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Multi Academy
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...everyone in our Trust.



Dear Exbourne Families,

12th May 2023

Thank you for your continued support during my initial weeks at Exbourne. I am trying to spend as much time as possible here so that I get to know all of the children really well. After half term I will be spending more time here as I will have more leadership capacity at North Tawton.

Year Six SATs

This week has been a busy time for our Year Six pupils. On Tuesday they completed a spelling and a grammar and punctuation test, on Wednesday a reading test and on Thursday and Friday the three maths tests. These tests are designed to assess all that has been taught across the primary maths and English curriculums, not just reciting knowledge learnt but applying their skills to unfamiliar texts, questions and problems. Phil Whitley oversaw the tests on Tuesday and Wednesday and I oversaw them on Thursday and Friday. There is a very strict process of timing and allowed support, and we are not allowed to peek at the papers before the tests! I can assure you that these were administered correctly by our staff and all children abided by the rules. We do not get the results until July as these test papers are sent off to be externally marked.

Year Two SATs

Next week Year Two will complete their tests. This is done in a very different way as the children can do these in small groups over a period of time. The tests are marked internally and will be published in the children's individual teacher report which parents will receive at the end of the year.

Coronation Celebrations

Last week, we had a fabulous Friday afternoon celebrating the King's coronation. We all went over to the field where the staff led welly wanging, rounders and parachute games. The children were in their mixed age houses and had great fun. I was so impressed to see older children really looking after the younger ones and being so kind and cooperative.

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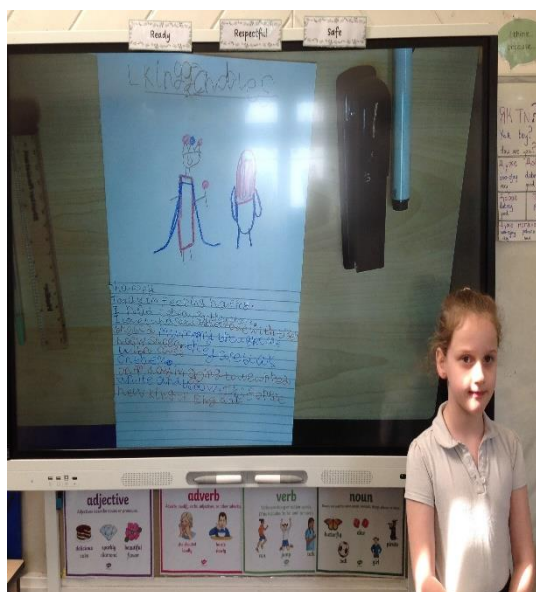
We also had a team of face painters busily creating corgis, flowers and flags for those who wanted them.

We came back to school for a fabulous shared picnic. Thank you so much for the generous contributions.

I hope you enjoy the photos! There are lots and lots!



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Final Thoughts and Reflections

Many children watched the coronation this weekend. They spoke about the horses, costumes and the fancy coach! Many of them also understood this is an ancient tradition and something which makes our country unique. Some families chose not to watch the coronation which of course is an important reminder that we are all intitled and allowed to have our opinions and choices!

On Sunday, Martha and Henry went to the church and took part in a prayer from our Exbourne community, they represented the school by saying:

We ask your blessing on our homes and families, on our schools, children and young people.

May our neighbourhoods be places of hospitality, peace and trust.

Faithful God,

Fill them with your hope and joy.

Thank you, Martha and Henry, – you did a great job!

Wishing all of our families a very happy weekend.

With very best wishes,
Tara Penny
Principal



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Diary Dates and Events

18th May – Messy Church Session – 3.30pm – 5.00pm

29th May – 02nd June – Half term. Students return on 05th June

08th & 09th June – Year 3 residential

15th June – Messy Church Session – 3.30pm – 5.00pm

16th June – Leavers Photo's

22nd June – Year 6 Okehampton College information evening

23rd June – Rainbow Day

26th, 27th & 28th June – Year 4 & 5 Residential

29th June – Year 6 taster day at Okehampton College

11th – 14th July – Year 6 Residential

17th July – Year 6 meet the tutor for Okehampton College

20th July – Messy Church Session – 3.30pm – 5.00pm

21st July – Last Day of Term