

British Values Day 2023 – Coronation Celebration

In 2023, we marked British Values Day with a joyful and meaningful celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III. This historic national event provided a rich opportunity for pupils to explore British traditions, continuity and leadership, while reflecting on how the fundamental British Values of democracy, unity and respect are expressed during moments of national significance.

Intent

The intent of British Values Day 2023 was to:

- mark the historic Coronation of King Charles III in an age-appropriate and inclusive way
- develop pupils' understanding of national traditions and ceremonial events
- explore ideas of leadership, service and responsibility
- help pupils recognise how British Values are reflected during significant national occasions
- strengthen pupils' sense of belonging and shared identity within modern Britain

Implementation

Throughout the day, pupils took part in a range of carefully planned activities designed to deepen historical understanding and promote British Values.

Pupils began by exploring the big question "What is a coronation?", learning about:

- the purpose and symbolism of a coronation
- the Coronation Regalia and ceremony
- the role of the monarch and the promises made to serve the nation

Discussions focused on leadership, service and responsibility, encouraging pupils to reflect on what makes a good leader and how leadership can be shown in everyday life.

Learning continued through a series of mixed-age celebration activities, which strengthened cooperation and inclusion:

- maypole dancing and country dancing, celebrating tradition and community
- writing letters to the King, expressing hopes, questions and congratulations
- creative crafts inspired by the coronation

A particularly special moment was the school unveiling of a commemorative mosaic, created collaboratively by pupils and staff. This shared artwork symbolised unity, respect and collective pride, and continues to stand as a lasting reminder of the occasion.

Learning was adapted carefully for different age groups:

- **EYFS** and **KSI** pupils created crowns and flags, exploring symbols and celebration through play and creativity
- **Key Stage 2** pupils explored continuity and change across coronations, considering how traditions evolve over time while values endure

Impact

British Values Day 2023 had a clear and positive impact on pupils' learning and personal development. Pupils:

- developed a strong historical understanding of national ceremonies
- reflected thoughtfully on the values of service, harmony and unity
- demonstrated excellent cooperation across age groups
- showed pride in contributing to a shared community project
- strengthened their sense of British identity and belonging

The commemorative mosaic remains a powerful and visible testament to the school community working together and to pupils' deepened understanding of the significance of national events.

A Celebration of Tradition and Community

British Values Day 2023 successfully combined celebration, reflection and learning. Through shared experiences, meaningful discussion and creative collaboration, pupils were able to connect history with the values we live by today - reinforcing that British Values are not abstract concepts, but lived experiences shaped through community, respect and shared responsibility.

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