



## Eastington Primary School - May Monarch 2023



This year, the May Monarch of Eastington Primary was me, Basil. This year was a bit different because it was not May Queen celebration but it was May Monarch. The children were given the opportunity to vote whether to keep the tradition as May Queen or change to May Monarch to make it more inclusive. They voted for a May Monarch.

The ten year-six children who put themselves forward each wrote a speech explaining how they lived out our school values of responsibility, resilience, ambition, kindness and cooperation. Each candidate delivered their speech to the whole school in an assembly-it was a bit nerve raking.

After that, children had the opportunity to vote for the person they felt represented our school values well. Every child that put themselves forward

received votes, but I had the most votes and became the 2023 May Monarch! It was wonderful that children felt I showed our school values.

On the day of the celebration, I was buzzing with excitement. When I heard the people arriving for the ceremony, I felt nervous, especially with as I had to read my speech on stage in front of everyone who came to watch! When I walked out onto the playground, I was filled with joy. There were country dancers, led by Mrs Burns, performing for me.



I walked up to the throne with Ms Avastu ready to sit down and when I did, a huge smile came onto my face. When I took the microphone for my speech, I was nervous, but as soon as I started reading my speech, I was ok. My parents faces grew happy with excitement too.

Then, it was time to be crowned! Ms Avastu cheered, "Hail to the May King!" Mrs Hussey (our chair of governors) crowned me and everyone cheered. After the ceremony, we went to the church and took some photos.

It was a truly memorable day and I will treasure it forever.

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