

Weekly News Thursday 26th May 2022

Dear Parents

This week has proved to be a right royal experience as we have ramped up the excitement ready for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Learning about the monarchy is an important part of our studies of Fundamental British Values and the Queen's celebrations have given us the perfect focus.

The School Council led by Chairs Elena G and Florence Q introduced the idea of homemade bunting and each class produced some beautiful red white and blue bunting which was joined together with delightful effect. The children also made crowns for our party lunch in the garden. Waving small Union Jacks and decked out in red, white and blue we all headed on to the lawn for some Jubilee fun. This began with our Country Dancing Team performing an impressive traditional display before lunch and ended with the Jubilee Anthem sung after wards.

We then headed on to the field for the afternoon games including a Grand Royal Relay Race for the Upper School using handbags instead of batons and a Tea Cup Relay Race for Nursery using the giant colourful tea pots. As well as their Union Jack each child took home a Special Edition Jubilee coin in a memorable wallet which was a gift sponsored by our thoughtful and proactive PTA and we want to say a special thank you to Mrs Langley and her team who also supplied the beautiful sets of red, white & blue balloons.

Earlier in the week we enjoyed a royal journey of a different kind when we watched Years 1 and 2 dazzle on stage in our summer production of the musical Beauty and the Beast. We were very proud of our young pupils as they romped their way through this delightful tale and we received universal acclaim from watching parents. Thank you so much to our wonderful audiences for their generosity for we were able to raise an incredible £407.82 for Harefield Hospital, my personal choice of charity for my final term here. Thank you all.

In between the fun there has been plenty of academic work and we say special congratulations to our mathematical Times Tables Award winners: Florence Q and Sam B for achieving their Bronze Stars and to Austin B, Liam S, Callan M and Monty H for achieving Silver Star status!

Congratulations to Ahlberg House for maintaining their spot at the top of the <u>housepoint</u> table with a superb total of 672 housepoints.

In my final term it was a pleasure to be part of the recruitment process to find a new Deputy Head and we are delighted to announce that, despite stiff competition, Mrs Laura Fisher outshone the field and has been chosen to be the new Deputy Headteacher from September. This will mean that Miss Kate Rendall will return to Nursery to support Mrs Fisher in the autumn term sharing her week with Neptune Class alongside Miss Fleming. Mrs Taperell will become the full time teacher in Mars Class and all other classes will remain the same which is wonderful news to start the new academic year.

Have a restful and safe and above all happy half term.

Annie Thackray Headteacher

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Monday 6th - Friday 10th June Summer Fair donations to be handed in under the porch at drop off. We need: decorated sweetie jars filled with sweets, soft toys, children's books and luxury bottles (alcoholic and luxury condiments)

> Summer Fair passports are now available to purchase via: https://www.paypal.me/StChrisPTA