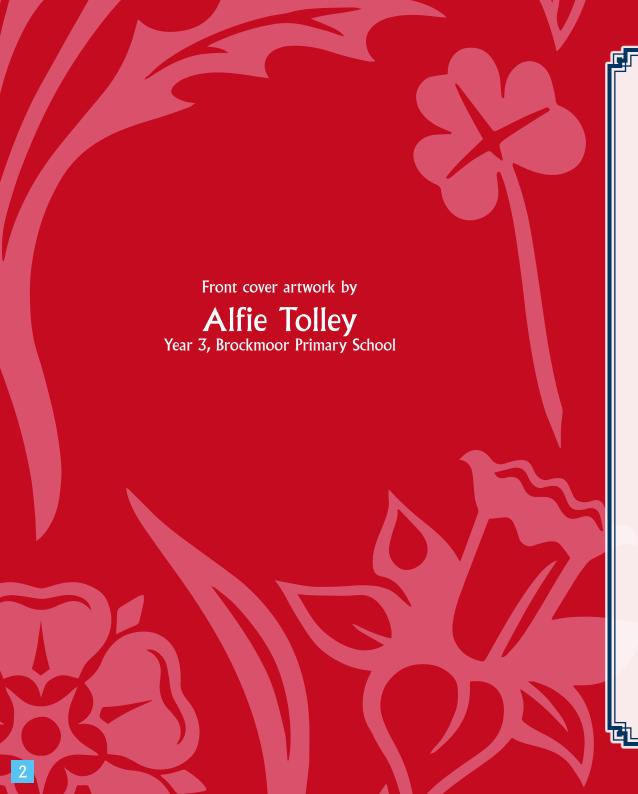
A COLLECTION OF ART AND CREATIVE WRITING BY SCHOOL PUPILS IN DUDLEY SOUTH TO CELEBRATE





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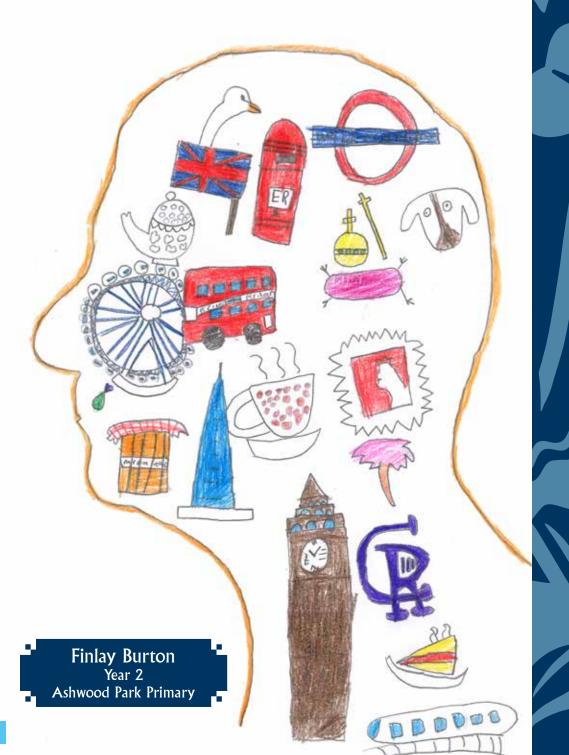
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WELCOME



A coronation is a once-in-a-lifetime celebration. Indeed, for most of the population, the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will be the first that we have known.

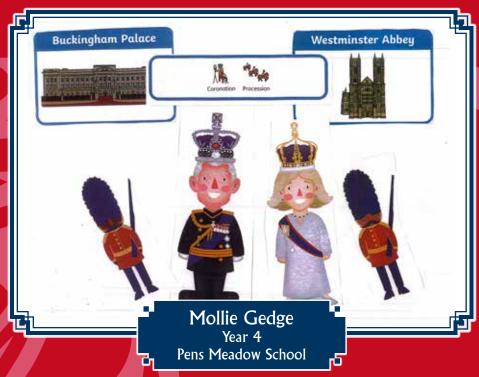
The genuine emotion triggered by the sad passing of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II surprised many – even those of us who always considered ourselves fervant royalists – but was a reminder of the love that so many have for our monarchy as well as for those monarchs as individuals.

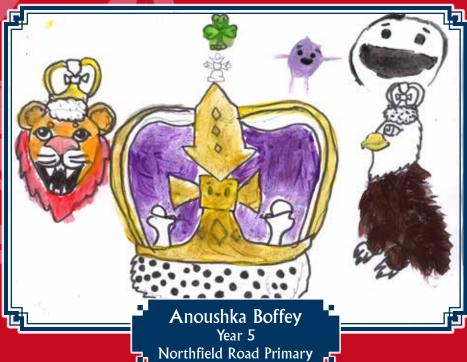
As we begin the reign of Charles III, this collection of art and creative writing is the result of a competition that I held to engage local schoolchildren in the coronation celebrations and to encourage them to consider some of the aspects that make our monarchy and our new king so special.

I hope that you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoyed the terrifically difficult task of judging the thousand entries.

God save the King.

Mike Wood MP Member of Parliament for Dudley South, April 2023





C.O.R.O.N.A.T.I.O.N.

Imogen Hill Year 7, The Link Academy

rowds of people gather to see my face

racy is key.
Loud and clear, I need those traits

R eign over England is what awaits

n behalf of you, I will listen to my people's views because other words have a place

Ne as a nation will have no room for disgrace

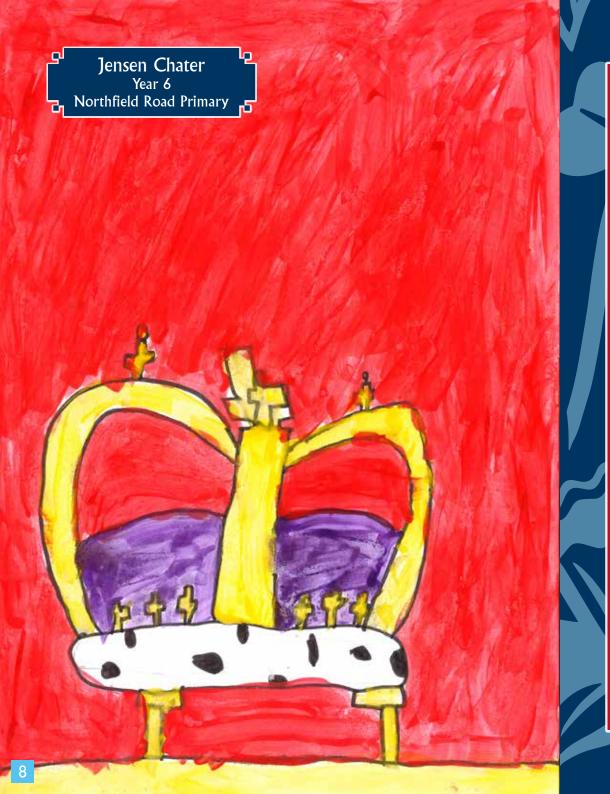
A spiring to be like my beloved mother but never replace

T ime holds the future that we must learn to embrace

promise the rest of my life to this place

our love and passion you will never erase

ow it is my time to rule with grace



NEW BEGINNINGS

Freddie Johns Year 7, Kingswinford Academy

A new king steps up to the throne,

It is a new beginning,

As he steps up he feels as he's winning,

His happy face fills up with joy,

He has had this dream since a little boy,

Everyone is cheering at Westminster,

He looked at his wife and kissed her,

This is a bright and shiny day,

It is the 6th of May.



OUR BELOVED KING

Charlie Spencer Year 7, Kingswinford Academy

80 years of a Queen Now welcome a King, Who is such a good man, We should all sing.

> As King Charles takes His mother's crown. Among us all, Not a single frown.

We see him as King And we all cheer, As a new era of England Draws ever so near.

> Now we welcome This new ruler of Britain, As fierce as a lion, Yet as kind as a kitten.

Now we embrace our new monarch Like the nest of a bird, And welcome to Kinghood, King Charles the III.





THE SIXTH OF MAY

Isla Kelly Year 8, Summerhill School

It's the coronation day of our new King, I have heard it's a very important thing. Come and join the celebration, There is no need for an invitation.

It will be held on the sixth of May, Everyone will remember this special day! King Charles will take a seat on the throne, In his fancy attire which has been especially sewn.

The country will be jumping for joy, Everyone will be happy, every adult, little girl and boy! This will be a piece of history, This is the beginning on the King's royal story.

Queen Elizabeth would be very proud, As her son becomes king, Standing before a cheering crowd.





THE CROWN

Sarah Williams Year 8, Summerhill School

Silence. Not one voice, one sound, permeates the room. That is how it has been for years. I am taken out occasionally for ceremonies, or perhaps to be cleaned, but other than that I get to sit quietly. Not that I can speak anyway; my main job is to sit and look pretty on someone's head. I mean, I am a crown after all. I'm not complaining. This suits me fine, comfortably sat on this velvet cushion, the very important thing that I am.

I think I can hear a clock. Gosh, it must be Big Ben! No, no, that doesn't make sense; I can never hear it from in here. But I can hear the clacking getting louder – footsteps!

The door opens a crack, allowing a chink of light to spill into the room. It reflects off my jewels, sending myriads of colourful shards of light dancing along the walls and ceiling. The door opens further, revealing a man dressed smartly, crystalising one thought; it's the coronation.

I am carried swiftly yet carefully out of the tower, past the guards, who salute for respect (obviously for me, I mean, who else?) The journey to the coronation flew by, and I am now being placed on King Charles' head, everyone cheering, cameras flashing, the sun catching my bejewelled cross. Through all of this, all I can think is I hope they get my best side.



A JOYOUS MOMENT

Bryony Wickett Year 7, Kingswinford Academy

A Joyous Moment Intricate designs cake the pale white walls In silver and gold Chandeliers hang from the golden sky above

This isn't just a new face on the stamp Or on the new penny This is a new beginning

St Edwards crown Made up of rubies, diamonds and more The velvet cap lined with gold glimmers in the sun

When the crown perches
On the almighty head of King Charles III
Cascading rose petals will dance around the room

A crowd of millions will celebrate this joyous moment The party will last for days on end This is a new beginning



YOUR BIG DAY

Olivia Pinches Year 8, Summerhill School

Well done, it's your time to shine Don't worry, it will all be fine Take a deep breath Have a cuppa tea The crown is yours, if you don't flee

The sense of royalty
The happiness spreading
But never forgetting Elizabeth II
Take a deep breath
Have a cuppa tea
The crown is yours, if you don't flee

The feeling of the crown placed on your head Please don't frown, all is going well Well done, it's your time to shine Don't worry it will all be fine

Today's the day – the 6th May
You're in charge, you have the say
You will look like you own the place
But if in doubt
Take a deep breath
Have a cuppa tea
The crown is yours, just enjoy it.

With many thanks to

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