



Dear Parents and Carers,

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I wanted to write to share with you how exciting our day was last Thursday when we hosted our Royal visit from HRH Prince Edward, The Earl of Wessex.

I was so very proud of our children and our school on the day, with everyone in our community being able to be involved in the experience. It was what I describe as one of my 'Golden Days' of being a headteacher.

Hosting a royal visit is not straightforward, with many meetings, preparation and security measures to take into account, not to mention the question of 'where do they land the helicopter'.

The visit came to fruition through Mrs Baldwin and her work on outdoor learning and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, which she leads here in school. Her hard work had got us noticed by the Duke of Edinburgh central team and when Prince Edward wanted to visit a school locally they recommended us. My big thanks go to Mrs Baldwin for all her hard work.

We also had a huge amount of work completed by Miss Spurling and her Catering students. They produced an 'English Picnic' themed selection of canapes, including baking their own bread. Their work went down a storm with their scotch eggs bringing the VIPs back for more!

I really enjoyed introducing Prince Edward to students working on their Duke of Edinburgh Award and they chatted brilliantly to him. He really listened and was interested. We also introduced him to the youngest of our children on site - the children of Sandcastles Nursery, who were very excited to see a real Prince and introduce him to their new chickens in their new garden area.

Our Year 7 and Student Parliament welcomed him to school as his helicopter landed on the field, and the whole school gathered to wave and watch him depart. A truly memorable day. There are several photos that we have uploaded to the website, so please do have a look!

Yours sincerely,

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