

St. Matthew's CofE Primary School



"I am with you always" Matthews 28:20



LOVE



RESPECT



CREATIVITY



FRIENDSHIP

This Term's Value is:

'Perseverance'

I can do all things through him who strengthens me

Philippians 4.13

A Note from the Headteacher

Well we have had another full term in school and enjoyed lots of exciting learning amongst fun activities. Thank you for continuing to support your children in their education both at home and in school.

Have a look and see what has been going on in the pages below.

Let's hope the spring sunshine makes an appearance over the coming weeks and I wish you all 'Happy Easter Holidays'!

Miss Ritchie
Headteacher

See what we've been up to
this week:

Visit the class pages on the
school website to find out
more

www.st-matthews.bolton.sch.uk

Dates For Your Diary

Don't forget:

Easter Holidays—Friday
1st April school closes at
1.00pm and reopens on
Wednesday 20th April

Please remember:

Parents please be considerate to
our neighbours when parking near
the school, please do not park on
Nottingham Drive.
Please park a little further away
and walk your child to the school.
Thank you

The afterschool club timetable is
now on the school website
[https://www.st-
matthews.bolton.sch.uk/](https://www.st-matthews.bolton.sch.uk/)

Important reminders

The timings to the school day. All classrooms will be open at the start of the day from 8:45am. Every pupil **MUST** be in school ready to learn by 9:00am. If they arrive after this time they will get a late mark.

Uniform

Girls

skirts/pinafore dresses (grey/black), trousers (grey/black)
sweaters/sweatshirts/fleece/cardigans (navy blue)
blouses/shirts/polo-necked shirts (white)
socks/tights (white/grey/black)
footwear – black shoes/trainers (all black including laces, no obvious logos)

Boys

trousers (grey/black)
sweaters/sweatshirts/fleece (navy blue)
shirt/polo-necked shirts (white)
socks (white/grey/black)
footwear – black shoes/trainers (all black including laces, no obvious logos)

Children should come dressed to school in school uniform everyday.

PE Kit for both boys and girls is as follows:

White polo shirt or T-shirt
Dark (navy blue, black, grey) jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts
Dark (navy blue, black, grey) sweatshirt/ fleece
Black Trainers or pumps

Please check on your child's class page to see when their P.E. days are.

St Matthew's Prayer

Dear God,
Please help us to be stronger individuals as a result of our perseverance.
Let us move forward in a positive way towards a future that brings hope,
happiness, satisfaction and success for all.
Amen.



Ethos Team Challenge

Listen to some quiet peaceful music.

Think of the following questions:

What are you going to do next time you find it hard to speak up
for what is right?

How will you persevere?



Reflection Time

Is it ever right to lie?



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance Information

(Monday 14th February — Friday 25th February 2022)

Our school attendance for 2022 / 2023 target is 96%

The last two weeks whole school attendance was 94.0%

Rec E— 95.2%
Mrs Elliott
Rec S— 95.3%
Miss Smith
Y1D— 86.2%
Mrs Davidson
Y1O—95.2%
Miss O'Hagan
Y2B— 92.9%
Miss Bateman
Y2W— 94.3%
Mrs Shaw
Y3J— 91.3%
Mrs Johnson
Y3P— 95.2%
Mrs Phillips
Y4F— 94.4%
Miss Foster
Y4M— 91.9%
Miss Manly
Y5Mc— 94.8%
Mrs McIlhagga
Y5R— 97.2%
Mrs Rotherham
Y6Cl— 94.2%
Mrs Clarkson
Y6Cu— 97.6%
Mr Currid

Our Signalong Journey



What is Signalong?

Signalong is a key word sign-supported communication system based on British sign language. It uses speech, sign, body language, facial expression and tone of voice to reference the link between sign and word. It is designed to support spoken language, so the signs are used with speech, in spoken word order.

Our Signalong Journey

At St Matthew's, we have some children who use signing to help them understand and communicate with others. As part of our aim for a whole school Total Communication Approach, we have all begun to learn core signing vocabulary. We are really excited about using Signalong throughout school to ensure everyone feels included, valued and understood.

Signalong at Home

We have created Signalong video clips to support children's use of Signalong at home. You can find these on the school website. Have fun learning the signs and using them at home with your child.

The Signalong Anthem

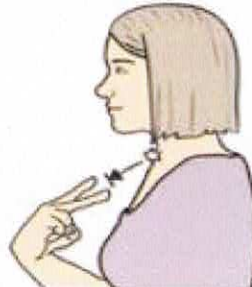
Our next challenge is to learn the Signalong Anthem. Our aim is that with Signalong and a Total Communication Approach, everybody has a voice. This is a line in the song!

'EVERYBODY HAS A VOICE'

EVERYBODY

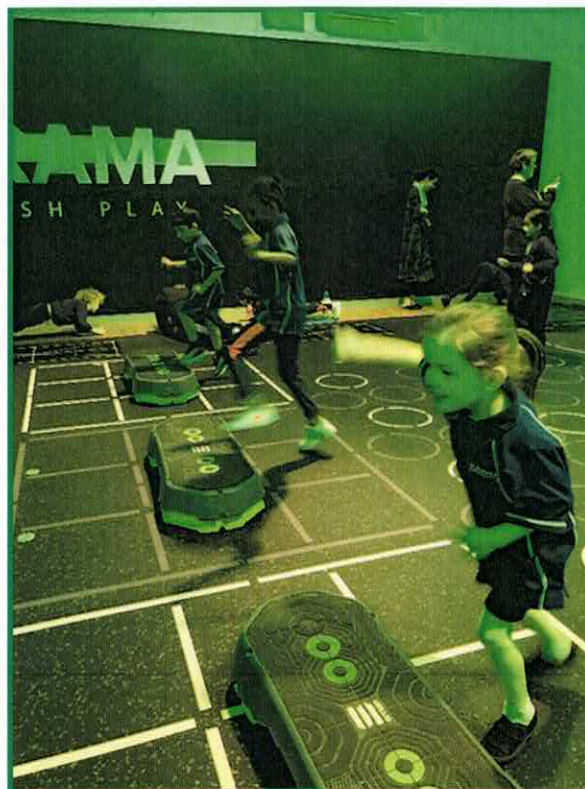
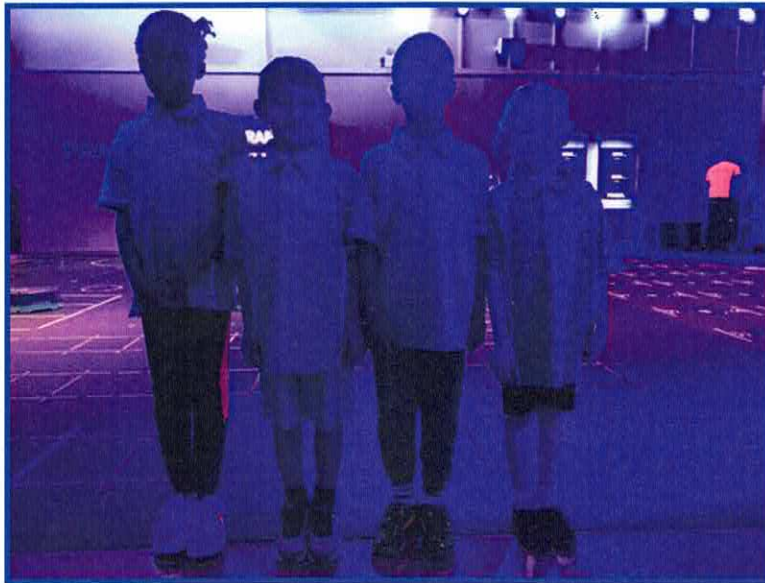


VOICE



Year 2 'Get Active' at David Lloyd PRAMA fitness

A selected group of Y2 pupils had a great morning at the David Lloyd sports centre last week. They took part in a PRAMA session; interactive fitness circuits to music. It was hard work but great fun! Well done to the fitness group.



Digital Leaders

The digital leaders have written some tips on how to stay safe whilst playing games.

Staying safe online

- Don't play games that are not for your age.
- Don't talk to strangers.
- Don't share personal information E.G. your name, school and address.
- Tell a trusted adult if somebody hurts your feelings.
- Don't meet up with people you meet online because they can be lying to you about who they are (you can if they are a friend from school).

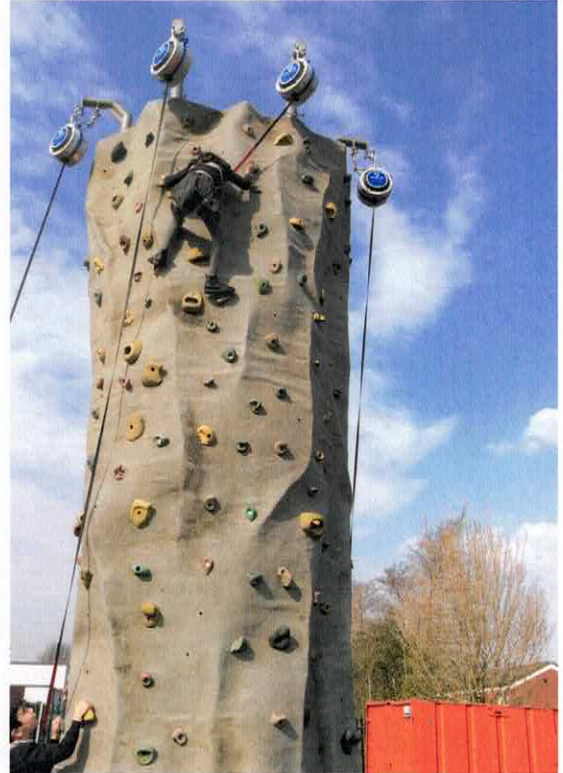
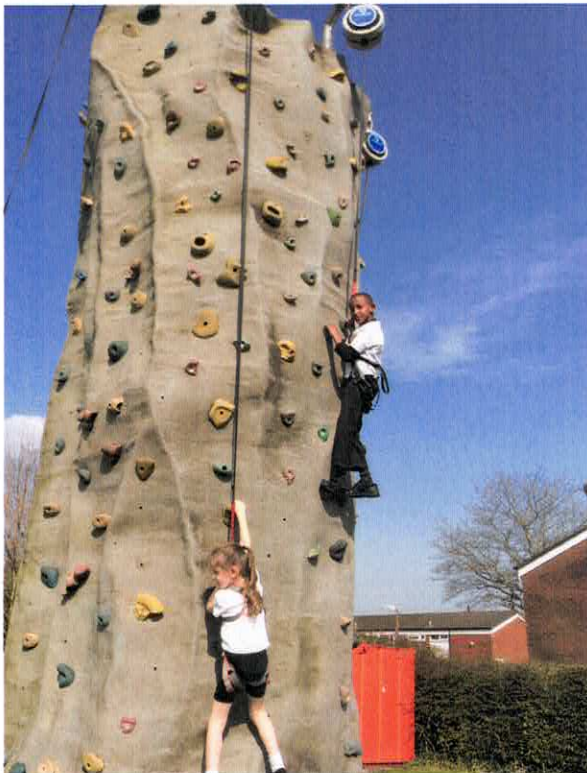
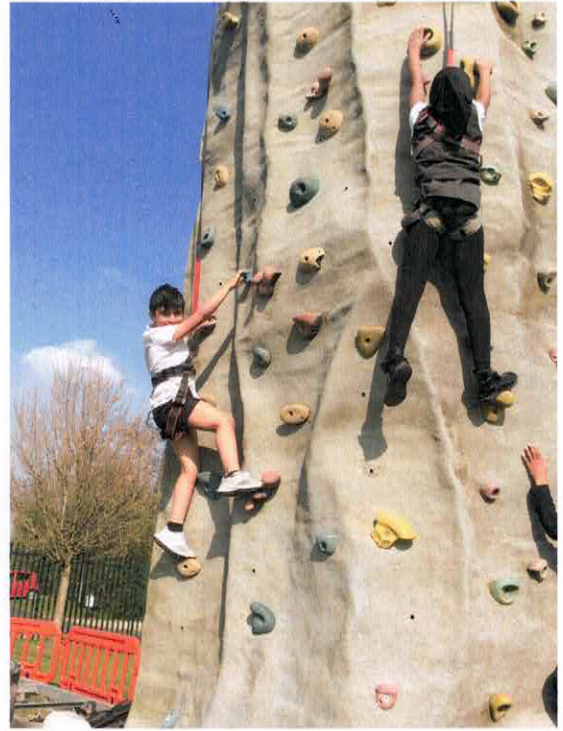
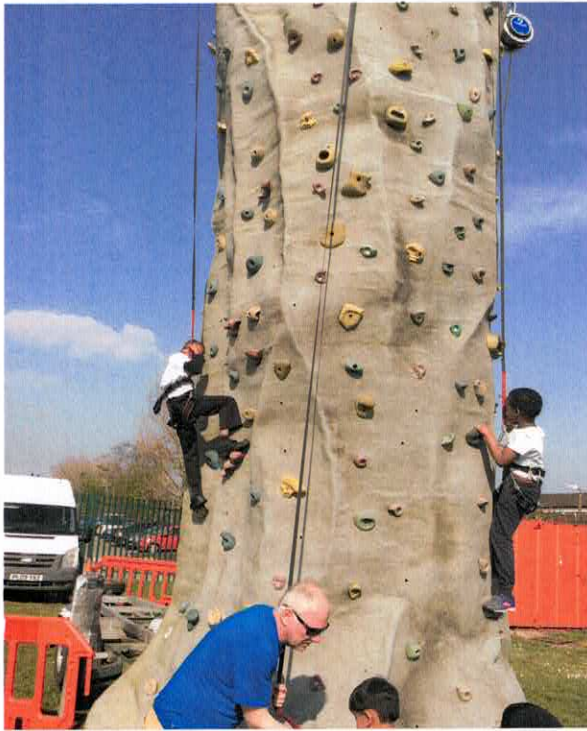


Last week we had the Anderton Centre mobile climbing wall in school. Each class from Y2 to Y6 managed to have an experience on the wall. The weather was perfect and we all had a go. Some of us got to the top and some of us overcame our fear of heights. We loved it.

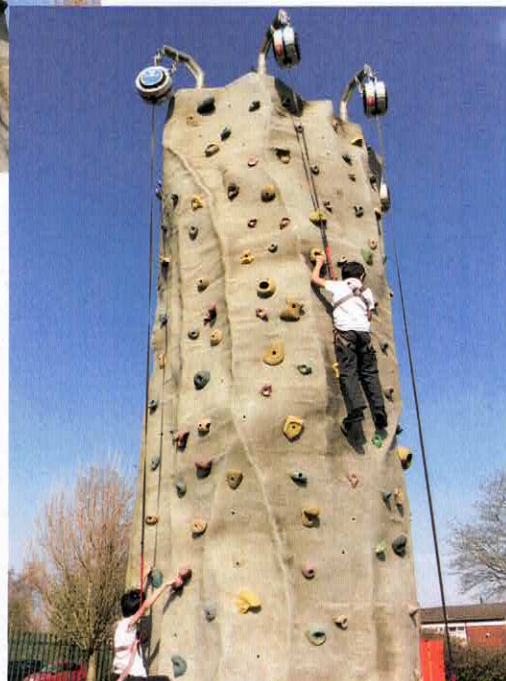
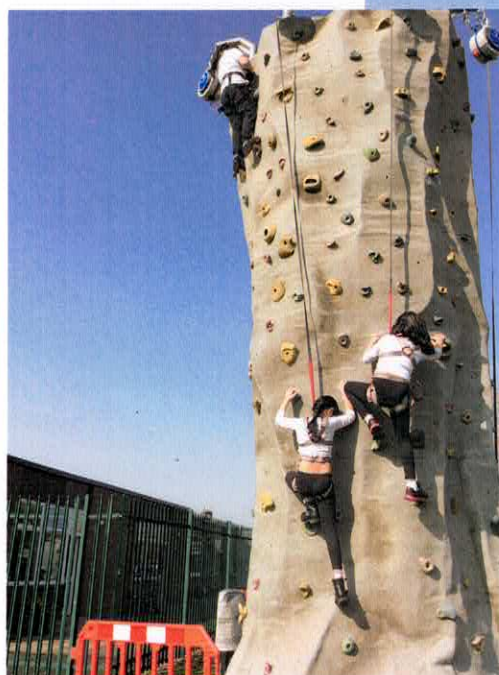


Class Y2S

Year 2S had lots of fun on the climbing wall. We all persevered, and some of us made it to the top.



Class Y2B





Anderton Centre
outdoor activities · education · conferencing

Climbing wall

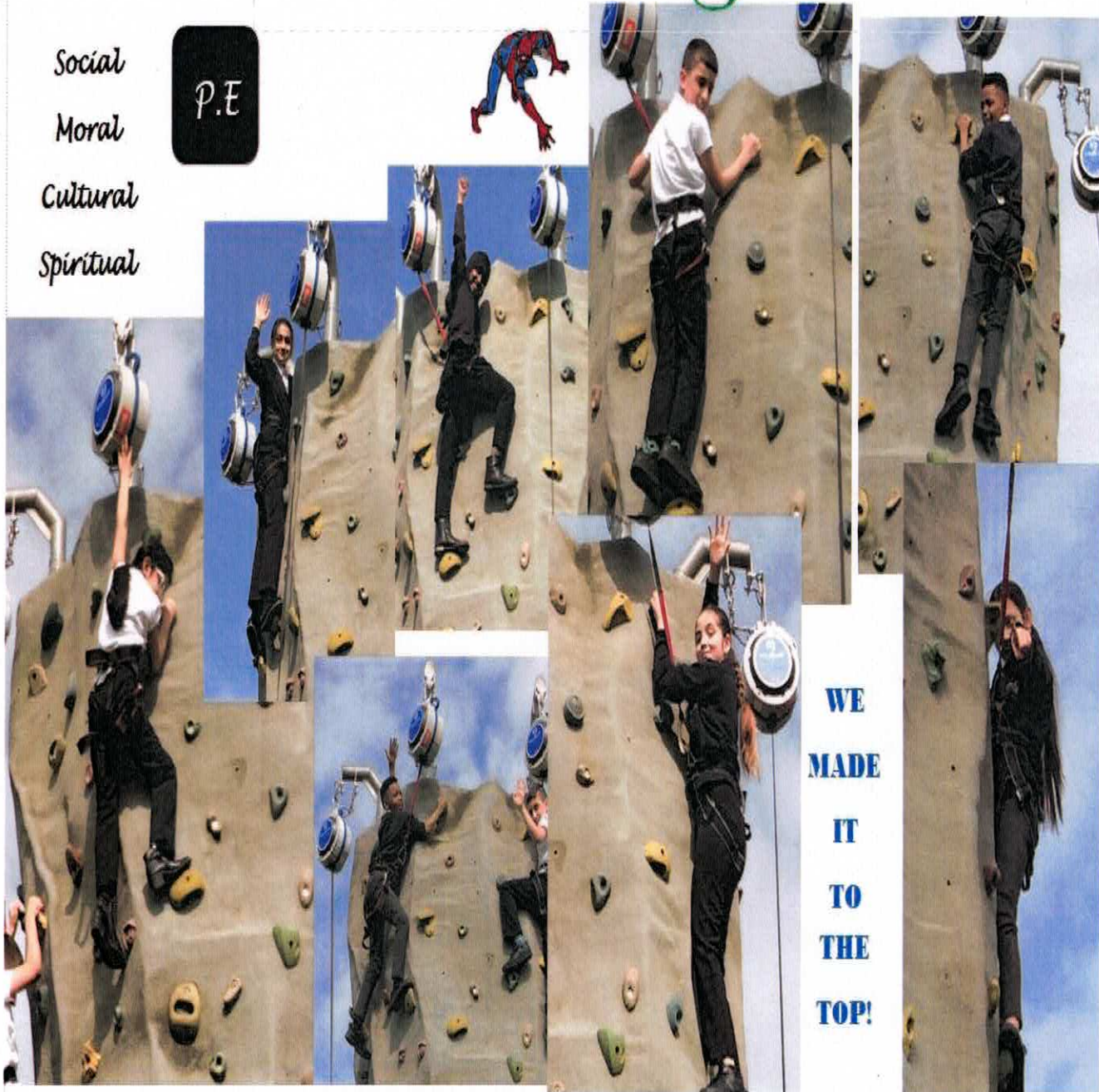
Social

Moral

Cultural

Spiritual

P.E



**WE
MADE
IT
TO
THE
TOP!**

Class Dojo winners

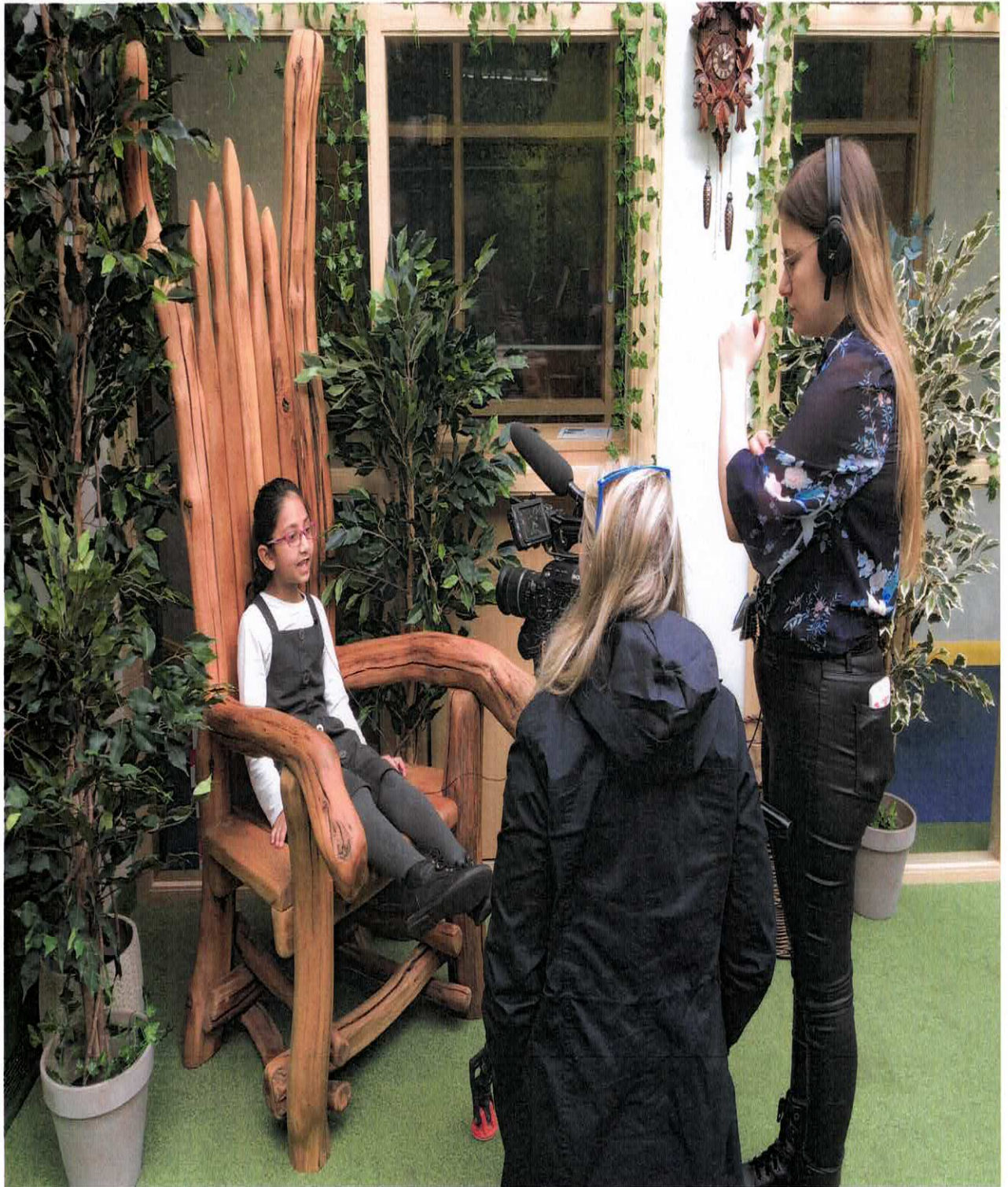
Our class dojo winners went out on a special trip this week as a reward for their super ethic in school.

We visited a local adventure playground, had an ice cream and went on a river walk.

We all had a fantastic day and are already excited to be collecting more dojos for the summer term reward.

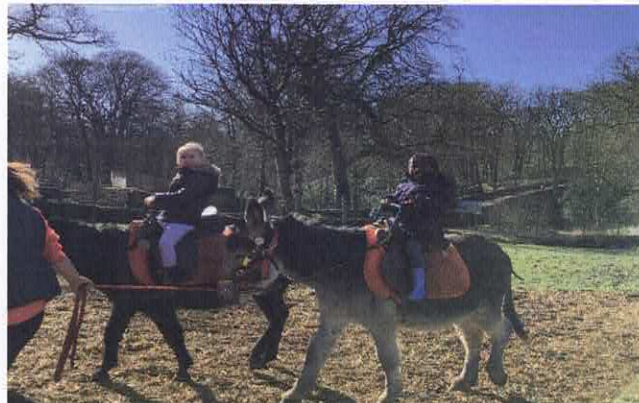


Today we had the pleasure of welcoming Newsround back to our school to do some filming and interviewing of children. They were asking us all about Ramadan and Eid. Look out for us being on Newsround.



Reception

Reception have had a wonderful day at Smithills Open Farm. We started the day by going on a tractor ride to feed the horses. The children then had the opportunity to go on a donkey ride. Next everyone had lots of fun learning about and feeding the goats and lambs. There was also the chance to pet and hold small animals such as chicks and rabbits. After lunch the children enjoyed feeding the llamas and before coming home we watched the cows being milked. What a fantastic day at the farm!



Thursday 10th March - History Afternoon, A Local Study.



Art - 3D form.

We learnt about the famous local steeplejack, Fred Dibnah. His memorial statue stands in Bolton town centre.

We made our own sculptures using clay.



PIC COLLAGE



Y5 History Day

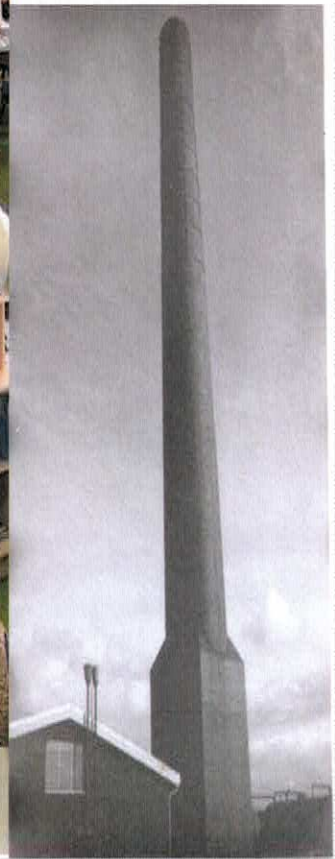


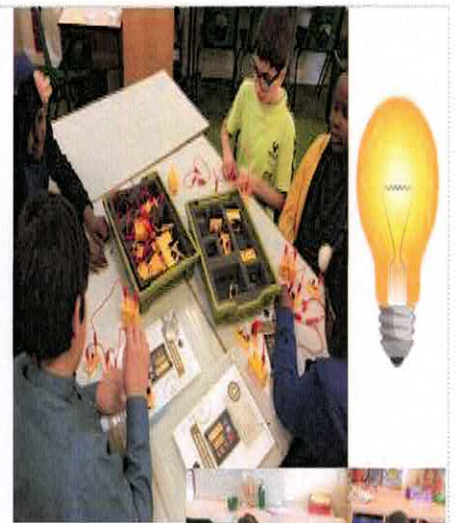
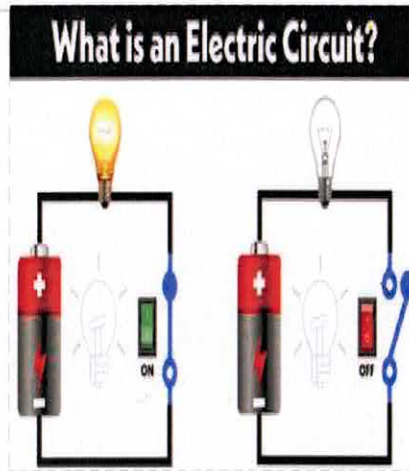
We learnt
about Fred
Dibnah, a
well known,
local
steeplejack

Social
Moral
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History
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In groups, we
built our own
chimneys using
newspaper.





Social
Moral
Cultural
Spiritual
Science





Social
Moral
Cultural
Spiritual

Science



Which biscuits
are the best for
dunking?





COMMAND
JOE'S



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P.E

We designed and created a
stretcher and raced them
around the course!

Working on:

Problem solving

Survival skills

Team Collaboration



Litter Picking



Social Moral Cultural Spiritual

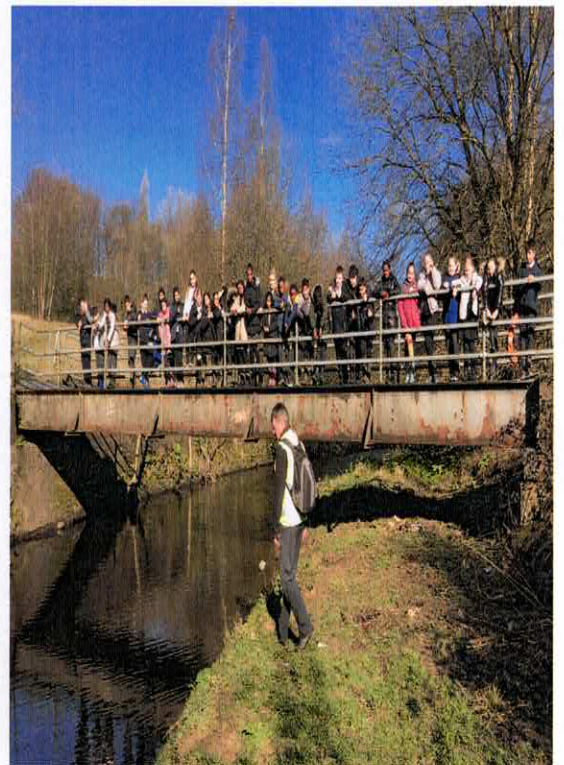
Goodbye our friends and good luck in the wild!

We have been growing live Trout (fish) in a large fish tank in the hall.

The fish eggs were put into the fish tank before Christmas and they finally hatched early Spring.

Since then the children have enjoyed watching and feeding the little fry (name for a small fish).
Last week came the time to release our fish into the wild!

Year 6 took the fish to the river Croal where we released them back into the wild.



ITHRIVE PARENT PEER SUPPORT

- Share experiences with other parents
- Find out about specific mental health conditions
- Be supported to find out what services are available
- Have a one to one chat
- Explore how to best support your child
- Take time out to focus on your own well being
- Learn new skills

 Breaking Barriers NW

Support for Parents/Carers whose children are experiencing difficulties with their mental health

As a parent/carer it can be difficult to know how to help your child and can impact on your own well being when your child is experiencing mental health difficulties. We can help you feel less isolated and support you in a way that works for you.

To access information and support complete the following form:
<https://bolton-together.org.uk/parent-peer-support-programme-referral-form/>
or you can contact directly:

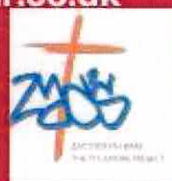
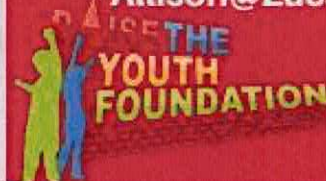
Raise The Youth Foundation
parent@raisetheyouth.co.uk

Telephone 01204431946

Breaking Barriers
breakbarriers3@gmail.com

ZACS Youth Bar

Allison@Zacsyouthbar.co.uk



NUT Free School

We children in school with a nut allergy which means that all staff and parents must be vigilant about ingredients we use in school and items put into lunch boxes. No nuts or snacks containing nuts should be put into packed lunches.

Peanut allergy is the second most common food allergy in children and this is increasing. It now occurs in 1 in 50 children.

As we now have a pupil in school who suffers from a severe nut allergy please could I take this opportunity to explain to everyone that our school has now become a "Nut Free School. " If our pupil comes into contact with a nut product, they can suffer life threatening consequences. It can be easily initiated from a simple handshake or touching of a pupil's table who may have had some nuts in their food. Therefore children **must not** bring nuts or nut products as snacks into school at any time.

We ask that you do not provide your child with any products containing nuts in their lunch box: Some examples:

- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Nutella
- Peanut butter
- Cakes made with nuts
- Muesli bars
- Baklava
- Any nuts

School will be making regular checks on the children's lunches to ensure these rules are being followed.

Whilst we know some children like to bring in cakes/chocolates for their classmates to celebrate their birthday we ask that they do not bring in anything that contains nuts, if they do then unfortunately they will not be handed out and will be sent home unopened, which could lead to lots of disappointment.

We have a rule not to use nuts in any of our food prepared on site at our school. Our suppliers provide us with nut-free products, however, we cannot guarantee freedom from nut traces.

Please help us in providing a nut free school and assisting those parents who have a child who may have a life threatening reaction by children **not** bringing nuts or nut products as snacks into school at any time.

Many thanks for your support.

ChatHealth Messaging Service

Text your School nurse/Health Visitor

During these unsettling times, as a parent of child aged between 0/19 years old you may be worried about your child's health and wellbeing and be unsure about how to get the help you need.

Our specialist nurses are still here to help - you can text them for confidential advice and support on a wide range of issues.

Parent/carers of child(ren) aged 0-19 can send a text to:

07507331751

We can help with all kinds of things like:

- Behaviour
- Continence
- Emotional health
- Self-harm
- Bullying
- Minor accidents and illnesses

Your ChatHealth messaging service is run by The Children's Integrated Health and Wellbeing Team, Bolton Foundation Trust and is available Monday to Friday 8am until 8pm

We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, NHS 111 or dial 999 if it is an emergency.



Free School Meals

Even if your child is currently receiving Universal Free School meals, because they are in either Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, if you think that you might be entitled to standard free school meals, because you meet the criteria below it is very important that you still apply for them.

You can get further help on how to apply at the One Stop Shop in Bolton Town Hall.

What are free school meals? They are school dinners for children between the ages of 4 and 16 who attend full time school (but not private schools). They may also be awarded to some children outside this age range who attend full time school or nursery.

Do I qualify? To qualify you or your partner must be getting one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Universal Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit only (but no award of Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income, as assessed by the HM Revenues and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190.

What evidence is required & how do I apply? You need to provide an up to date document showing that you are getting one of the above benefits. You do not need to make a separate claim if you are already getting or have applied for Housing Benefit / Council Tax Support. We will use the information and evidence you have already provided to confirm your entitlement,

If you would like to make a claim this can be done by;

- Telephoning 01204 331590 or
- Visit our website www.bolton.gov.uk (search for free school meals)

In addition from **September 2014** children who are attending full time at any Sixth form college (not private) may also be eligible.



FREE CAKES FOR KIDS BOLTON



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**A community service that
provides free birthday cakes
for children who might not
otherwise receive one.**

FREE, FRIENDLY & CONFIDENTIAL SERVICE

Get in touch if you know a child who
may benefit, or if you'd like to join
us as a volunteer baker.

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