

Y6 Residential



This week, Y6 travelled to Blists Hill Victorian Town in Shropshire for their residential trip. Pupils spent a day and a half at the town and enjoyed a night at Coalport youth hostel. Everybody had a fantastic time and learnt a great deal. On the children's return, school received this complimentary email from a member of the youth hostel staff which made us feel very proud.

Good evening. I would just like to say that the group from your school that have just stayed with us were one of the nicest groups I have ever worked with. All of the children were very polite, great manners and friendly. The staff were very helpful with getting the children to strip the beds and were all also very polite and friendly. They all did the school proud. I look forward to potentially working with yourselves again.
James (Catering Manager; Youth Hostel Association.)





Blists Hill contains Victorian buildings that have been reconstructed on the site of an old brick and tile works.



Pupils enjoyed exploring the town and meeting people in role as its inhabitants.





Children visited the bank and swapped their modern money for pennies, shillings and farthings. They could spend their money in the old fashioned shops.



The children enjoyed candle dipping and brick making workshops. They also had a lesson in the Victorian school-room which was very strict!



Everyone went home tired but happy!



Arts Ambassadors At Work

On Monday, our wonderful Arts Ambassadors visited Leamington Gallery to carry out a very important job. Their task was to choose the painting which pupils in Reception and Year One will study during our “Take One Picture” project. The painting will be a stimulus for children’s own work so selecting the right artwork is very important!





The Ambassadors worked with Natasha, the gallery's Learning and Engagement Apprentice. First they had to find an artwork in the gallery that they either loved or hated!

Manvi chose this sculpture because she loves horses and thought it was a beautiful representation.



Mollie loved this painting because it's BIG and colourful and carries an important message.



Keva was a fan of this winter scene because of the snow—very atmospheric!



They made their own quick drawings of each artwork and then discussed what the artists were trying to convey.

The children then took a close look at two of the paintings. They studied each one carefully and thought about the colours, light and composition.

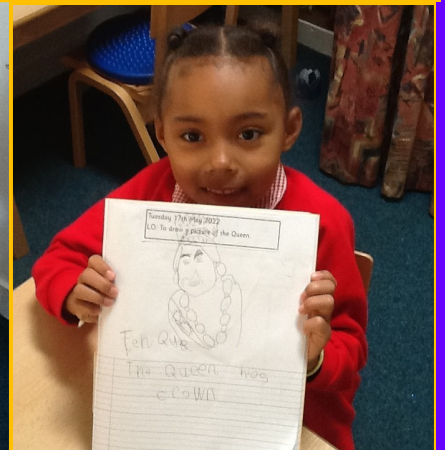
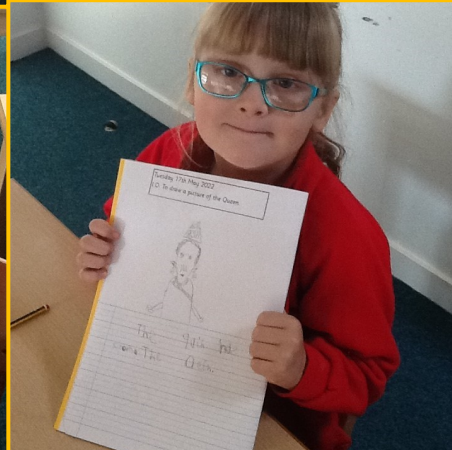
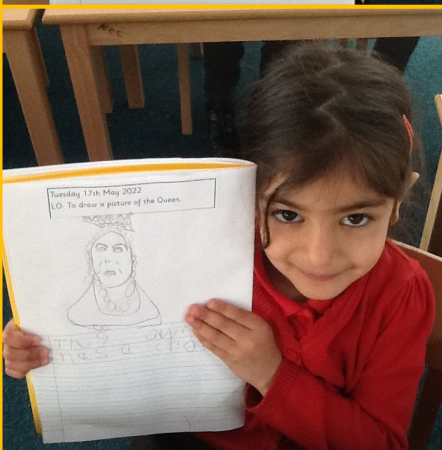
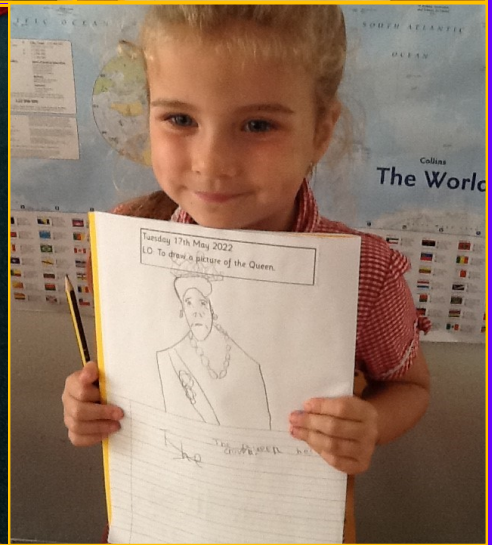
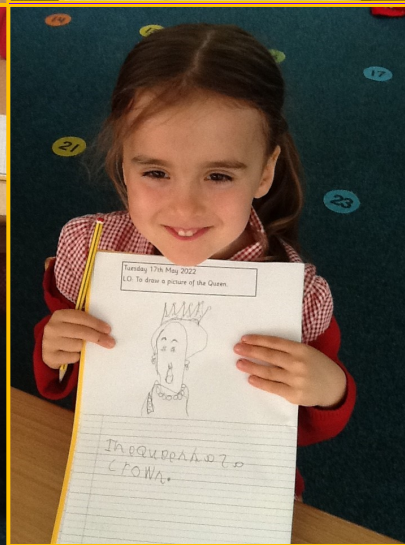
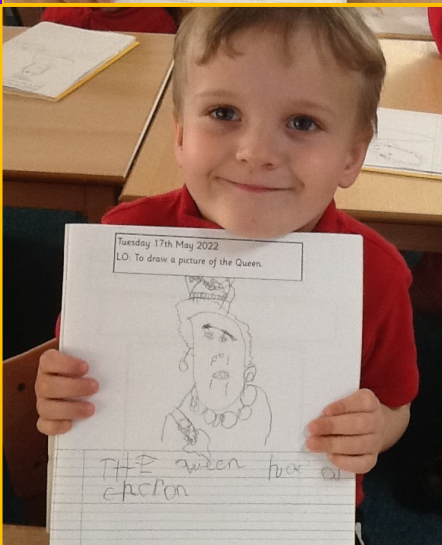
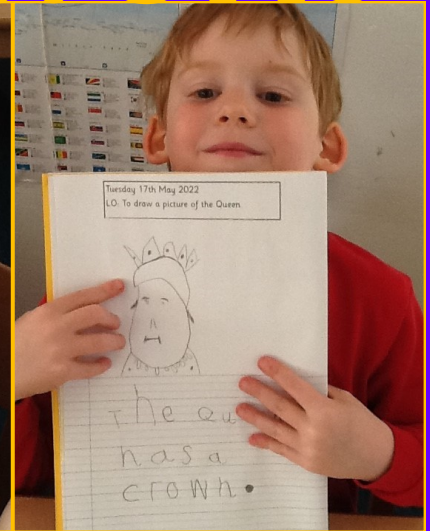
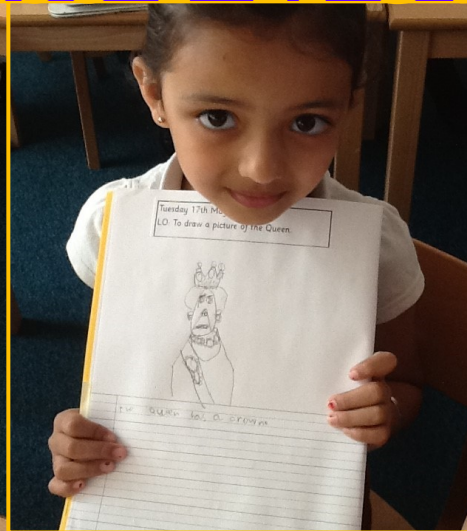
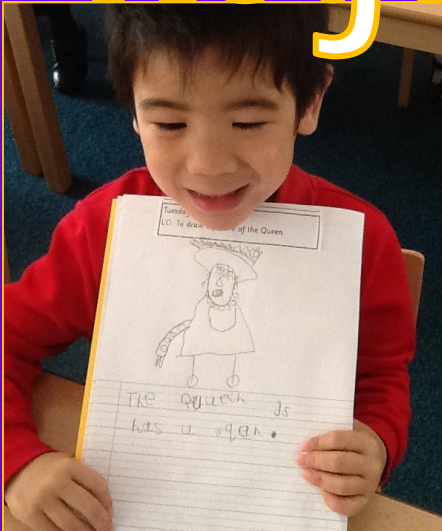


Afterwards, the Ambassadors discussed which of the two paintings would be the most exciting for Reception and Y1 to study.

After much debate, they made their decision. Their choice is top secret and will be revealed soon!

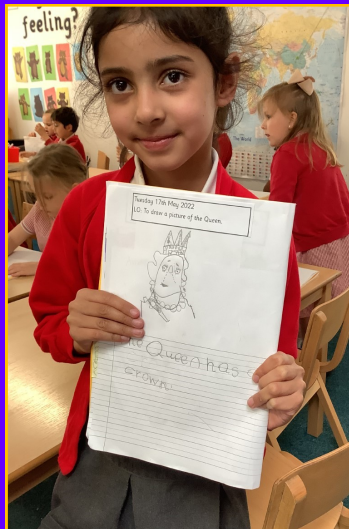


Royal Artwork

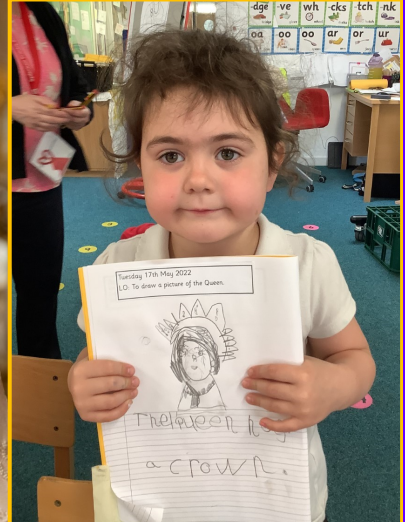
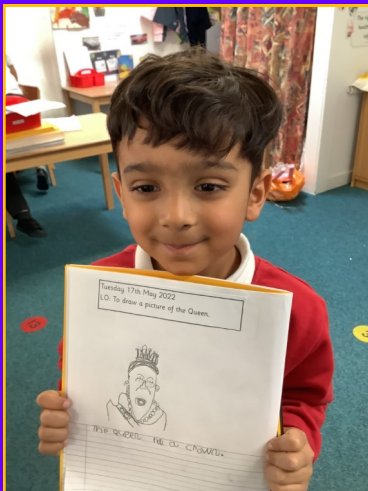


Reception have been studying portraits of Queen Elizabeth II. They drew their own pictures in response.

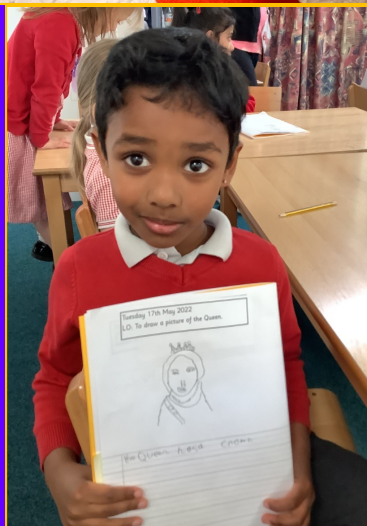
Queen



Elizabeth



We were very impressed by the children's observational skills and think that our artists have really captured the character of the Queen.



We think her majesty would be very pleased with her special portraits. Well done children!

Special Performance



This week, Year 4 SM were treated to a fantastic performance on the violin by Lucia who has been taking online lessons for a year. Lucia knows lots of notes and played “Peeler’s Jig” and “Witch’s Cauldron” much to the amazement of her classmates. Mrs Madahar described the performance as “absolutely wonderful.”

Well done and keep up the good work, Lucia.



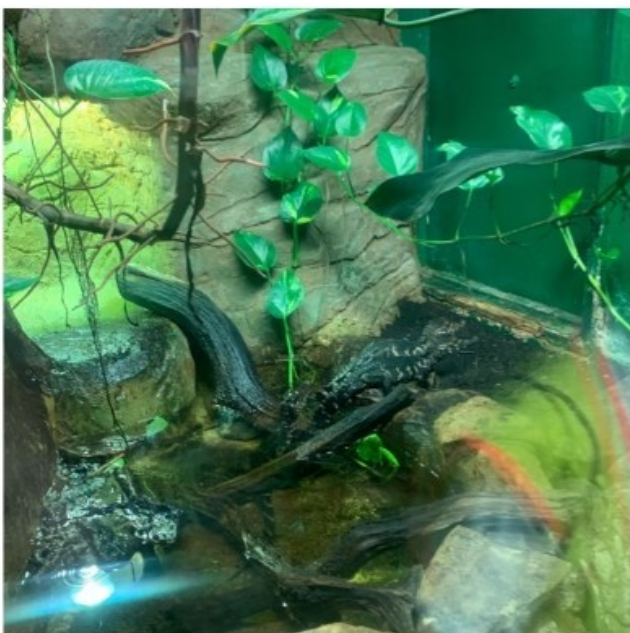
Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture



Y3 Visit Cotswold Wildlife Park





Year Three had a fantastic day out at The Cotswold Wildlife Park on Tuesday. The children toured the park and enjoyed a fascinating talk on the theme of predators and prey. The children behaved impeccably, asked some thoughtful questions and learnt so much during the day—well done!

FOOTBALL SCHOOL

Author visit

Alex Bellos, author of the Football School series of books, treated us to a fun and engaging assembly on Tuesday morning.

The children enjoyed Alex's energetic presentation, with Suryansh in Year 5 commenting "This is the best day of my life!"



There's nothing quite like hearing an author read their own book. It's so inspiring for the children to hear how an author comes up with their ideas, and I hope that Alex's visit has helped to encourage our budding young writers!

Goooooooooal!



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 29: Goals of Education

Book review

This week, Thando in 4RK has been absolutely buzzing with excitement over his new book, *The Shadow Keeper* by Abi Elphinstone. I hope you enjoy his 5-star review!



This book took me into a magical world that I couldn't exit. It is just an endless story! My eyes just flowed across the pages and it sent my brain into another universe of monsters and heroic humans.

I would recommend this book to children who are interested in shadowy adventure stories. It would suit children from Year 3 to adults.

Do you think you would like this book? Come and find me on the playground if you would like to ask me about it.



Platinum Jubilee Royal Reading Challenge

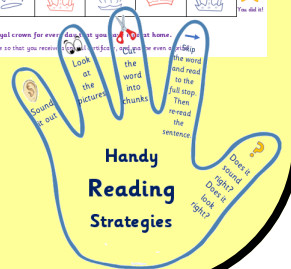
Today marks the second week of the Jubilee reading challenge, and it is lovely that the children have been working so hard to colour in their crowns everyday!

Keep going, everyone! I'm sure the Queen would be really proud of all of the reading that is going on to celebrate her special year! Happy reading, everyone! Miss Challand



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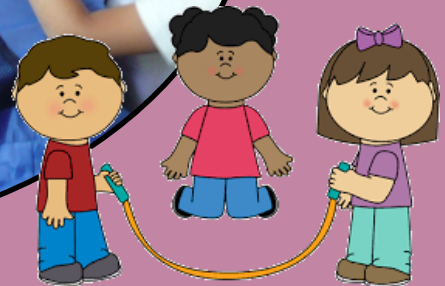
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Play Leaders



We can't wait to tell the children about the new equipment on Monday!



This week, the Year 1 Play Leaders met to talk about the new play equipment that will be on the playground next week. There is a parachute, a Lego blanket, a Duplo blanket, some long skipping ropes for group skipping and some new soft balls.

The Play Leaders came up with a list of rules that they will share with the Infants during Miss Challand's assembly on Monday morning. These rules will help the children know how to use the new equipment safely, to share and to respect others so that everyone has fun!

These Play Leaders are really developing their pupil voice, and I had to work hard to keep up whilst recording their ideas! **Well done, children!**

Packed Lunches on School Trips

If your child is in KS1, as all children are entitled to a universal free school meal we are able to provide a packed lunch on the day of the trip. Similarly if your child is in KS2 and registered for free school meals we can do the same.

However, we have noticed recently that many parents prefer to provide their own packed lunch for the trip which sometimes results in a lot of packed lunches we have provided going to waste.

From now on, we are going to add a question in parent pay under the consent section asking you to inform us if you are going to provide your own packed lunch. Please note this will only apply to children in KS1 or children in KS2 registered for free school meals.

The kitchen provide a lovely packed lunch in the form of a cheese roll, a piece of fruit, a flapjack and a bottle of water but we completely understand if you wish to provide your own.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Wednesday May 25th and your child may come to school dressed in red/white/blue or royal purple. School has purchased commemorative mugs and coins for every child as a memento of the occasion.

Class Photographs

Please note that the photographer will be in school on Monday 23rd May to take class photographs.

Collecting Your Child from School

A polite reminder please to leave the school site as soon as you have collected your child at the end of the day. A number of parents/carers are allowing their children to stay and ride their bike/scooter or play football on the playground and this is causing a problem for Butterflies After School Club who need to access this space. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

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On Wednesday 25th May

We will be celebrating the Queen's
Platinum Jubilee.

Pupils will enjoy a day of fun and
creative activities followed by a
celebratory tea party.

**In honour of the occasion, your
child may come to school
dressed either in red, white
and blue or royal purple.**





Friday 1st July
3-5pm



Volunteers Needed!

Please can you help us on the day with tasks such as:



- **Setting up for the event**
- **Serving refreshments**
- **Assisting with stalls and games**

If you are available to help, please click the link in the email sent last week or speak to a member of our office staff.

Donations

Any donations of the following items (in good, clean condition) will be gratefully received:

- **Teddies**
- **Toys**
- **Books**



Phonics



You are invited to join us for a free Family Learning course!

Would you like to:

- understand how phonics is taught in school?
- learn how to support your child's early reading journey?
- discover ways to support your child's phonics development at home?

The course covers the progression of phonics through the early years and key stage one and is suitable for parents and carers of children in these stages

Starting Wednesday 8th June, 19:30-21:00

for 4 weeks via teams.

For more information, or to book your place, please contact Tanya:

TanyaSpeirs@warwickshire.gov.uk

GIRLS TAG RUGBY

Tag rugby is a really fun, non-contact team sport. Come along and give it a try!

No experience necessary
New players welcome age 8-17

No fees
all Summer!

Sundays 10.30

Old Leamingtonians RFC

For more info contact:

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Diary Dates

Monday 23rd May	Y1 visit to Leamington Art Gallery
Monday 23rd May	Class photographs.
Tuesday 24th May	Reception visit to Cotswold Farm Park
Wednesday 25th May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration in school. Come to school dressed in red/white/blue or royal purple.
Thursday 26th May	YR visit to Leamington Art Gallery
Friday 27th May	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Bring 50p if your child wears their own choice of clothes.
Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June, school closed for Whitsun half-term holiday. School closed on Monday 6th June—INSET Day (report writing.)	
Tuesday 7th June	Y1/2 Sport's Day, 10.00—11.30am
Friday 10th June	Soccer Aid
Wednesday 8th June	Y3/4 Sport's Day, 10.00—11.30am.
Friday 10th June	YR Sport's Day, 10.00—11.30am
Friday 10th June	Y5/6 Sport's Day, 1.30—3.00pm
Tuesday 21st June	Artist working with Reception—Take One Picture project.
Wednesday 29th June	Artist working with Year One—Take One Picture project.
Friday 1st July	PTA Summer Fayre, 3.00—5.00pm
Thursday 14th July	Y6 JvS Leaver's Assembly
Friday 15th July	Y6 KG Leaver's Assembly
Break up for the Summer Holiday Thursday 21st July.	



Sydenham Superstars



Reception and Key Stage One



Years 3 & 4



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Have a super weekend and see you all on Monday.

Best wishes from Miss Glenny
(Associate Headteacher)