

Tuesday 18th June 2024

'Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ' 2 Peter 3: 18

Coppull St John's Church of England Primary School is 150 years old.

What a fabulous start to the final summer term with a week of celebrations. Sincere thanks are expressed to the staff, to you- our families, the members of the PTFA and church for helping everything come together and be so very successful throughout the week.



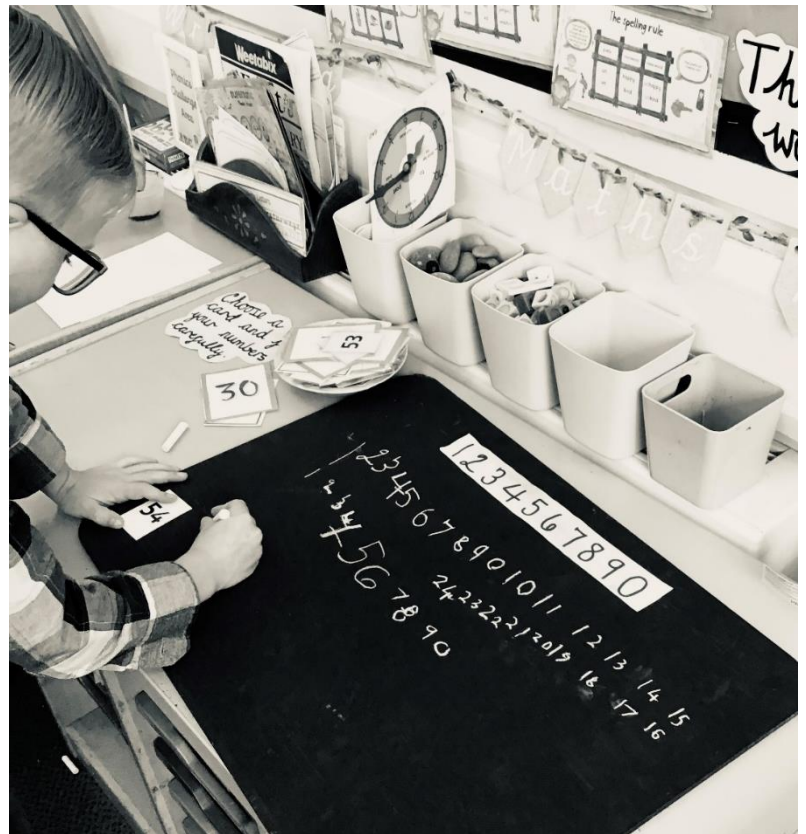
The children (and staff 😊) looked amazing dressed as in the Victorian era- (the children and staff! were told to mirror the Victorian pictures they had been studying – and not to smile!)



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During the day children experienced lessons as the Victorian children would have been asked to do, including outdoor 'drills and repetition of writing the alphabet and numbers!'



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On Tuesday Bishop Philip, Rev Matt and some children from each class, led a beautiful service to celebrate the 150 years, sharing excerpts from the original 150-year-old log books!



Then followed a commemorative tree planting and a group of willing volunteers learned and performed a traditional Maypole dance.



It was a joy to welcome past members of the school community, many of whom shared their memories and found the exhibition the classes had created really interesting.



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Throughout the week the children were invited to paint a commemorative pebble which will be laid on the path in the quiet garden.



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The whole school were organised into a '1 5 0' for a drone photograph - the children were most entertained by the drone zooming in and out over our heads! Many thanks to Mr & Mrs Tickle for taking the footage.

To round off the fabulous week we had the celebratory summer fair on Saturday 15th June. It was wonderful to see so many families from past, current and future years. Many families from the church and local community came along to support too. The weather clearly didn't deter people from coming! It was fantastic to see school so busy, sincere thanks for all your support.

Yesterday I received a surprising email from the grandson of one of the previous headteachers. Mr Thomas Henry Briggs was the Head teacher from 1908, his great granddaughter had seen our Facebook post about the Victorian day and exhibition, she lives in France so couldn't visit herself, but contacted her father; Mr Bill Briggs who is Thomas Henry Briggs' grandson.

He visited school earlier this week to see the exhibition and spotted his grandfather straight away!



Such a fantastic week to celebrate our 150th anniversary. Thank you for all your continued help and support throughout the week. All the exhibition with current photographs will be archived and hopefully looked at again at the next landmark anniversary!

Up coming events for the remainder of this term...

Thursday 27th June	Sports day from 1.45pm
Friday 28th June	Reserve Sports day
Tuesday 2nd July	Year 6 leaver's service to Blackburn Cathedral
Wednesday 3rd July	Transition afternoon for all children
Monday 8th July	Talent Show 6pm – <i>look out for the separate letter to get tickets</i>
Tuesday 9th July	Reports coming home
Tuesday 16th July	leavers performance at 2pm - <i>look out for the separate letter to get tickets</i>
Wednesday 17th July	Musical Gala 11am – <i>look out for the separate letter to get tickets</i>
Wednesday 17th July	Leaver's performance 6pm - <i>look out for the separate letter to get tickets</i>
Thursday 18th July	end of term disco 5.30- 7pm
Monday 22nd July	Leavers service in Church 9am ** new date
Monday 22nd July	Leavers trip pm
Tuesday 23rd July	Golden Eagle trip in the afternoon - <i>look out for the separate letter</i>
Wednesday 24th July	End of school year – school closes at 2pm

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