



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Tuesday 2nd May 2023



CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

We will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III on Friday 5th May. The children should bring their own coronation picnic to school that day. Those children who have Kids Packed Lunch Company lunches will continue to do so and will not need a picnic lunch from home. We are asking parents to donate some cakes for the children. These can be dropped off at the beginning of the school day. Thank you. We hope to have lunch outside on the day, weather permitting. The children have been learning the National Anthem especially for the day. They will sing this at our assembly in the afternoon starting at 2.50pm. And don't forget school will be closed on Monday 8th May because of the extra bank holiday.



Headteacher's Welcome

UPPER JUNIORS SAY HARRY POTTER DAY WAS MAGIC!



I have always said that our children in Upper Juniors are absolute wizards when it comes to learning but Mrs Read took this to a new level when she planned a Harry Potter day for her class. Prior to the day, the children had written letters ('howlers' in Harry Potter language) in English lessons. Some children had written to Dumbledore asking how he could allow Harry to continue to live with the despicable Dursleys, while others wrote to the Dursleys themselves asking them to be kind to Harry. The children had also written stories from a character's perspective, completed comprehensions based on the Harry Potter stories, written instructions, eg, on how to ride a broomstick safely, and looked at descriptive writing that included such magical gems as strawberry boom bars, freshly baked Dolittle doughnuts and Forgetful Figgy Fudge (Thea's ideas).



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Charlie



Thea and Mia



Holly, Stanley, Hattie and Jack

The children also chose which House (Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw and Slytherin) they wanted to become a member of, and then they had to write why they thought they were most suited to a particular House. Each child stood up in class to put forward their case and their classmates voted which House they thought was right for their friends (everyone got their first choice!).

Then for the Harry Potter Day, Mrs Read had bought each child a black T shirt which they turned into a cloak. The children designed their House crest on a piece of square fabric, which they sewed onto their cape and some children also sewed on buttons (design and technology).

The children, pictured above and left, made potions (science) using bicarbonate of soda, vinegar, washing up liquid and food colouring. There was much fun when their magic concoctions erupted!

Mrs Read had also bought each child a bamboo cane to use as a broomstick. The children went on a search in the churchyard to find more materials, for example, long sticks that they could attach to the end of the cane to make it more like a broomstick. The intention was to use their broomsticks during a game of quidditch in the playground, but that idea had to be abandoned because of safety matters! All in all it was wonderful to see the children having fun in their lessons, and I think they are all now as big fans of Harry Potter as Mrs Read!

Right: Thea and Hattie (in the foreground) are pictured with their classmates looking for extra materials for their broomstick



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These pictures show the children having fun playing quidditch, without the broomsticks! They took turns playing the four positions: chaser, seeker, beater, and keeper. Mrs Read is pictured in her cape. Her house was Hufflepuff.

They took turns holding up hoops which acted as the goals. The children also took turns at playing the 'snitch'. The snitch is a neutral player who enters the pitch in the 17th minute of the game and is chased by both sides. The snitch holds a tennis ball inside a sock around their waist that one player from either team will try to catch.



The children also used footballs to represent 'bludgers'. In quidditch there are two bludgers (jet black balls made of iron) used in every match. These are bewitched to fly around and knock the players off their brooms. In our game, the footballs were used like dodgeballs. If the children got hit then they had to step out of the game for a while.



PROUD TO PARADE ON ST GEORGE'S DAY

I love these photos of brother and sister Francis and Violet, who took part in a recent St George's Day parade in Princes Risborough. Francis has now moved up to Cub Scouts and Violet is attending Beavers by herself. Mum Shellie said that was a big step for the inseparable siblings.

Shellie added: "They joined their troops to parade down the High Street to a live marching band and sat through the service in the church – they are well-rehearsed from school assemblies!".

Francis joins Cubs every Tuesday and Violet goes to Beavers on a Friday. They are enjoying it very much and working towards lots of fantastic badges.



ARIANA IS A HULA HOOPING WONDER

It's enough to put you in a spin but for Ariana, pictured below and right, hula hooping is a breeze. The challenge was for Ariana to use six hoops, then seven, then eight and before long she was hula hooping with 10 hoops. I think Ariana will go on and on. Looks like we will have to order some more hoops!





Every week in our school newsletter, we will include a prayer and a Bible reading. These are taken from our new Jigsaw scheme of work for PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) and RE (Religious Education) and are shared with the children in class and at whole school assemblies.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord

Sometimes our friendships have problems which we need to solve. Help us always to remember to think first, and trust that when we are calm and quiet, the right actions will come to us and we can trust our judgement better.

Amen



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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEMES FOR SUMMER 2023

RELATIONSHIPS

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

You may recall the first and last verses are the same as last week, but the added verse talks about solving problems.

Colossians 3: 12, 13 and 14 Therefore as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Scamper

Verb

When people or small animals scamper, they move quickly and lightly.

Mrs Cole



DIARY DATES

MAY

Friday 5th May: King Charles III Coronation celebration.

Wednesday 17th May: Inflatable footy lunchtime club to start.

JUNE

Friday 9th June: Father's Day Assembly. This assembly will start at around 9am.

Monday 12th to Friday 16th June. Year 5 and Year 6 residential trip to Kilvrough.

Friday 16th June. Welcome day for new starters (Reception class) in September.

Tuesday 20th June. IMPS (Injury Minimization Programme for Schools) visits Upper Juniors.

Wednesday 21st June and Wednesday 28th June Year 6 buddying session at ICC, 3.30pm-4.30pm.

Friday 30th June. Transition morning for new starters (Reception class) in September 9.30am-11.30am.

JULY

Friday 7th July. Sports Day, weather permitting. If rained off, sports day will be held on Friday 14th July.

Monday 10th July. Year 6 transition day at ICC.

Tuesday 11th July. Year 6 transition day at ICC. Reception class new starters visit school.

Tuesday 18th July. Summer production dress rehearsal from 1.30pm.

Wednesday 19th July. Summer production from 6pm.

Thursday 20th July. Year 6 leavers' assembly. Term ends at 1.30pm.

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