



A Coronation Poem

The bunting is out, all red, white and blue

And the street party is well under way.

What's all the fuss? What's all the noise? I hear some people
say,

It is the King's coronation and a new era will begin,

To loud cries in the streets of 'Long live the King.'

By Corey et al

Coronation Assembly

Of course this morning's assembly was about the Coronation. We took the opportunity to talk about the history of the Monarchy. Did you know that there has been a King or a Queen of England as far back as King Athelstan over 1100 years ago (of course Great Britain is a newer construct dating back to Scotland and England coming together under one monarch in the 17th century). We placed Ethelston and King Charles at either end of a timeline and tried to place other periods of history the children study up and down the timeline (or in the case of the child who chose the Romans back in the library and for Amber who chose the Stone Age, probably back home at her house).

We talked about the school's personal connection to the Royal family, especially the presence of Gatcombe Estate right on our doorstep (Princess Ann opened the new school building 20ish years ago). I reminded the children of Princess Ann's remark over breakfast that she thought it unlikely our Year 5/6 would be able to manage their 6 mile tour of Stone Age standing stones through her estate and beyond.

We talked about some of the positives of having a Royal family. We talked about identity and how our belonging to different groups helps to give us a sense of ourselves- whether that be our family, our football team, our village or our class- and how the Royal family can help people feel like they belong. We talked about how the monarchy can help us feel a sense of continuity – of things staying the same in life when so many other things are busy changing and that in some ways this feeling of constancy is something all of us need. I talked about a favourite church near where I live which has been there almost as long as the monarchy and how it makes my daughter and I feel when we sit and look at it. We talked about how Royal occasions often bring us together as communities, for example in street parties, and how important this feeling of connection is.

Corey said, 'It's like history happening all around you. My nan's met the King.... I'd like to meet him one day. I like the monarchy- it's interesting.'

Morgan 'I think it's exciting because everyone in the union gets to party but also help out.'











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