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Queen's Platinum Jubilee Day

We've had a great day of fun and learning today about Her Majesty with a particular focus on the Commonwealth. Each class has had a particular country to focus on and they have shared their learning in an assembly this afternoon. The children have been learning about the rich culture, history, achievements, physical features and wildlife of the countries studied. The children I have spoken to have loved the day.

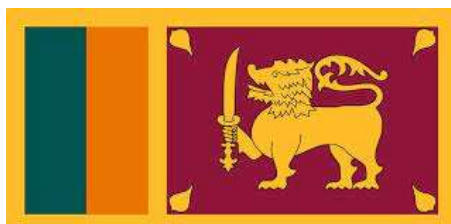
Reception have been learning about our very own country – the United Kingdom. They have been focusing on this topic all week. This has culminated in a Jubilee party.



Year 1 have been learning about Jamaica. They've been jamming away to Bob Marley and have very much appreciated reggae music. They've learnt about Jamaican people, culture and sport (including cricket of course!)



Year 2 have had double the fun – learning about two countries – India and Sri Lanka. Our very own, **Izzat** (who has Sri lankan heritage) has done a truly brilliant job of explaining about Sri Lanka to the rest of the class.





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Year 3 have been revisiting their learning about Kenya in year 3. They have cemented their knowledge about this beautiful African country by annotating maps, writing fact files and even singing in Swahili !



Year 4 have been learning all about South Africa. From learning about the life of Nelson Mandela to doing a brilliant South African dance, they have had great fun.



Year 5 have been learning all about Canada. They've looked at Ice Hockey teams, done some map work, learnt about Canada's languages and indigenous Canadians and have had a live Zoom call from a Canadian family!



Year 6 have been painting and learning about Australian wildlife. They've learnt about Australian history and sang Waltzing Matilda learning about Australian slang (appropriate Australian slang by the way!)





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Health Week - Next Week

Please remember that it's Health Week next week. So much important learning happens during health week – around health and safety matters but also the wider curriculum too (for example Mathematics). **Children need to come to school in sports kit all week** as the children will be doing lots of physical activity and it really isn't worth getting changed several times in a day. Please could children not wear football kits. Children should also not wear cropped tops. Thank you.

Sports Day

Just to remind you **Sports Day for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 starts at 9.15a.m. on Friday** – RACES FIRST and

Sports Day for Reception, Y1 and Y2 starts at 1.15pm – RACES LAST (races starting at approximately 2 pm.)

The LSFA Café will be open for parents in the lodge for refreshments so please bring change. Donations of cakes and biscuits for the café are also very welcome. Please can they be brought on the morning of the sports day and left in the lodge. **We also cannot allow children to go to the café at any time** due to time, supervision and space limitations. The children get so many treats at school and this time it's the parents' turn. If you would like to buy your child a cake please save it until the end of the school day – thank you!

IMPORTANT - Please could parents (apart from emergencies) not come round to the children's side of the racetrack e.g. to bring items while the races are happening. This really makes it difficult for staff to manage the races and monitor the children. It goes without saying, that (especially for younger children) if one child gets to see their mum/dad or gets a bun from their parents, then the other children will want to do the same. In addition, staff need children's attention to get them ready for the next races.

Sports Day at Loxley is always a great occasion with a super atmosphere and your encouragement and good humour really helps children of all abilities enjoy the day. We try to get the finishing places as accurate as possible but we haven't got video replay technology to help us and we try to reward effort as much as ability. I couldn't believe the amount of parent participation in the parents' races last year – it was the best ever. We also had a grandmas and grandads getting very high places in the races too! If we get time at the end, we'll let you join in the fun too!

Walk to School Week

We are combining our Health Week with walk to school Week next week. Please could you try, if possible, to walk to school or (at least) park further away from school and walk the last 200-400 metres or so. Children can also scoot or cycle to school if it is safe for them to do so.





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Looking After Our Environment

One of our Y6 responsibility posts is to look after the school environment. The children have been busy today resurfacing the adventure playground with mr Miles. They also campaigned to get a new roof on our bike shed which Mr Miles has kindly fitted. It may look like there's no roof from looking on the photo but I assure you it is there – it's just very clear Perspex!



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Whit (Spring Bank) Holiday

Please remember that we break up for the Whit holiday after school next Thursday (the day of Sports Day). Children come back to school on Tuesday 7th June as the Monday before is a teacher training day.

Kind regards

James Connolly

