

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

It has been a wonderfully colourful day in school today – your children have looked great in red, white and blue. I hope you enjoy the photos in this newsletter and it gives you a flavour of the fun that we have had in school today. My thanks to Mrs Raven who has taught the children two wonderful coronation songs, which we all enjoyed singing together this morning.

In school today, the children enjoyed lots of different activities thinking about the coronation this weekend. Whether we will be glued to the television coverage, or simply enjoying an extra day to spend time with friends and family eating cupcakes, the coronation (following hot on the heels of the local elections yesterday) presents us all with the opportunity to reflect on leadership and the values that we believe should underpin that.

As King Charles III is crowned tomorrow, he will make very solemn promises about his leadership, and those promises will be made before God. At the very start of the service however he will simply pause to reflect and pray.

Such moments to pause are important for all of us, they are not just useful if you are about to be crowned King! As the King is crowned and we have elected people to new positions in local government, each of us should take a moment to think about what it is that is foundational to the decisions that we make, to the kind of society that we want to be.

At The Blake School, our Christian Values provide the framework for our life together. Month by month, in Collective Worship and in our classrooms, we reflect together on how the Values should shape and inform our decision making.

It is my belief that the Values that we reflect on month by month and the way in which your children are learning to apply those Values to their learning, their relationships and their decision making are shaping our community into something really special. The Values by which we are endeavouring to live within The Blake School are benefitting each another, supporting one another, building one another up and equipping ourselves to face the world.

Whatever your weekend brings, perhaps you might take some time to talk to your children about what they think good leaders should look like and the values that they think are important for our leaders, whether elected or not, to live by.

Thank you to everyone who donated money today, The Friends raised £272.21, which will go towards supporting the 'extras' all across the school. Do look out for future fundraising events, including the 'Wild Walk' and quiz evening.

In Collective Worship this morning we welcomed some members of the team from Adventure +. The A+ team support our Year 6 Quinta residential, enabling children to complete a wide range of outdoor activities. As the team came to spend time in Year 5, answering questions about the residential, we all benefitted from them leading us in song during our time together. We look forward to welcoming the A+ team back to another Collective Worship before the end of the year.

## News from Around the School

Each of the children in Year 2 coloured a part of the wonderful collages below – we think their combined work is really effective.



The children in Year 5 (and their parents!) baked cakes, made bunting and enjoyed an afternoon picnic. Well done everyone, fantastic baking!



The children in Year 4 made crowns and sat on the throne, their pictures will be going in specially made frames next week.



Lunchtime was a colourful affair...



## News from Forest School

This week, all our children enjoyed a rare dry week at Forest School! They still all had a wonderful time and are continuing to learn a whole range of skills as well as self-confidence. If your child has just finished Forest School in Year 2, please do look out for the online questionnaire about your child's experience in the forest.



## Parent survey last chance

It has been wonderful to receive all the responses to our annual parent/carer online survey. If you have not yet completed the [short questionnaire](#), we hope you will take time this weekend to do so. The survey will close at the end of the day on Bank Holiday Monday.

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