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"It's worth remembering that it is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change." — Queen Elizabeth II

Hello everyone!

What a fantastic few weeks we have had to start our Summer Term this year. Last weekend was Ten Tors which saw around 50 of our students and staff walking the Jubilee Challenge 23. They all worked extremely hard for this, having started preparations way back in the Autumn term with lots of training hikes over Dartmoor, and an overnight stay in a youth hostel for those that did the Jubilee Plus Challenge, although the accommodation on the actual challenge may not have been as comfortable!



Our two Richards went up on the Thursday night to put up the tents for the overnighters and they were joined by others who went up to help, one of whom was Cathy, our Horticulture Lead, who was later interviewed on Devon Live!



All of our teams completed the challenge and were presented with medals from the British Army. It was a brilliant experience and one that the students will remember for the rest of their lives. I am sure that you will join me in saying thank you to our staff for their time, efforts and enthusiasm and also a well earned congratulations to our students who took part.



Well done everyone! (there are lots more photos on [FaceBook](#)). We will be having a special assembly next Friday with our Jubilee Challengers, their parents/carers, and staff to celebrate the successes of the whole team (invitations will be sent out later today!).

We had so many of our staff volunteer their time to be with the children this weekend and I am so proud of everyone's efforts. Three of our staff, stalwart supporters of these Ten Tor Challenges and indeed Champions of our school, are Janice— Outdoor Education, Cathy—Horticulture, and Richard—Teacher. I would like to congratulate them all for not only a fabulous weekend which wouldn't have taken place if they hadn't been involved, but also for leading Ten Tors expeditions for over 10 years! Thank you for your commitment to the school and for doing amazing things for our students. Congratulations! Here's to the next 10!



Tomorrow sees another moment in history taking place with the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. We are celebrating around the school today with a whole array of fantastic things from crown competitions, classroom decoration competition, a street party lunch, bouncy castles (weather permitting!), PE competitions, slushys and ice-cream, a Coronation Cake Competition and so much more and, to get into the moment, a lot of the teachers, students and staff have embraced the Red White and Blue theme of today. All our staff and students have been working so hard in all their lessons, learning about King Charles, the British Monarchy and the Coronation and crafting coronation themed decorations.

Monarchist or not, although tomorrow may not be the last coronation we see in our lives, it is certainly going to be a grand occasion. Of course the television will be broadcasting live on Saturday and I hope you enjoy it, if you watch it, however and with whoever you see it with. It will be history in the making.

God save the King and Queen!

With Best wishes *Nicola Jones, Headteacher*