

### West Ham Church School

With God all things are possible

Newsletter Summer 1 Week 3



#### King Charles III Coronation Celebrations

King Charles III coronation celebrations have dominated our learning this week, culminating in a fabulous re-enactment of the coronation by Year 3



children both in All Saints Church and in school...

The learning activities were part of a collaboration between researchers at King's College London and the University of Roehampton who teamed up with Arts Projects for Schools to offer teachers and children a chance to celebrate, commemorate and explore the many traditions of British Coronations. Thank you to Miss Gilliland for organising this project in school.

Congratulations to Maria, Esmae and Idilay who won book prizes in our coronation cup cake decorating competition. Thank you to all who participated - everyone loved eating them during our coronation afternoon tea party - yum yum!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend full of celebration.



#### The Big Help Out Festival

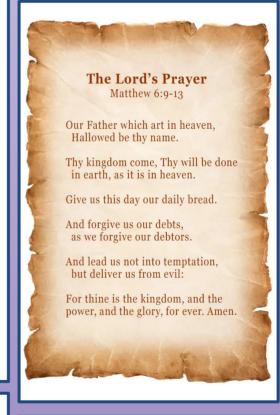
#### The Big Help Out - The King's Coronation - Newham Council.

Come along on Monday 8 May for the Big Help Out Festival, a celebration with live entertainment for all ages. Part of Newham's Coronation Weekend, the festival is being organised to bring our community together and mark the historic occasion as well as say 'Thank You' from the Mayor and Council to those who volunteer across our borough. The event will have live music and performances from various local groups including Dhol Academy, Drum Works and Newham Jazz Orchestra, with Folk Dance Remixed and international Afrobeat star Dele sosimi, as well as workshops and activities for children and families. *See the link above for more details.* 

### **School Vision**

Our Vision is to enable children, with God's guidance, to know and appreciate the wonder of God's creation, to live in harmony, embracing differences,

to always act with **compassion** inspired by the example of Jesus, and to have the **strength** to follow their dreams and achieve their goals.



#### <u>Values</u> Our school value this term is

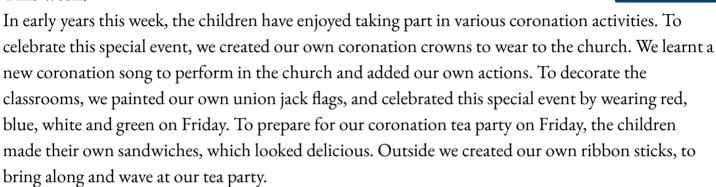
### Service

'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' (Acts 20:35).



## Early Years Foundation Stage

#### This week:



In Reception, we were amazed to see our cress plants have begun to grow. The children commented on the growth and change over the weekend. Little Owls have been fascinated by the roots growing from the beans they planted last week.



#### Next week:

Next week, the children in Reception will investigate where different plants come from and begin to categorise different parts of flowers. The children will be making a mixed media sunflower using sunflower seeds and different collaging materials. We will be labeling our sunflowers and planting sunflower seeds. In Nursery, we will be reading Aesop's Fable: The Tortoise and the Hare. We are excited to go mini-beast hunting in search of Wiggly Woo and to get messy by painting with flowers. **Reminders:** 

Children need to be wearing their PE kit everyday, if you are unsure of what should be in the PE kit please speak to the class teacher. Please remember to write the name of your child in their school uniform.

Please note: the school will be providing each child with a new navy bookbag and P.E. bag for the start of the new term in September. Pleaser remember we do not have space for large rucksacks, thank you.



**KS1** Weekly News Page Phase Leader: Miss Gilliland

# Key Stage 1

#### This week:

We have had an exciting coronation week as we have been celebrating with different activities in class such as creating thrones in Year 2. In Year 1, we learnt what a coronation is and what happens at a coronation, which the children went on to write about as part of a coronation History lesson. We even learnt actions to help us remember!

All of Key stage one looked fantastic in church on Thursday at our re-enactment of the coronation service wearing their own crowns. We sang songs that we have been practicing and said prayers which some of the year 1 children read out confidently. We were amazed by the models of Westminster Abbey created by children and families of this week. A lot of effort and hard work went into them and they were a joy to see! Our celebrations came together on Friday where we had an afternoon picnic with sandwiches and treats to celebrate.



**Next week:** Year 1 will be learning about place value within 50, and year 2 will be continuing with their topic on Fractions, looking at thirds and wholes. We will be learning about The Isles of Scilly and Edith Cavell in Geography and History.

**Reminders:** Please could you ensure that children's names are written on both their P.E kit and school uniform. P.E kits should be in every Monday and go home every Friday, as Year 1 have P.E every day.

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**KS2** Weekly News Page Phase Leader & Acting Assistant Headteacher: Mr. Dickey

## Lower Key Stage 2

#### This week:

We have been blown away by the Year 3 re-enactment of the coronation of King Charles III. The children were able to articulate the emotions involved in the sacred and time honoured tradition of the coronation. The children were all showing off their fantastic oracy skills, which is something we have been focussing on in class. The children made the school very proud and carefully explained some of the key events that will take place on Saturday 6th May.



LKS2 particularly enjoyed our coronation celebration on Friday afternoon, it was the perfect way to mark this historic event. Thanks to all of you who came along!









#### Next week:

We will be continuing to read our class text 'Varjak Paw' and learning more about the adventures he finds himself upon. Children will begin the planning process ready to write and publish some high quality learning.

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# Upper Key Stage 2

#### This week:

The children visited West Ham Church and watched a marvelous coronation ceremony take place.

For RE, the children learnt about the importance King Charles places on looking after the environment. They wrote their own thoughts and prayers on one aspect of the natural world that they are concerned with and what could be done to protect it.

We have also been learning about the Commonwealth games and what they stand for. It was interesting to find out the History linked to the Windrush generation and how it has its own set of values: equality, destiny and humanity. We are also taking time to learn and take part in some Commonwealth sports.

On Friday, we spent time learning about the coronation

and made sandwiches to share with our families at the Coronation Afternoon Tea.

#### Next week: SATS tests

Year 6 will be sitting their SATs tests. All children should be in school every day at 8am for tutoring, followed by breakfast to prepare for the day. If your child is unwell, please contact the school.

Year 5 will have their final week of swimming, please ensure that all kits are brought into school.

#### **Reminders:**

PE kits should be in on Monday and will stay in school for the remainder of the week. Please note: the school will be providing each child with a new navy bookbag and P.E. bag for the start of the new term in September. Pleaser remember we do not have space for large rucksacks, thank you.







#### **KS2** Weekly News Page Phase Leader & Acting Assistant Headteacher: Miss Shaw



#### <u>Attendance</u>

We are concerned about the number of holidays and unauthorised absences being taken during term time which is having a marked impact on the progress children are making academically. Please support us with good attendance.



#### Headteacher' Awards

Wonder (LKS2) Manha for spreading wonder to the peers around her and getting students invested into their work.

Harmony (UKS2) Dricia, for always doing her best to make her peers feel important and welcome

**Compassion (EYFS) Ayana** for always showing compassion and care towards her peers inside and outside the classroom.

**Strength (KS1) Namira** for the perseverance she displays in her maths and writing and for always being an example of resilience to others.



#### Gold:

Silver: Timeea (KS1) Maxim (LKS2) Victor (LKS2)Bronze: Dominik (UKS2) Daria (UKS2) Tohfa(UKS2) Adriana (KS1) Tawhid (LKS2)

### **Celebration Page**

On this page, we celebrate the children's achievements in and out of school, including

- good behaviour
- excellent attitude to learning
- progress
- high quality work
- ✤ awards



Little Owls (Nursery): Yaqub, for working hard in Maths and sharing with his friends. Dragonflies (Reception): Evelin, for creating a colourful stained glass window for Westminster Abbey.

Ladybirds (Reception & Y1): Andreea for being a shining example to others in the class. Butterflies (Y1): Michael for creating an amazing 3D model of Westminster Abbey as part of home learning.

Hedgehogs (Y2): Daniels: for speaking in Church about the King's coronation Squirrels (Y2): Martha, For showing perseverance and dedication towards her reading.

**Otters (Y3): Elze** for showing confidence in her lead role in the King's coronation performance.

Badgers (Y3&4): Henil for excellent progress in his times tables.

Foxes (Y4): Levon for helping uplift the other students around him and encouraging focus.

Swallows (Y5): Zakariya for his consistent focus and drive to do his best.

**Eagles (Y5&6): Nathan,** for his positive attitude to learning and willingness to take part in a range of activities.

Kingfishers (Y6): Sadman for excellent questioning and striving to do his best.