

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

Over the past week, our Year 6 children have taken their SATs papers. I would like to say a huge 'WELL DONE' to them and to the whole Year 6 staff team. It is a challenging week, but the staff worked hard to set the right tone and provide an environment in which children could give of their best.

The SATs this week have been an illustration of Patience. Children, like most of us I imagine, would like to be able to do things and know things, without the often long learning process. Learning however takes time, we have to be patient with ourselves as we try and fail, try again and fail again, until at last we have mastered it. Children are good at different things, their learning takes place at varying rates, to learn as part of a community they will need to not just be patient with themselves, but also with one another.

And so it was a real joy this week, to see a whole cohort of children who have been patient with one another, who have persevered with their learning and who were now ready to sit these formal national assessments and readily demonstrate all that they are now capable of. For some children these tests were straightforward, for others much more of a challenge, but each and every child was well-prepared and more than ready to have a go and demonstrate their learning – what a joy to see.

Learning is a life-long journey and of course is about more than academia. As our children do as they journey through The Blake, each of us will need to be patient with ourselves as we learn new things. The challenge for each of us, whilst recognising its value and importance, is to hold that learning lightly, to recognise that learning can be slow and sometimes painful but that we are not simply the sum of what we know or have achieved.

Our strapline sums it up well, our journey as a community is about flourishing. Some of us will flourish in academic subjects and will lap up learning and love the challenge it brings, others of us will flourish in sport or music, some will flourish as they are able to demonstrate particular skills or talents.

As this week of SATs has shown however, being patient in your learning and being supported and encouraged to give of your best, whatever that looks like, enables everyone to flourish. And for the Year 6 children, today that has included a bit of a party! Well done children.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Next Friday (20th), we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Children can come to school wearing red, white and blue, or any regal paraphernalia.

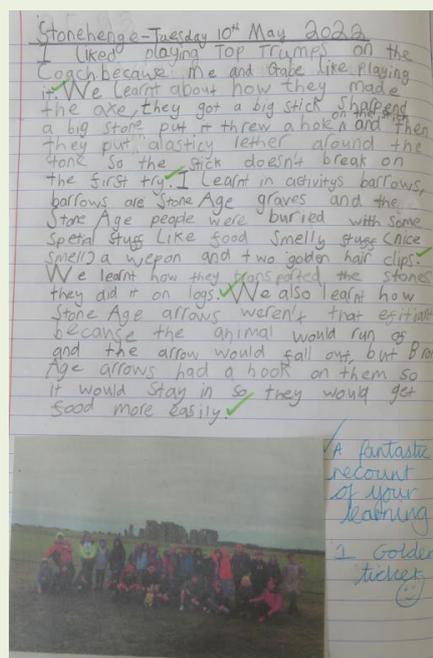
During the morning children will enjoy Jubilee activities in their classrooms, but in the afternoon there will be party games followed by a picnic. Please send your child into school on Friday with a suitable picnic snack (piece of cake, cucumber sandwich, a scone and jam, a Scotch egg...), that your child will enjoy eating on a picnic blanket with their friends

At the end of the school day, The Friends have organised stalls (including a cake stall) and an inflatable, so do stick around and help us raise money for the school. The afternoon will end with a performance from our school choir at 4pm.

News from Around the School

On Tuesday of this week, our Year 4 children went to Stonehenge. It was a great day out, with the children being amazed at just how big the stones were. The enthusiasm of the staff was infectious and children really enjoyed learning about the Stones and Bronze Age and Stone Age tools.

In school children have been learning about all things Stone Age, including drafting images to be turned into cave paintings and writing about all they learned during their trip. Today, they even thought about Woolly Mammoths!



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