



## Pupils Mug Up On History For Jubilee

PARTIES in the playground, cake decorating and non-uniform days are just some of the ways that children across the town have been celebrating the Queen's diamond jubilee. Pupils at Ruskin Junior School, Grange Infant School and Bridlewood Primary School have been getting into the spirit of the festivities. Jubilee mugs have been handed to children in Stratton by the parish council, while children at Bridlewood Primary School were given medals from Blunsdon Parish Council to mark the occasion. Ruskin Junior School students have been getting crafty with cakes to make a giant Union Jack. Ruskin Junior School family co-ordinator Karen Agambar said: "The children brought cakes in as a donation for the non-uniform days we have been having since Tuesday. "They have been coming in wearing each colour of the Union Jack, and on Friday they will wear a mixture. "They brought fairy cakes in for us to ice. Every child in school has iced a fairy cake in one of the colours. We have assembled them to make a giant Union Jack." About 600 cakes are included in the three metre by two metre creation, which is currently in a classroom but will be eaten during the school's party in the playground today. Senior citizens from Contact The Elderly and residents living near the school have been invited to join the celebrations, which will also include a giant pass the parcel. "The children will be able to speak to people from Contact the Elderly who remember when the Queen was crowned. It is like living history," Karen said. Children and staff at Bridlewood Primary School celebrated the jubilee on Wednesday by having a playground party. All the classes brought food and drinks to share and everyone sat at long tables, like a street party. Headteacher Jo Garton said: "We want all the children to remember this year. In 2012 we are all proud to be part of team GB. We are celebrating not just the diamond jubilee, but also the Olympic Games in our learning as well as our party on this special day. Bridlewood is grateful to Blunsdon Parish Council for donating a jubilee medal to every child to make it extra special." Pupil Courtney Brinkard, 10, said: "It's the best day I've ever had in my life."

Stratton St Margaret Parish Council has been presenting all local primary school children in the parish with a specially commissioned jubilee mug with the jubilee logo, the parish council logo and the school's name. The first presentation took place at Grange Infant School yesterday and presentations were also made at St Catherine's School and Ruskin School. Parish council chairman John Foley, said: "The parish council wished to mark the Queen's jubilee and agreed that providing all the primary school children in the parish with a keepsake was an appropriate way of doing so."

Councillors Nigel Chalk and John Foley presented children at Grange Infants School with their jubilee mugs

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