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# MOAT FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHERE WE PREPARE FOR TOMORROW BY ACHIEVING TODAY

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by thanking you all for participating in Friday's Coronation dress up day. There were some incredible costumes ranging from the Celtic Queen Boudicca to Henry VIII and then all the way to the modern era with members of the current Royal Family! There were so many Coronation t-shirts, children dressed smartly to visit the palace and whole swathes of red, white and blue outfits on display. As I walked around school, there could be no doubt that we were fully celebrating the coronation and there was a terrific buzz around school.

Despite initial difficulties finding the school and an unforeseen tour of Langley our special visitor finally arrived! He did miss our assembly but he was kind enough to visit as many classrooms as he had time for. Our visitor was Dr Sakhawat Hussain DL, a Deputy Lieutenant for the West Midlands Lieutenancy. The Lord-Lieutenant is the representative of the King in the county of the West Midlands, so his deputies are also an official representative of the King! He wished us well in our celebrations, gave a short history of the Lord Lieutenants while also discussing his main job as a leading professor in the field of nano technology.

In the morning, the day started with Mr Climpson senior drumming on both upper and lower school playgrounds. He really is a talented musician and his drumming helped set the tone for our Coronation Day. We then had an assembly in which we learned about the Coronation, explored some local history around past coronations and the teachers in upper school also faced a drumming challenge from Mr Climpson.





Following this, the children spent the morning learning the history of past coronations and exploring in detail why the coronation is considered an important occasion. The children applied their chronological knowledge in timeline activities and discussed how the new king fits into the broader historical picture of Kings and Queens of Great Britain. Many classes were also putting the finishing touches to the personalized bunting on display in the playground that they had been working on throughout the week.

We felt that it was important to use the Coronation to explore the history of Britain, the Commonwealth and also British values. However, we felt it was just as important that we recognised the day as a unique celebration. After all, it has been 70 years since the last one! In the afternoon, children took part in street parties outside, had a drink and a snack and each class was invited to a drumming workshop in the hall to bring a carnival atmosphere to our afternoon. The day finished with classes reading Coronation themed read at three books, these included 'The Boy who would be King' by Michael Morpurgo and the non-fiction DK book 'King Charles III: Celebrating His Majesty's Coronation and Reign'.

We hope that the children enjoyed the day at school and that you all had a relaxing bank holiday weekend.

Many thanks, as always, for your continued support.

Mr Gregory

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## What we've been up to

