

# Bloxham C of E Primary School



Newsletter 2 – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Value – Honesty



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Dear Bloxham Family,

I am delighted to be able to share with you some wonderful work that has been happening in school since we started back. The children have also been learning about the late Queen Elizabeth II – we felt it was important to pause our regular curriculum and ensure this pivotal moment in history was recognised. We are creating a wonderful tribute to HRH in the school hall, using all the beautiful work the children have been working hard creating.

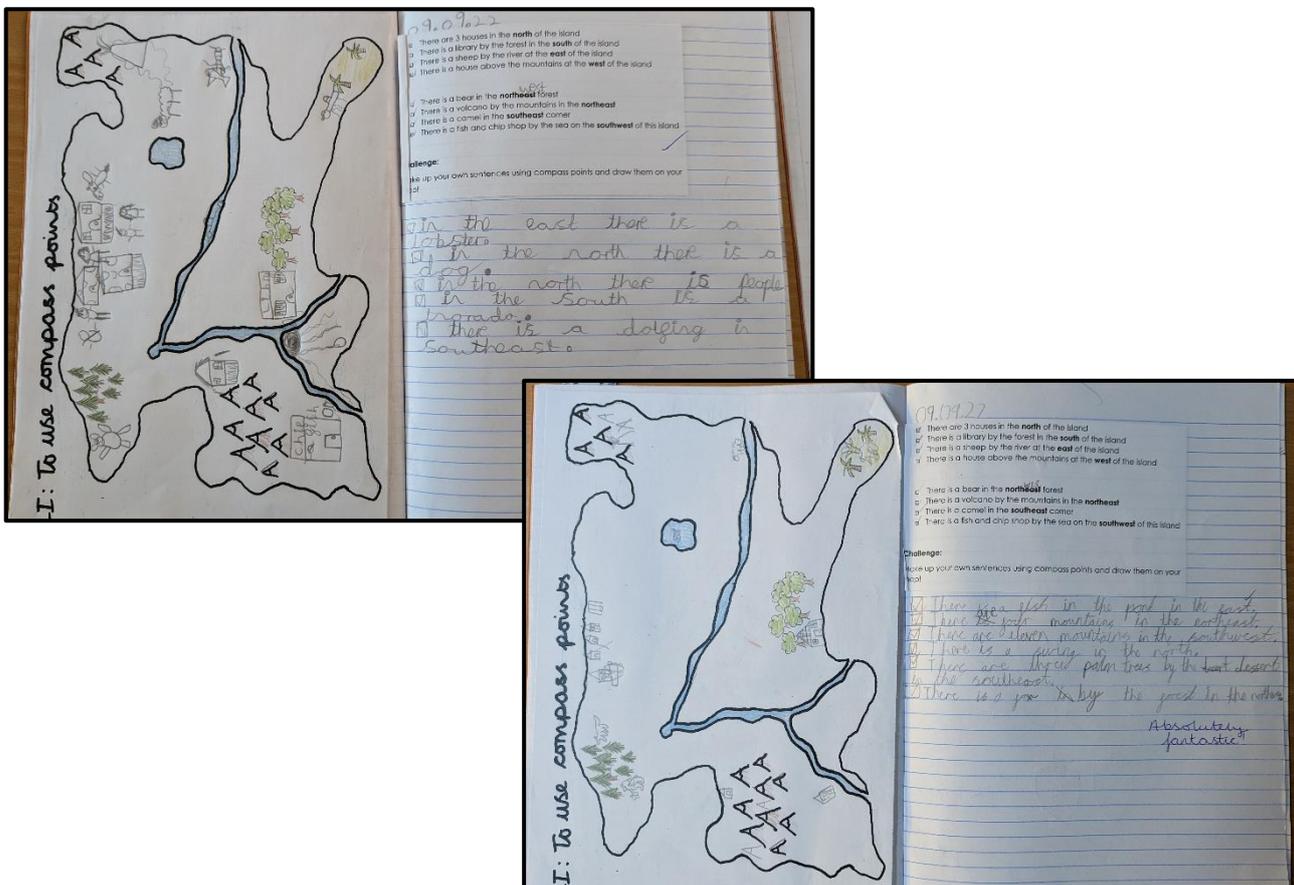
Wishing you all a great week ahead,

Ms J Donnellan

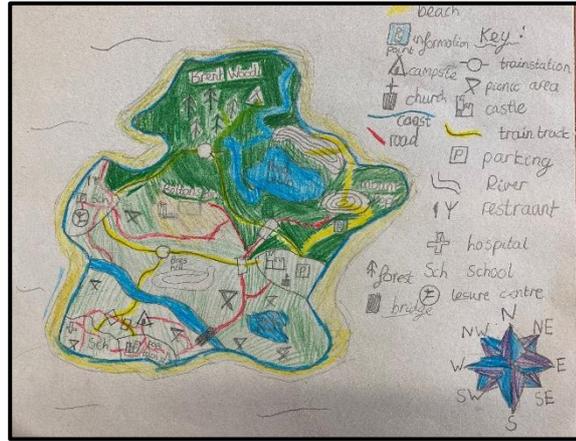
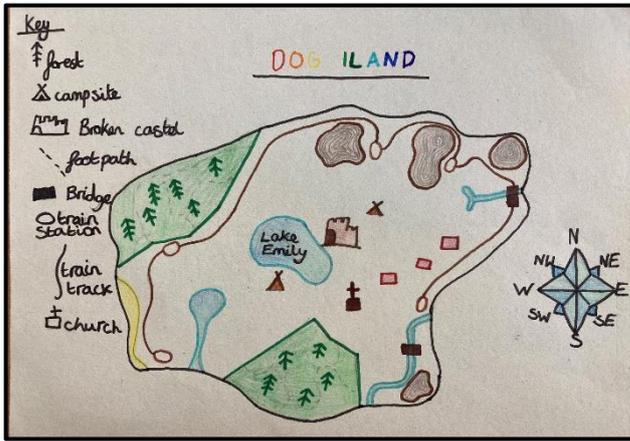
Interim Headteacher

## Geography learning

To “kick start” our focused Geography studies this academic year, we have all been busily learning map skills. In KS2, Year 3 have been securing their understanding of an eight-point compass and following compass directions to locate features and landmarks, as well as placing their own features on a map and recording the direction of their location. Fabulous learning here from Izea and Alexander!



Moving to Year 5, the wonderful learning continues, with the children creating their own maps and also using the eight-point compass, together with OS symbols to bring their imaginary places to life. Have a look at the wonderful creations shown here from Emily and Poppy!

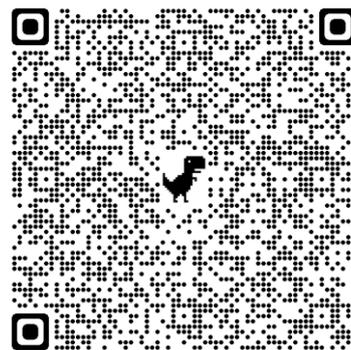


Year 4 have also been extremely busy learning about OS symbols whilst Year 6 have been learning how to record places on a map using six-figure grid references.

### Foundation Stage learning

To commemorate the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, each year group will create artwork to be displayed in school to celebrate her 70-year reign.

Foundation Stage decided to mark the occasion by making marmalade sandwiches and drawing pictures of lilies (The Queen's favourite flower) after listening to a poem by the Poet Laureate; Simon Armitage. If you wish to share the poem with your child, scan the QR code below.



### Spirituality

HRH Queen Elizabeth II famously said: "*Grief is the price we pay for love*". This week, many people across the world (not just in the UK) are feeling grief at the loss of this iconic leader; a woman who embodied selfless service and showed the world how your faith can carry you through the toughest of times.

Over the past week, the profound value and importance of the Christian faith both to the late Queen and to our new King, has been made very apparent. In his first address to the nation, King Charles III explained: "*...In that faith (Church of England), and the values it inspires, I have been brought up to cherish a sense of duty to others, and to hold in the greatest respect the precious traditions, freedoms*

and responsibilities of our unique history". He finished with the beautiful wish for his late mother: *May "flights of Angels sing thee to thy rest"*.

Although we are a Church of England School, we welcome children and families of all faiths and no faith; in line with British Values, we are tolerant and respectful of different beliefs. People of faith have far more in common than what divides them and if we all lived a life of service to others, with integrity and compassion, the world would be a far better place!

For both our children and staff, the coming weeks and months will be a time to learn more about many of the religions of the world and what it means to be a Christian. There will be many children and adults in our school and within our community for whom the Queen's death stirs up their personal sadness and grief for loved ones who have died. As always, our staff are there to encourage empathy amongst each other and to offer understanding and support.

*In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*" Act 20: 3



### **Golden Tickets for KS2**

Reading is so magical as it can transport you to places you have never been before. You can travel to exotic faraway lands or you can find yourself in the deepest, darkest jungle. My question to anyone who says they can't cook is 'Can you read?' as if you can read you can follow the instructions on how to cook anything. Reading enables you to learn about new things whether it is about going back in time to different eras in history or understanding our planet in science books and so much more.

To encourage children to read regularly we have introduced the 'Golden Ticket'. If your child reads at home every day, (once over the weekend) and gets their reading record signed their 'Golden Ticket' gets entered into a draw. The draw takes place during our celebration assembly on Friday. Two lucky people from each year group, years 3 – 6, have juice and biscuits with Ms Oatridge whilst discussing the amazing world of books. This week Flossie, Dylan, Troy, Isla, Henry P, William and Vavara were the lucky recipients. **The 'Golden Tickets' will be introduced to FS and KS1 at a later date.**



## FLU VACCINATIONS – MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2022

Flu vaccinations are taking place in school on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022. If you have not replied to give consent or let the School Nurse know if your child is not having the vaccination, could you please reply at your earliest convenience.

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Best Academic Progress	Values Award
Foundation	Arthur & Harry	Jenson & Leo
Year 1	Charlotte & Flora	Lennox & Oliver
Year 2	Seth & Emma	Jacob & Scarlett
Year 3	Harry & Harvey	Olivia & Sophia
Year 4	Neve & Martha	Arthur & Benji
Year 5	Anya & Dora	Blake & Lily-Rose
Year 6	Becca & Oscar	Hamish & Tyler

