



In July 2021 Bukayo Saka represented his country in the Euro final against Italy. At the end of a well fought match, the outcome had to be decided on penalties. Bukayo was one of five players who stepped up to take a penalty. After having failed to score, Bukayo and his team mates Marcus Rashford and Jadon Sancho were all subjected to racist abuse online.

Following on from this appalling event, the Y6 pupils decided to write Bukayo messages of support.

In response to our messages, Bukayo sent the school a card of thanks along with a signed shirt he wore in the semi-final of the competition against the Ukraine.

Messages of Support from Y6

The haters around are just jealous that they'll never be as good as you.

To Bukayo
You're a good player, it takes a lot of bravery to take the penalty. Don't listen to all the hate. Thank you for inspiring a generation.
From Jaydon
age: 10

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you were very brave to take it. Congrats on getting to the final. Well done!

Dear Bukayo you are the most talented footballer I have ever seen at 19. You don't need to worry about your penalty.

you are so inspirational to me. From Billie age 11

you were very

ENGLAND 🇬🇧

Dear Bukayo,
I have worked with children for over 20 years and know the importance of having role models who inspire young minds. You are one such role model. The way you conduct yourself, your dedication to a sport you love, your hard work and commitment are an inspiration to us all.
You made us all very proud during Euro 2021, along with your team mates; you played with a maturity and energy of someone much older in years. Well done for a fantastic tournament.
Nancy Dobson
(Deputy Head)

CHAMPION!!!! 🇬🇧

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to: Bukayo, you should be proud of your amazing journey, its ok that England lost what matters is that you tried your best.

From Irene (11age)

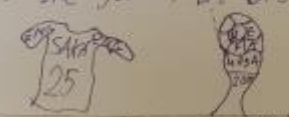
Dear Bukayo
well done for standing up for standing up for the challenge even knowing you missed it you are still an inspiration for us all.
Never give up.
Love you - Emily

Penalty comp-ENGL-5 Italy Bukayo Saka's

Dear Bukayo,
That penalty was the most important in England's history but with that comes alot of pressure. People who are racist to you are wrong, you tried your best and that really matters. Lets celebrate that we atleast got to the finals in the Europe World cup.

-Matias Macionis
11yo Arsenal Fan

We all make mistakes you were under pressure and some people DONT UNDERSTAND



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Dear Bukayo a good person to stand up to I know we lost at least we made to the finals. I know people are hating you Just take a break! Thank you for playing for England!

Don't listen to them they are better than them!

Dilan Age 11

Dear Bukayo,

We're very grateful for getting us to the finals! Thanks for inspiring us all to try our best and to work hard! By the way, don't worry about the penalty THERE'LL BE MORE!

From Lily age 11


Dear Bukayo, you are outstanding, you are smart, talented, and incredibly mature. You're only 19! and you're living the life! You are a role model to everyone. Don't let those horrible comments get you down you are one of the few people that have given our team this far. The football played this especially to you. But you carried on. Well done. You rock the courage and bravery to take the penalty. Also your grades in school are sensational. You inspire me.

PS: the Guinness rule footballs age 11 Arsenal

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Dear Bukayo,
I am extremely sad by the comments
that I see very proud that you have
had the courage to say that
people I made a life in a team for
you!

Send
Amazing
Knowledge
I hope



Football It's coming home

Dear Bukayo Salisu

I hope you get this note because you
are my favourite footballer and you inspired
me to play football alot more.

I am also so glad that you got picked on
the england team because you tried
your best and that's what matters.

From Thomas Age 11

It's coming home Football

Dear Bukayo (25)

well done you took the penalty although he caught
it, it was a brilliant shot on target, not many
people have the guts to take a penalty.
Think about how many people look up to you.
And think about how amazing it is
that we got to the euro finals.

From oliver
age 11

Football It's coming home

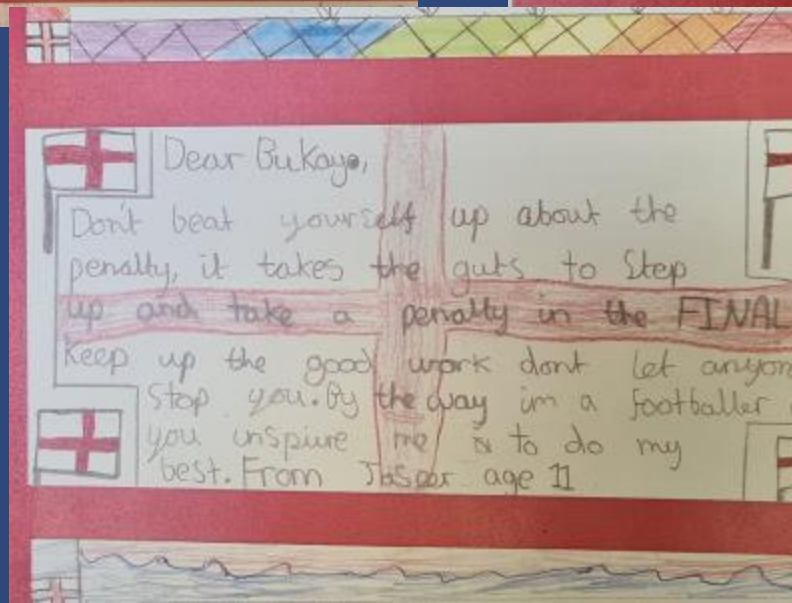
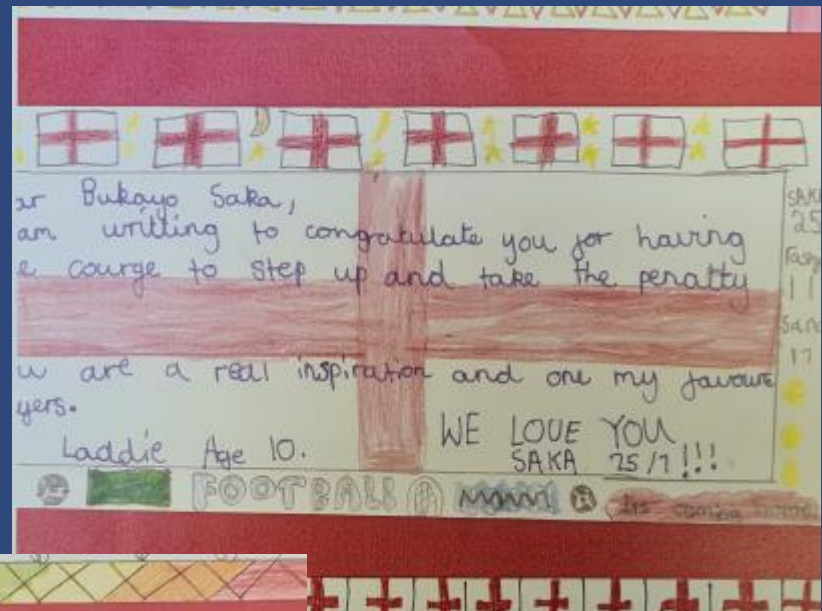
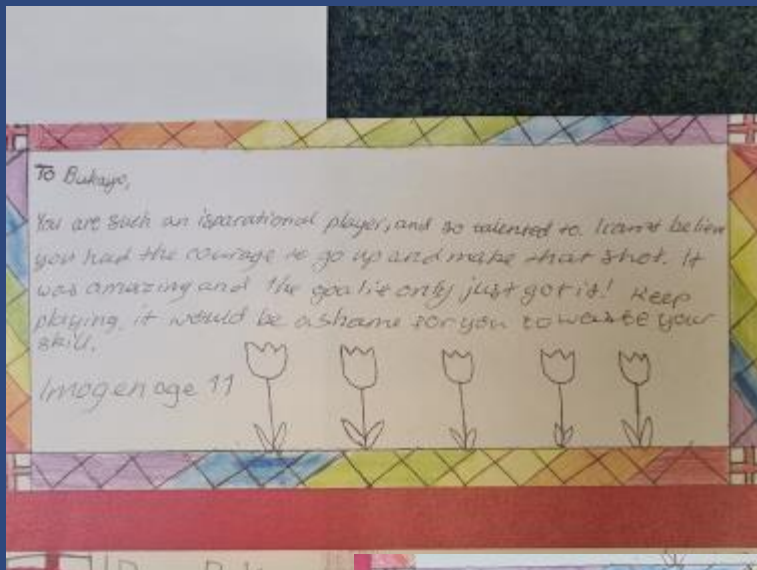
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Dear Bukayo,
you love so much skill and talent.
I don't normally play football but watching you
really inspired me to play, you're really good don't let
tell you anything else.
From JJ age 11

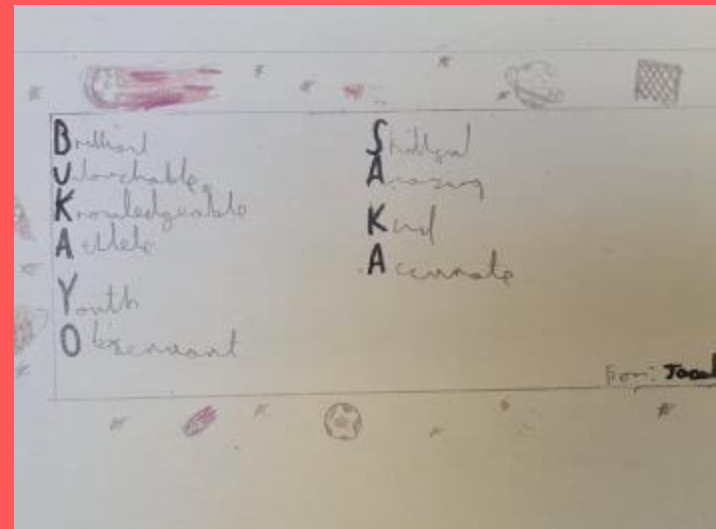
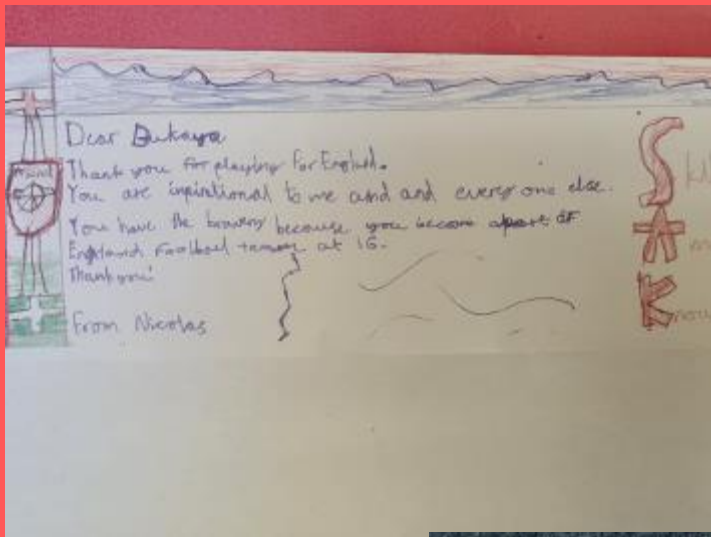
Dear Bukayo,
Congratulations on your achievements in football,
we are all grateful. Thank you for inspiring
our nation in this event, and we have been pleased
by your actions. Sometimes life can get difficult but
never give up.. because there is never mistakes without
any mistakes at all..
-Sincerely, Amaan

Bukayo,
It's amazing how far you have come and how much
you have achieved. It's okay that England lost
because there is always going to be a next time.
You tried so hard and inspired so many people
with your bravery and courage. You should be
proud of yourself!
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Chael

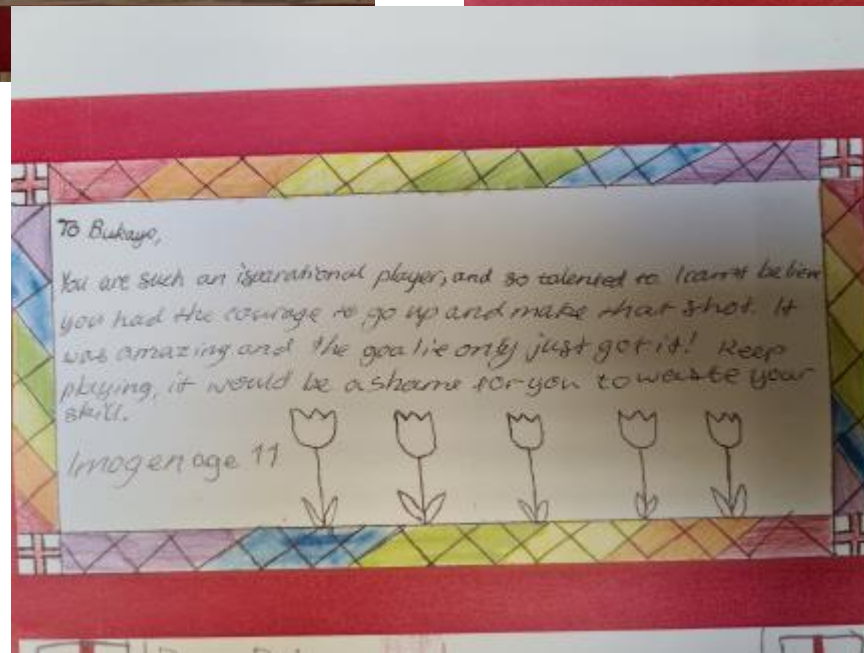
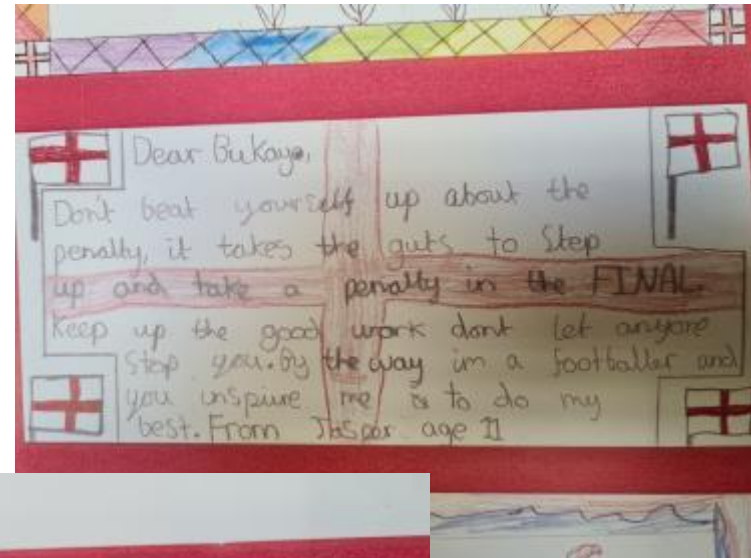
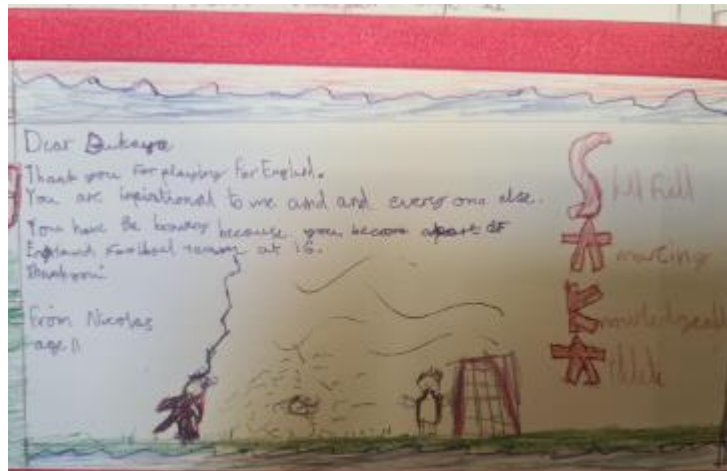
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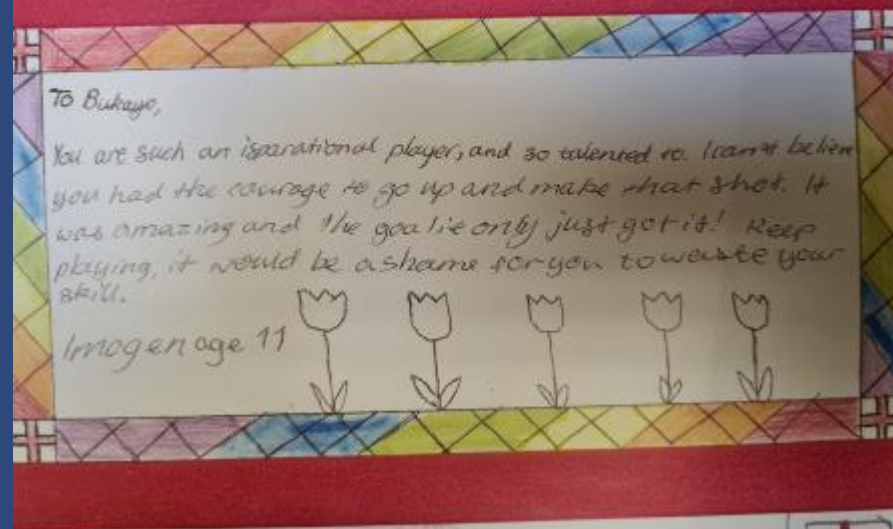
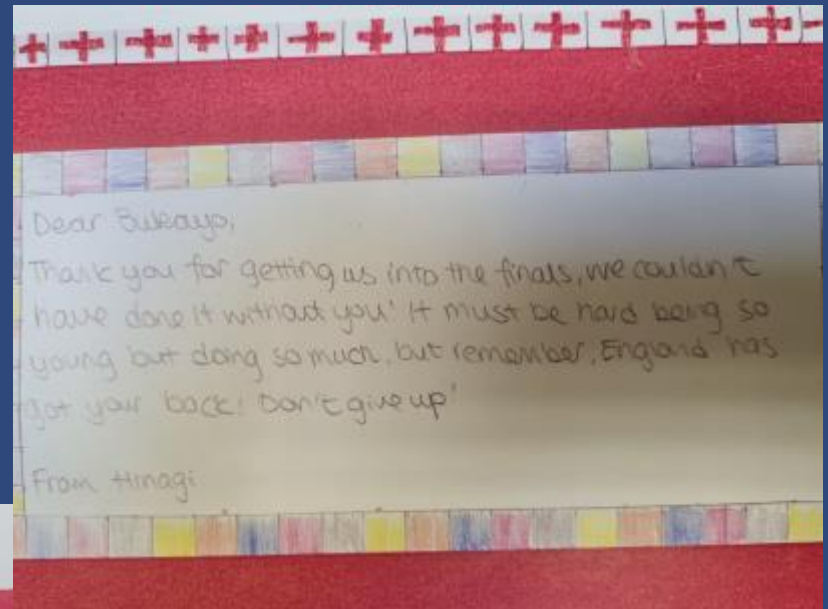
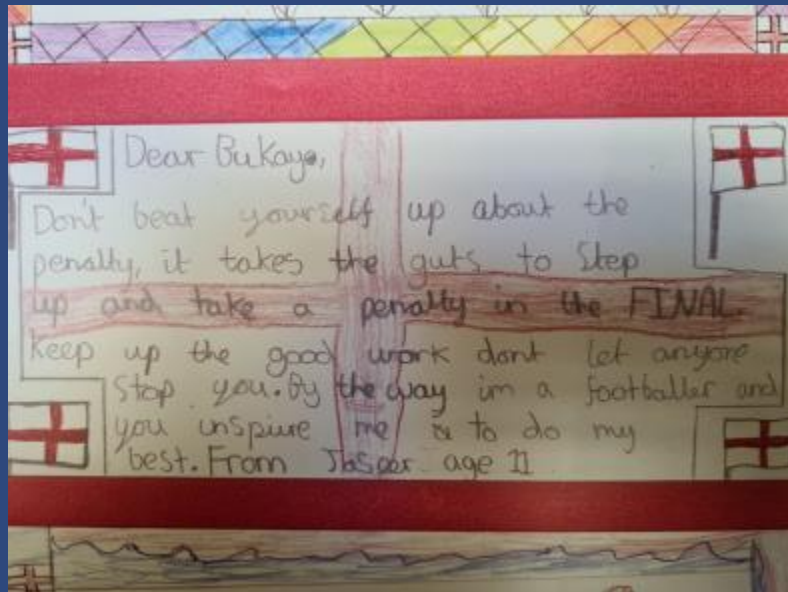
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Dear Bukayo,

Thank you for helping our country reach the final in the Euro 2020. Next year in the world cup we will win and you will score the winning penalty. Make sure to carry on being a superstar and don't let anybody bring you down. We love you!

From Oliver age 11

Dear Bukayo Saka,

You may lose a penalty, and you may lose the finals, but you'll never lose a place in the people's hearts that you've inspired and you'll never lose your support if you just believe.

written by
Alex age 11

The haters around are just jealous that they'll never be as good as you.

Pickford/Maguire/Stones/Shaw/Walker/Rice/Phillips

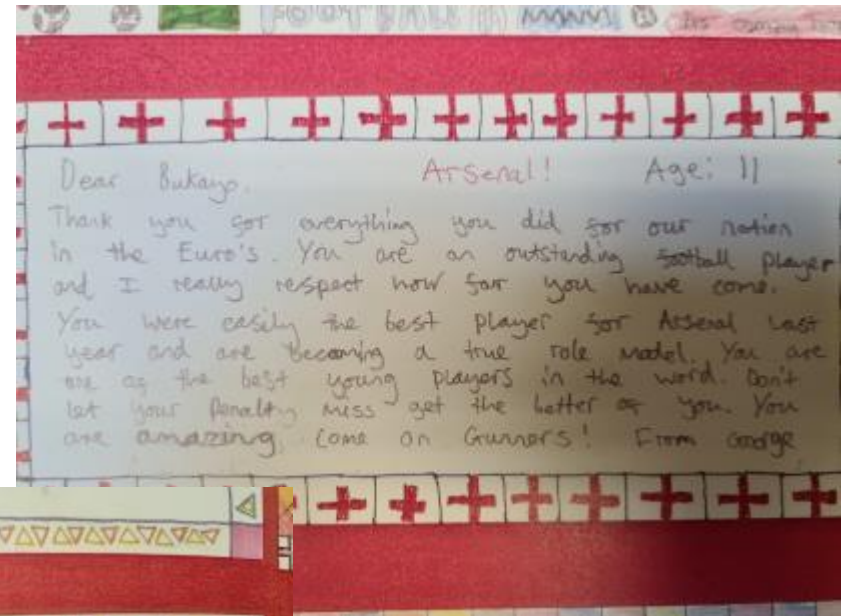
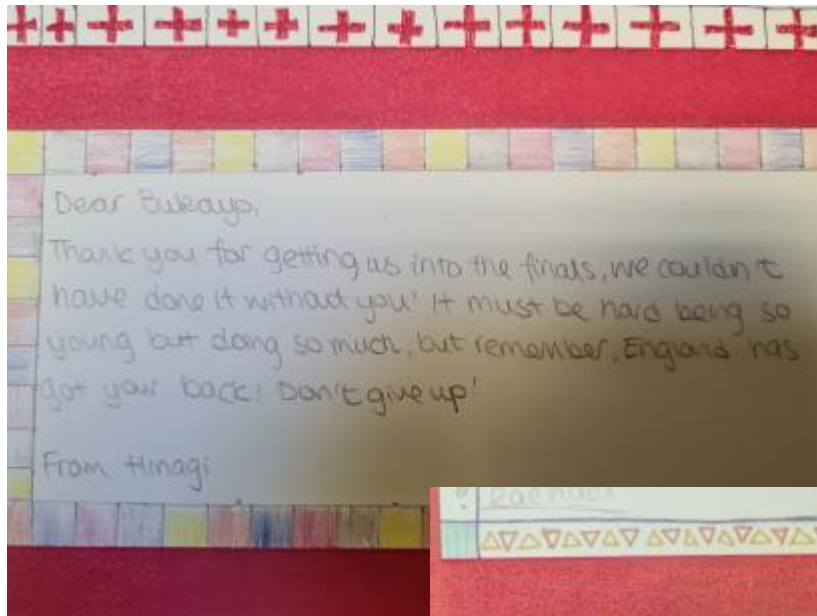
Dear Bukayo,

You have been amazing throughout the whole tournament. We are all so proud of you. You have showed your talent and you are at the start of your journey there is alot to look forward to. You are very talented.

From
Luke Agell

Trippier/Mason/Mount/Starling/Kane/Saka/Kendall/Henderson

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Message of Thanks from Bukayo

A
MASSIVE
THANK
YOU

To
All the staff & pupils
at St John's C of E Primary School

Thank you so much for all the messages,
networks and pictures. They are very
lovely and encouraging words reading
through them.

I have signed a shirt for the school as
a show of my appreciation. I hope it
inspires the pupils as they walk through
the school hall daily to go on and
fulfil their own dreams.

from
Bukayo Saka

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