

Message from the Head Teacher

Coronation Celebration

As this weekend marks a historic moment - the Coronations of Their Majesties The King and The Queen Consort – this has presented us all with an exciting opportunity for learning and taking part in history. We have marked the occasion in a number of ways.



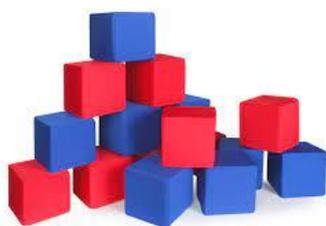
Firstly, looking at the history of the occasion and explored the question ‘What is a coronation?’ and looked the significance of the Coronation of HM King Charles III as an important historical and national event. We have found out what happens at a coronation ceremony and explored key rituals and symbols, including the Coronation Regalia. We have had a brief history of coronations, focusing on the elements that have stayed the same and those that have been adapted over time. The children were encouraged to reflect upon continuity and change, the theme of inheritance and the transition to a new era. We also considered the importance of the value of harmony at key national events and how people of many faiths and views of monarchy and leadership can be brought together.

Secondly, we focused on the celebration of the event. We practised our maypole dances and country dances, thought about traditional games to play and how to build lasting memories of the event. A huge thank you to everyone who participated in this from the PTA running the cream teas this afternoon, Mrs Atkins and the members of the school choir for their wonderful performance, Rev Des and Mr and Mrs Smith for teaching us the beautiful different maypole dances and the staff team for working so hard to prepare for and enable the event to take place. Thank you too to the children for their enthusiasm and participation and also for their hard working in making their beautiful items to sell for their Young Enterprise schemes.



Finally, we wanted to create a lasting reminder of this special event. I hope that you have had time to admire the new school mosaic. It has been a real team effort with adults and children alike putting in many hours to complete it. A special note of thanks to Mrs Hall for overseeing the project and Mr Sowerby, Governor, for installing it. It is a unique and beautiful legacy for generations to come.

Red Kite Centre Courses



HENRY – An 8 Week course on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 – 9.30, starting Wednesday 10th May. It helps support parents provide a healthier, happier start in life for their children, family lifestyle and home environment. This covers topics such as emotional wellbeing, improved nutrition and parenting skills.

Starting School – A 6-week course, Fridays from 1 – 2.30, starting Friday 12th May. This is aimed at parents and carers who have a child/children starting Reception in September 2023. It offers school readiness sessions, learning independence, self-care, sharing and taking turns, listening, understanding and learning through play.

See attached flyers for more information.

Kind regards

Mrs France

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Teaching and Learning in the Classrooms this week:



Hedgehog Class:

We have had a very regal week making preparations for the Royal Coronation of King Charles. We learnt about the Coronation ceremony and what it means and we wrote letters to Charles to congratulate him on becoming King. In Maths the children have been thinking about weight and how to compare objects by their mass using direct comparison as well as units of measurement. The children had to do some great problem solving by ordering some unknown weights as well as finding items that weigh exactly 1 kg. In our topic we have been doing daily observations of our beanstalks and how they are growing. Then we are thinking about the best advice to give Jack to make his Beanstalk grow up to the sky. We made rain gauges to check that Jack's beans were getting enough water. We used rulers to measure the rainfall for the next week. We are really looking forward to the Coronation this weekend and hope you enjoy sharing in what we have learnt.



Squirrel Class:

A jam-packed week with lots to celebrate! The children worked on instruction writing in English lessons, creating a step-by-step guide of how to make a peg plane. This knowledge came in useful when we followed the recipe to make our peppermint cremes for our Young Enterprise scheme. In maths we looked at using the four mathematical operations in working out mass or volume. We also worked on our mental arithmetic and spent some time discussing which strategies we can draw on to help improve our quick recall of number facts and knowledge. In Science we potted our plants and chose a space for them to stay in the classroom, thinking about what they'll need to grow successfully. We also enjoyed lots of brilliant coronation themed activities this week too, such as country and may pole dancing, writing a letter to King Charles III and making Union Flag themed paper chains. Enjoy the celebrations and see you next week!



Fox Class:

A slightly shorter week than usual but we've still managed to squeeze in learning time! Children have been gripped by Street Child and learning about the workhouses. They wrote diaries in character, explaining their thoughts and feelings whilst also describing what they experienced. The Year 3's are busy learning about mass and reading scales so if you have the opportunity, could you encourage them to read any scales at home please? The Y4's are working with decimals and understanding the link with fractions. In our science, children continue to observe their seeds planted a few weeks ago. Lots of excitement with the progress! This week we learnt about the functions of roots and used the digital microscope to really get close in order for us to sketch. In our History lesson we learnt about some of the amazing inventions made during the Victorian era. Our classroom became a Dragons Den where children had to pitch their invention to a classroom of investors!



Owl Class:

Despite a shorter week, Owl are always busy. The children have continued to explore the complex idea of a split national identity as part of our Windrush Child topic; does Leonard consider himself British or Jamaican first? Or can his heritages blend successfully? We had a brilliant discussion and planned our Big Write ready for next week to write up. In Science, we looked at micro-organisms and where they sit on the tree of life: can we classify them as alive? Do they fulfil the Mr GRENS acronym that all living things must do? We also spent time creating wonderful pots for the Young Enterprise that were revealed on the Coronation Picnic event. We hope you had as much fun as we did at the picnic and enjoyed the fete games brilliantly run by the Year 5 children.

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Photo Diary of the Week



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Whole School Topic: Summer Term: A Sense of Identity

Values: Harmony

This week in our Collective Worship we looked at the promises that King Charles will make and thought about the different kinds of promises we make during our lives. These can sometimes be in formal ceremonies but also things that we promise to our friends and families. Keeping promises is important. The Bible has a lot to say about making promises and keeping them and talks about how God always keeps his promises. The rainbow that appeared in the sky after the flood in the story of Noah was a promise that God would never flood the earth again. In addition, Jesus taught that if we can't keep our promises, we shouldn't make them at all! It can be hard - and sometimes, we let people down - but we should always try to keep the promises that we make.

'Sovereign Lord, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised good things to your servants.' 2 Samuel 7:28

Climate Warriors Challenge

Batteries are a fundamental part of the solution to combating climate change – both in terms of our transition to electric vehicles and in allowing us to store renewable energy until it is needed. This week's challenge encourages children to think about batteries and the raw materials needed to make them. They are encouraged to take 'charge' of the used batteries at home and make sure they are recycled. Every single person counts, every single battery counts. You might like to look at some of these links:

[Learn how fruit peel is used to recycle lithium batteries.](#)

[How the humble battery can help save the world.](#)

[Are batteries made of sand the future of clean energy?](#)

Book Review by Mrs Healy:



Olly Brown – God of Hamsters by Beth Walker and Jack Noel - suitable for 8+

Knowing that our class loves their animals. I have chosen this book for my book review! Olly REALLY wants to take his class's pet hamster home but it's never his turn. Then one day a hamster turns up at his house, only this hamster seems to be a little out of the ordinary! It turns out that there is a whole civilisation of highly intelligent hamsters that worship Olly as a God!

Happiness Calendar: Meaningful May

This month, we're encouraging you to try find ways to be part of something bigger. You can find this month's happiness calendar [here](#).

Housepoints

<i>House</i>	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Bethlehem</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>73</i>
<i>Eden</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>70</i>
<i>Galilee</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>68</i>
<i>Jerusalem</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>72</i>

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Emails and Letters Sent this Week

Date	Email/Letter	For	From	Concerning
04.05.23	Email	Everyone	PTA	Coronation Tea Party
05.05.23	Email	Year 5	Mr Manning	Swimming

Diary Dates Summer Term 2023 (New or revised dates in bold)

May	
Monday 8 th	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 th	Swimming starts for Years 3, 4, 5
Tue 9 th – Fri 12 th	Year 6 SATs (Tue SPaG, Wed Reading, Thurs 2x Maths, Fri Maths)
w/c 15 th May	Year 2 SATs
Wednesday 17 th	Fox Class Victorian Day
Monday 22 nd May	Year 5 cycling test
Friday 26 th	INSET
June	
Friday 9 th	Year 6 Cycling starts - also on 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th , 7 th July and 14 th – Test 17 th July
w/c 12 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Thursday 15 th	Bags2School
Monday 19 th	Garsington Opera Workshop on The Barber of Seville
Tuesday 20 th	Dance Festival at Lord Williams's School - Fox and Squirrel Classes
Monday 26 th	Science Day at Lord Williams's School
Wednesday 28 th	The Look Out Discovery Centre - Squirrel Class trip
July	
Thursday 6 th	RE Inspired Year 6
Friday 7 th	PTA AGM – electing new Chair, Secretary and Finance Officer
w/c 10 th July	Sports Enrichment Week including Sports Day Wednesday 12 th
Monday 17 th	End of Year Reports
Tuesday 18 th	Owl Class visit Wormsley Estate to watch 'The Barber of Seville' by Garsington Opera
Friday 21 st	End of Term 13:30

Academic Year Calendar 2023-24

Autumn 23	
Tues 5 th Sept – Thurs 19 th Oct	Autumn Term (1)
Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th October	HALF TERM
Mon 30 th Oct – Wed 20 th Dec	Autumn Term (2)
Spring 24	
Tue 9 th Jan – Fri 9 th Feb	Spring Term (1)
Monday 12 th – Fri 16 th February	HALF TERM
Mon 19 th Feb – Thurs 28 th March	Spring Term (2)
Summer 24	
Mon 15 th April - Thu 24 th May	Summer Term (1)
Mon 27 th May – Fri 31 st May	HALF TERM
Mon 3 rd June – Wed 24 th July	Summer Term (2)

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