

Blakesley CE Primary School  
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**Newsletter 4 T5**

Dear Parents and Carers,



**Y6 SATs week**

From Tuesday to this morning, our Y6 pupils have been taking their Reading, Grammar, Spelling and Mathematics Standard Assessment Tasks (SATs). All of them gave their best, working with concentration, determination and resilience. We are proud of each and every one of them: Alf, Amelia, Archie, Bessie, Jess, Monty, Olivia, Sheldon, Shiloh, Stefan and Tilly. Thank you for your efforts. Now you can all look forward to the thrills of your forthcoming residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes.



**Celebrating the Coronation**

Our open event last Friday afternoon, to celebrate the coronation, was a success. Everyone appeared to enjoy looking around the school and seeing the range of work produced by our pupils. Thank you to all who donated cakes towards our refreshments and especially those who baked specifically for the event. Although there never was the intention that the event would be a 'fund raiser' it is fantastic to know that over £300 was raised. We are hoping to invest this money in causes we know that King Charles III would approve of. eg. money to be spent on the school environment/grounds and towards purchasing books that promote diversity in a range of forms.



**Cake competition**

Thank you for the numerous and wonderful entries into the Coronation Cake Competition. There was so much admiration of all the designs, the thoughtful presentation and originality on show. The judges certainly had a difficult yet enjoyable time collating the results. The final results are listed below.

*Compassion Courage Fellowship Thankfulness Wisdom*

The children named have been presented with a small prize.

Class	Place	Name
EYFS	1	Harry
	2	Finn
Yr 1	1	Felix
	2	Archie
Yr 2	1	William
	2	Ella
Yr 3	1	Tabby
	2	Oliver
Yr 4	1	Katelyn
	2	Nell
Yr 5	1	Joey
	2	Alina
Yr 6	1	Tilly
	2	Jess+ Lottie



### Forest School

On Wednesday, Class 1 went to forest school for the afternoon. This was their first visit of six sessions planned. The children had an exciting time exploring the site, den making, playing games and using their senses to carry out some 'Spring stillness' which involved listening to nature, watching the effects of the wind and experiencing the sensation of touching and feeling unfamiliar surfaces.



### Let's Get Playing

Class 2 (Y1Y2) appear to be loving their musical project called 'Let's Get Playing'. Each week a peripatetic music specialist from NMPAT (Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust) leads lessons with the class. The children have been learning about musical notation, following rhythms, learning how to play chime bars and singing together.



### Tennis lessons

Class 3 (Y3/4) have been having tennis lessons led by local coach, Beth. The children have been learning how to serve, play a forehand or backhand, plus how to volley and maintain a rally. It is lovely to see such enthusiastic players. On the playground, with the tennis nets out, there is plenty of opportunity for all children to practise their tennis skills.



### **Care in the sun**

At last, some sunshine is starting to appear. As the children are playing outdoors and participating in PE outside more, they may require a cap, sunhat and/or sun cream. Ideally, sun cream needs to be applied before coming to school and any hat should be named.

### **Forthcoming events**

- Life Education Visit 16<sup>th</sup> May
- Y6 Residential Whitemoor 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May
- Bikeability Y5 22<sup>nd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> May
- End of Term 5 Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May
- New Intake Evening 19<sup>th</sup> June 7pm
- New intake days
  - 20<sup>th</sup> June (9-11.30am)
  - 27<sup>th</sup> June (9-11.30am)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> July ( 9am-2.45pm)
- July 18<sup>th</sup> Sports Day (9.30am)
- July 20<sup>th</sup> Reserve Date for Sports Day (9.30am)
- July 21<sup>st</sup> Y6 Leavers Service (9am)

If there are aspects of the newsletter that you would like to discuss or if you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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