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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another fantastic week in school. We have been busy today celebrating the coronation and talking about living through a moment in History. It has been wonderful to see the amazing crowns the children have made and the effort that has gone into them! We hope you enjoy all enjoy the long weekend.

We would like to say a huge good luck to our Year 6 children who will be taking their SATs next week. You have worked exceptionally hard over the last few months and we are all extremely proud of you. All your hard work and dedication will be worth it!

Nut Free School

Just a gentle reminder that we are a nut free school and children should not bring anything to school containing nuts due to allergies.

Governors

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank Rebecca Holmes for role as a Governor of the Local Governance Board, from which she has recently stood down. Rebecca joined the Governor team in September 2021 and has been a dedicated member of the team, visiting school regularly and bringing her professional experience and passionate commitment to education and safeguarding.

We are always keen to hear from parents who may be interested in becoming a governor. This is a rewarding role giving you the opportunity to contribute to the continued development of our school. If you are interested in joining the governor team, please contact the school office."

Breakfast club

Polite reminder that breakfast isn't accessible till 7.30am due to insurance purposes.

Car parking

Can we please ask parents to be respectful of the local residents on the surrounding areas when picking up and dropping off at school. Thank you for the support with this matter.

Uniform

We welcome any donations of school uniform in good condition and also any school shoes and coats that are in good condition that your children have grown out of. Our school council will be collecting these items and will be selling them after school one evening for a donation to Wakefield Hospice. We would also welcome any donations of coat hangers and a clothing rail if anyone has one they can donate.



Gardening Club

Gardening Club is now well underway and we have been busy planting some sunflower seeds to take home. We will be having a sunflower competition to see who grows the tallest sunflower. We would appreciate any donations of empty hanging baskets and brackets for the children to fill and display around school.

Material plea

As a school we are looking to develop a role play area for use at lunchtimes and breaktimes across KS2. We are kindly asking parents for any donations of materials for the children to use to create role play characters and settings. If you have anything that would be suitable for this area then please hand donations to class teachers or the school office.

	Event	Class
09.05.23 – 12.05.23	Year 6 SATS	Year 6
11.05.23	Uniform shop	Whole school
12.05.23	PTA Kings coronation 3.30 -5.00pm details to follow	Whole school
15.05.23	Class photographs	Whole school
11.05.23	Uniform shop (main playground)	Whole school
12.06.23	YR6 Bike ability	Year 6
04.07.23	YR1 Bike ability	Year 1
15.07.23	Summer Gala	Open event
21.07.23	Year 6 leavers party (more details to follow)	Year 6



Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 93.63% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to year 3 who achieved a fantastic 100%. All classes in school are working towards achieving their 'Perfect Attendance' treat for 100% attendance every day – keep going everyone!

What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

Nursery have had such a wonderful day celebrating the Royal Coronation today. We have paraded around the hall with the rest of the school to show our amazing crowns, we have had an indoor picnic with the teachers at lunch time and listened to the National anthem. In maths we have been consolidating counting amounts and matching them to the numerals and during phonics we have been beginning to introduce the special friends 'ch' and 'sh'. We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend, if you can send some photos on dojo if you do anything special for the coronation, we will share them next week during speaking and listening time.

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon



Reception / Year 1

This week in Reception and Reception/Year 1 we have read the book 'All Around London on a Big Red Bus', exploring the exciting landmarks and attractions of London. We have linked our learning to the research we have done over the weekend for homework and explored our exciting capital city. Towards the end of the week we looked at the King's coronation and what we will see over the weekend when we watch it! We learnt about the important places involved in the Coronation, the robes and artefacts that will be used in this special ceremony and the significance of this event. In maths we have explored sharing and halving, applying our fantastic knowledge of number to explore this tricky concept. Outside we have enjoyed the sunshine and seen our plants begin to grow in the garden. Another brilliant week for us!

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Ayling & Mrs Allen

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have continued to think about plants in our science work. We are now confident to be able to identify wild plants in our environment. Over the weekend for homework, we continued this learning and found wild plants out and about. We are also caring for our broad bean plant. Some of them have now started to grow!

We are also looking forward to developing the small garden space in the KS1 area. In English we learnt to read a poem about pebbles and we looked for the words we liked in the poem. Some children said they liked the word ancient, others said they liked the words rubbing and rolling and rolling and rubbing. We have spent some time this week thinking about protected characteristics and are making a display to show our understanding to share with others. We have been collecting pupil voice and made posters to share our thoughts about what protected characteristics mean to us.

Today we enjoyed wearing red, white and blue and celebrating the coronation of King Charles III.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Year 2

A short but still very busy week! This week in Year 2 we have looked at non-unit fractions in Math. We learnt that 2 quarters is the same as 1 half.

In English we have worked on our comprehension skills, looking for the clues in the text to help us answer questions.

In PSHE we received a postcard from Harold who told us all about the vaccinations he'd had to have and how he was making sure he washed his hands and cleaned any fresh food before he ate it. We discussed what vaccinations we have had and looked at how we wash our hands correctly to ensure we remove as many germs as possible to keep us healthy and well.

We enjoyed another Music session with Miss Collins, working together to play different rhythms as a group. We had to listen carefully to make sure that we all stayed in time. In Science we explored how stretchy materials are in another experiment. We looked at different materials and stretched them as wide as we could.

Today we were very excited to celebrate the Coronation of the King. We enjoyed a special assembly, looking at all the crowns everybody had made and enjoyed Coronation themed activities in class.

Well done Year 2, enjoy your weekend!

Mrs Wolstenholme

Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have written a Kennings poem about the King in celebration of the coronation this weekend, check Twitter to see some of these! In Maths we have started our work on money, looking at converting pounds and pence. In RE we have looked at different prayer positions and how people pray. We have also completed our life skills of making a healthy snack, we have made yoghurt bark using fat free yoghurt, granola and fruit! Have a lovely long weekend and enjoy the coronation of you are celebrating, well done Year 3!

Miss Riley



Year 4

Well done for a super week Year 4! We have been finding the features of a free verse poem and then creating our very own Coronation free verse poems ready to perform and in Maths, we have been learning to divide by 10 and 100 using decimal numbers which was very tricky at first but now we are amazing! In History, we were learning about the reasons why Alfred agreed a treaty with Guthrum as part of our Vikings learning and in Science, we have been learning how animals adapt to living in a cold environment. In Art, we have been making our own playdoh and using it to create a 3D moving Coronation scene using technology and in PSHE we watched a video and discussed the dangers of playing near railways. Today, we dressed in red, white and blue to celebrate the King's Coronation. We sang, wrote poems and ate our Coronation lunch with friends. Have a wonderful Coronation Weekend Year 4!

Mrs Schofield

Year 5

This week, in Year 5, we have worked hard on developing our comprehension questions, based on the next poem in our story. In Maths, we have moved on to our unit of 'translation'. We started this by reading and understanding co-ordinates in the first quadrant to develop our fluency knowledge. In Geography, we have looked at some other tools that Geographers used: field sketches, surveys and questionnaires. In Computing, we have focused on the flow of our programs by unpicking how conditions and outcomes can be used. In Music, we have written our own lyrics to express our identity through a song with our band members. We have developed our own beats using instruments to go alongside this - everyone's bands sounded fabulous. On Friday, we had a lovely assembly and lunch to celebrate the King's coronation. I hope you all have a super, royal weekend Year 5!

Miss Wilson

Year 5/6

This week, in Y5/6, we have continued to prepare Y6 for their SATs - which will take place next week - by revising key concepts in maths. Our Y5 children have continued their work on geometry and shape by calculating angles in 2D shapes. They have also continued their work on poetry by writing their own poem based on the book 'Overheard in a Tower Block'. In geography, we identified how field sketches can help geographers when collecting data. In art, we celebrated the coronation of King Charles III by creating some inspired artwork, using watercolour as our media. We also judged our crown competition in class with a prize for our winner!

Mr Adlington

Year 6

I just want to say a massive well done for all your hard work and dedication over the last few months in the run up to next week, you have made me so proud! Enjoy your weekend, relax and please do not worry - just remember, all your hard work will be worth it!

Miss Richardson





Towngate Primary Academy
KINGS CORONATION CELEBRATIONS
Family tea party

Friday 12th May 2023



From 3.30pm - 5pm

Bring your picnic blankets and join us on the field to celebrate the Kings Coronation.

There will be a free royal hunt around school grounds as well as games to play on the field.

Refreshments will be available to purchase.

Any shop bought donations of cakes also welcomed on the day.

We hope to see you there.





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SCHOOL GALA

FREE ENTRY
10am - 3pm

SATURDAY 15TH JULY 2023

TOMBOLAS | FOOD | RAFFLE | ADOPT A TEDDY
REFRESHMENTS | EXTERNAL COMPANIES
AND MUCH MORE

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