

*Celebrating the Coronation  
of King Charles III 2023*



**Dear Families,**

Garden Fields turned red, white and blue, today. The children's tiaras and crowns looked amazing, there was a riot of bunting in the dining hall for our lunchtime celebration and we even crowned our new headteacher, Mr Sutton, in assembly! The afternoon saw each class celebrate in their own unique way.

**The Crowning of Mr Sutton**



During our assembly this morning, Mr Sutton swore an oath to be loyal, work hard, make the school a happy place and listen to us.



**'Hello' from Mr Sutton**

I am very much looking forward to meeting and getting to know the children, staff, parents, governors and the wider community when I take up the position of Headteacher in September. I am in contact with the school already about how the school is running operationally, as well as the strategic direction of the school. It may take me a while to get to know everybody, but I am looking forward to being part of the team at Garden Fields. See you all soon.

**Royal Albert Hall**

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April, Garden Fields children took part in Hertfordshire Schools' Gala: Give Life To Music at the Royal Albert Hall. This was a magnificent occasion and a wonderful celebration of the incredible talent of our children. Members of our School Choir joined children and young people singing and performing together to a packed audience. A huge thank you to Anjali Perinparaja, Miss Wray and Miss Hayden for their dedication to Choir which enabled the children's participation at the event—we are very lucky indeed to have such a talented and skilled music team. A big thank you to Miss Lee who spent the day and evening with the children and to all the parents and carers who came and supported your children with their music. I was extremely proud of Garden Fields as always.



## Does your child love to perform?

Even though she is on maternity leave, Miss Wray has always spotted an exciting opportunity for the children. Would your child like to form their own band? If so, I can't wait to see them performing at next year's 'Shine' contest!



**Hertfordshire Music Service**

# Be Your Own Band

**Do you like the idea of joining a band?**

**Never picked up an instrument?**

**Don't know what instrument you want to play?**

**This ensemble is for you!**

The group is for young people who would like to experience being in a band but have little to no experience in playing an instrument.

Have a go at playing various instruments like drums, guitar, bass, keyboard and vocals with other young people and create your own band!

The sessions are designed to allow you to experience different genres and learn at your own pace - guided by professional musicians.

**This is an amazing opportunity to get into music and work with others who share your passion and desire.**

Register your interest by scanning the QR code or visiting Hertfordshire Music Service ([hertsmusicservice.org.uk](http://hertsmusicservice.org.uk)).

Age 8-11  
Cost: £44.50 for the Summer Term.  
Venue: St Albans Music School, Townsend School  
Time: Wednesdays 4.15pm—5.00pm



For more up-to-date information and to find out about more events follow us on Twitter and Facebook - @hertsmusic

## Football News

Much more footballing success over the past two weeks! On Saturday 22nd April, our Year 5s played in the District 6-a-side Finals competition and for the second year running, Garden Fields won. The boys won their group, winning all their five games but one. As a result, they played in the final against St Alban and St Stephen – it was a fantastic performance from the team!

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, our Year 6s played in the preliminary round of their version of the competition. They finished top of their group, with no goals conceded. They then played in the finals on Saturday, and won, meaning that Garden Fields now holds both six-a-side trophies – unprecedented! Our Year 6s were magnificent; dominating their group and effectively qualifying for the final with one game to spare. The final, against Maple, was very one-sided but our boys just could not put the ball in the net...until extra time when we scored twice! That afternoon, players from our school team attended at Clarence Park for St Albans City's final game of the season (at half time, we were welcomed onto the pitch to celebrate our earlier successes in the National League competition).

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, our team played in the Wix Centenary 7-a-side Finals competition at Colney Heath FC. After beating Radlett Prep 3-1 in game one, the team lost an early goal to Knebworth but went on to dominate. Eventually, we scored and then again to win the group. We were much the better team in the final against William Ransom but could not score; the game finished 0-0, leading to the dreaded penalty shoot-out which we unfortunately lost. The team was absolutely brilliant.

And finally...on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, the boys played the semi-finals of the District Cup competition, against Fleetville. For the second day running, after an exciting 2-2 draw and extra time, we faced a penalty shoot-out and prevailed. In the final, against a dangerous St Columba's team, Garden Fields went behind – against the run of play – but the boys

clawed their way back into it in the second half. Again, there was extra time, but there was to be no winner or penalty shoot-out this time. The trophy was shared between the two teams. A very exciting end to an unbelievable and successful season. Thank you to such a magnificent group of boys and to their wonderfully supportive parents.

**Over to our deputy editors to report on the week's events..**

### The Missing Sign

Last week, a girl in Year 5, spotted something unusual in our school. All of the students and staff who've been in Garden Fields for quite some time continue to not notice the blood-curdling mystery of the missing sign until now...



### Gilwell Park

Close to London, Gilwell Park has scouting heritage and 108 acres available for fun and adventure and for young people to experience the freedom of the outdoors. There are many interesting activities, such as ladder climb, orienteering, climbing, go-karting, raft building and archery. On Thursday, the Year 4s went to Gilwell Park for one night and experienced all those activities! They roasted marshmallows and had so much fun.

### Dance Competition

We are very proud of Matilda, in Swallow class, Y5, who incredibly came second place in a dance competition! One of our reporters interviewed her and asked how she achieved that and what tips she has for new dancers!

**Reporter:** "How did you win this incredible prize?"

**Matilda:** "I did a lyrical dance and a ballet dance. I won a trophy for my ballet dance!"

**Reporter:** "How long have you been practising for this?"

**Matilda:** "Oh my gosh! I have been practising for the ballet solo for a year and a half and the lyrical solo for six months! I use these dances for other things as well..."

**Reporter:** "When did you first start dancing?"

**Matilda:** "I was around one or two years-old! I can't remember my very first club because I was very young, but my second club was ballet."

**Reporter:** "What tips do you give to others?"

**Matilda:** "Keep dancing, try to achieve your dreams but remember, you won't get it right every time. I've always believed I could, so I did."

### King Charles III's Coronation

On Saturday 6th May, it is the King's Coronation. Today, we had a big celebration with a picnic, a dress-up day, a special guest and lots more. Your job was to create a crown to bring in and wear for the Coronation picnic. We took some pictures of everyone and even Mr Sutton being crowned headteacher!

### Quiz!

We also made a quiz on the Coronation and the King's reign! Take this quiz on what activity you should do this Saturday to celebrate..

## WHAT ACTIVITY SHOULD YOU DO FOR THE CORONATION?

<p><b>Q1: What's your favourite subject in school?</b>                  A. Art                  B. Computing                  C. History                  D. P.E</p>	<p><b>Q2: What do you do in your spare time?</b>                  A. Draw                  B. Play video games or watch TV                  C. Research                  D. Joe Wicks</p>
<p><b>Q3: Why are you celebrating the King's Coronation?</b>                  A. To create something NEW                  B. For the music                  C. To remember the history                  D. To bust some fun moves</p>	<p><b>Q4: What did you enjoy most about the Coronation?</b>                  A. The crafts that the school was doing                  B. Watching it LIVE                  C. The King being crowned                  D. The picnic</p>
<p><b>Q5: What are you most excited about in the Coronation?</b>                  A. The spirit                  B. The Cakes                  C. The new facts                  D. The dancing and having fun</p>	

**ANSWERS:**

<p>Mostly As:</p>  <p><b>Create something about the Coronation</b></p>	<p>Mostly Bs:</p>  <p><b>Make an online game or video about the Coronation to show your family</b></p>
<p>Mostly Cs:</p>  <p><b>Make a fact file about the Coronation</b></p>	<p>Mostly Ds:</p>  <p><b>Make up a dance to do with the Coronation</b></p>

**Next Time:**

Find out about all the school trips going on in the next couple of months!  
 Get to know the staff! We are going to be interviewing some of the staff and finding out what their opinions are on the school! Much more next time on the Garden Fields Newsletter...

**By: Olivia, Sofi, Azra, Bethany and Bryony :-)**

Lastly, a massive thank you to everyone for making our Coronation event today so special; from all at home who helped the children to look so amazing, to the crown makers, charity donators, bunting makers and decorators and teaching teams who took the time to create wonderful memories for the children. Today wouldn't have sparkled so magically without you all!

Wishing you all a wonderful bank holiday weekend!