I thank everyone for all their support during the inspection and the way in which you supported the school through your comments and discussions with the Ofsted inspector. The partnership we have here at Bolham Primary School between parents, staff, pupils and governors is special and was clearly recognised in the report. We pride ourselves on working together to achieve the very best for our children and as a school we will continue to do so each and every day and not just when an inspector calls. Thank you once again for all your hard work and support.

Together We Aspire, Together We Achieve.

Denise Woodgate

Diary Dates

12th February - Parents Evening
13th February - Parents Evening
18th - 22nd February - Half term
8th-22nd April - Easter holidays
13th May - KS2 SATS week
27th-31st May - Half term
10th June - Phonics test week Year 1 only
13th-14th June - Class 3 Residential
19th-21st June - Class 4 Residential
5th July - Sports Day
12th July - Reserve Sports Day
18th July - Class 4 performance
19th July - Leavers Assembly
19th July - Last day of term

PARKING

Parking has once again become an issue with local residents becoming very upset by the way in which some parents are parking at the end of the school day. Please can we once again request that parents and carers park with due care and attention and do not block residents' driveways or park on the pavements. The local police have been informed and further action may be taken if the situation does not improve.



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CAN YOU HELP?

Class 2 will be setting up a science experiment regarding decomposition, but we need some small clear plastic water bottles. If you have any old bottles please could you send them into school so that we can start our experiment.

Many thanks

Denise Woodgate

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

FRONT ENTRANCE

We have noticed that a lot of children are using the front entrance when coming into school in the morning. Please could we ask that unless you have something for the front office that can't be handed over through the blue boxes in each classroom, you use the side entrances to school.

Thank you.

DINNERS

Next week the Jacket potato options on Monday will be Cheese and Coleslaw and on Tuesday they will be Tuna and Cheese. This will be only for this upcoming week.

FOBS UPDATE

Help raise money for Bolham School when you shop

FOBS have set up a page with 'The Giving Machine'. The idea is very simple, when you make purchases from major retailers, Amazon, Waitrose, Trainline, Ebay etc through the Giving Machine website a small percentage is donated to FOBS at no extra cost to you.

Please have a look at the short video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4lrUbdXuAQo&list=PLznWclwyIYNHuPXIPi8GSoQilj3AohLp>

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The FOBS Just Giving page:

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/bolham-primary-school/>

This will raise money for equipment and learning experiences that will benefit every child at Bolham.

Thank you for your support.



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SPECIAL MENTIONS

Class 1

Special mention to Morgan Broadbent for taking responsibility for his learning environment.

Class 2

Special mention to Ralfe Withers - Thank you Ralfe for all your help with the computers this week.

Class 3

Special mention to Freya, Beau, Sophia, Hugo, Harry B and Healey for moving to pen - keep up the great writing!

Class 4

Special mention to Seb Harvey for having the confidence to step up and support our Youth Speaks teams. Thank you for volunteering.

LEARNING LEAVES

Class 1

Paige Hutchings - For her fantastic number bond work with Miss Cotter this week. Well Done!

Harry Cole - For his improvement with the presentation of his work. So neat! Well Done!

Class 2

Rosie Smith - Great attitude to work, showing lots of determination to get tricky work finished.

Harvey Saunders - Excellent attitude to learning and good listening skills.

Class 3

Harry Butcher - For working at a greater pace and achieving a higher standard.

Jodie Reed - For a confident approach to her work and great presentation.

Class 4

Cara Leslie - For explaining her mathematical thinking.

Oliver Hanks - For refining his work through editing.