

The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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Well Prepared for Life

Star of the week

RA- Theo W
RT- Poppy F
RD- Thomas R
1P- Harry B
1T- Ava W
1H- Jack T
2CA- Arran P
2A- Jack R
2K- Cara P
3M- Poppie R
3P- Sienna H
3C- Jacob C
4AW- Maya T
4VW- Gracie W
4B- James P
5H- Ewan T
5J- Lois H
6L- April S
6G- Mylee C

Assembly theme

The theme for next week will be:
"Respect".

Team Points

Week ending 2.2.18
1st-409 Falcons
2nd-352- Hawks
3rd-326-Eagles
4th- 314-Owls

Head Teacher's News

Goodbye to Mrs Whale

Mrs Whale has been a member of our school support staff, working as a Teaching Assistant at The Coppice for around 13 years. At present working in 3C, she has worked mainly in lower Junior's throughout her time with us. She joined us in 2005 after a stint in Meadow Green as a Teaching Assistant. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Whale for her commitment and the effort she has put in on our behalf over those years. We wish her the very best in her retirement.

Dogs on site - a reminder

We have had another incident between a child and a dog on site most recently. Accordingly, it is worth me reminding visitors and parents of our policy regarding this.

We do have a Thrive dog on site, Rufus, who has been fully risk assessed and has a good track record of working with our children (our Thrive Dog Policy is available on our website).

Apart from Rufus, there are no dogs allowed on site apart from the exceptional *Guide Dog for the blind and partially sighted* that we might get.

Just to clarify, **no dogs are allowed beyond the public footpath on Shawhurst Lane** (i.e. not into our driveways and car parks).

Further, I have been asked by a parent to draw everybody's attention to the fact that if a dog has a yellow ribbon tied to its collar then it is an indicator that the dog has anxiety issues and might snap. In addition, I am told that dogs who are not of a friendly disposition might have a warning label around their collar to warn people.

Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to 1P and 4B for having the highest attendance in KS1 and KS2 respectively.

Punctuality Award: KS1: 1H KS2: 4B

A special well done to 4B. Not only is this the third consecutive week they have had the highest attendance in KS2, but last week they had 100% attendance plus no lates. Fantastic!

Weekly % attendance w/b 29.1.18

RD	96.7	RT	97.3	RA	91.2
1H	93.3	1T	94.3	1P	99.3
2K	97.0	2CA	89.0	2A	91.0
3C	98.7	3M	99.3	3P	96.0
4VW	96.1	4B	100	4AW	94.8
5H	88.4	5J	84.2	Whole School	
6L	95.3	6G	92.9	94.5%	

This week at The Coppice

Years 5 and 6 visited a travelling planetarium in the Infant Hall on Monday. Two PHD astrophysics students from Warwick University brought an inflatable planetarium where the Year 5's looked at the likelihood of finding life beyond planet Earth and learned about research into finding possible life on Mars and other planets.

Year 6 children learned about the work of astronomers and international scientists. They heard about the changing views and understanding of our Universe and learned about The Extremely Large Telescope in Chile and the Hadron Collider in Switzerland.

We hope we have inspired some scientists of the future.

On Wednesday RD and their buddies went to Birmingham Airport. All of Reception and Year 6 have visited the Airport now and taking buddies has proved to be a great success.

Maths Challenge

Four of our best Year 5 mathematicians represented The Coppice at King Edward's School at a Maths Challenge event. Here's what they had to say about it- "When we arrived at King Edward's School we were all feeling very hopeful as last year we returned back with a Gold Medal. As we entered the hall we saw many eager faces ready to compete in the Maths Challenge. We had to do a cross number (it was like a crossword with numbers instead of letters) and we got 48 correct out of 51 in 12 minutes. The final challenge was a relay race where we had to answer questions as quick as possible. In the end we received a silver medal and are extremely grateful for being invited to the Maths Challenge" by Ayesha, Bella, Joel and Katie B.

Coming up at The Coppice

Monday 12th February – Year 4 Egyptian Day.

Tuesday 13th February – There will be a bake sale on the stage after school to raise funds for the Year 6 Leavers Party. Cakes from 20p

Wednesday 14th February- There will be another bake sale in on the stage area after school. Cakes, flapjacks, brownies, cookies and chocolate bags for sale. Prices from 20p. All the money raised will be going to The Acorns Hospice. This is part of a fundraising initiative by Year 7 pupils at Woodrush.

Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th February – Year 5 Residential trip to Stratford - Upon - Avon.

Thursday 15th February – Mr Laight's Football Club will NOT take place due to staff being on the Year 5 residential trip.

Friday 16th February – Year 6 Heights and Weights monitoring.

PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL IS OPEN ON FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY. Woodrush are closed due to a TED day but Coppice is open as usual.

School closed for half term Monday 19th-23rd February. Pupils return to school on Monday 26th February.

Look out in book bags next week for a letter about our up-coming Science Fair. This was very successful last year and we look forward to seeing all of the children's submissions this year. Winners get to present their "project" at Birmingham University.

Whoops, whoops, whoops, whoops, whoops, whoops, whoops, whoops, whoops, whoops, whoops, whoops.

A couple of mistakes from last week's newsletter. Apologies to the Girls gymnastics team for reporting that they had won a bronze medal at the competition when in fact they had actually won the Silver – well done girls. Also apologies to Ben M who was accidentally missed of the list of the silver medal award winners for the Y5 & 6 Boys Sports Hall Athletics Competition.

Our Website.....<http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk>

You can find out more from our school website. You can voice an opinion on any school related issue by using our virtual suggestion box but if you wish to contact a Governor regarding any issues either email the school office (office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk) or send a letter in an envelope and your correspondence will be passed on in confidence.