



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children. As always, it's been another busy and enjoyable week at The Coppice.

Humbling assemblies for Years 3-6 from Pastor Crosthwaite and Tapiwa from Zimbabwe.

On Monday afternoon Years 3-6 had their assemblies delivered by Pastor Steve Crosthwaite from The Hollywood Christian Life Centre and a lady called Tapiwa, who is from Zimbabwe. The purpose of these assemblies was to raise awareness with our children regarding what life is like for school age children in Zimbabwe and how it is very different from the lives that are led here. Tapiwa is an incredible lady who lives and works in this country but sends virtually all that she earns back to Zimbabwe so that it can help fund a self-sustaining farm plus school that she set up in her homeland. This made it possible for children, who wouldn't otherwise be able to go to school, to be able to receive an education. The school also provides a meal for the children using the food grown on the farm. Without this food, many of the children would go hungry.

Hollywood Christian Life Centre also got involved in what Tapiwa was doing and it was because of their involvement that the building of the school was made possible. Because they were involved in the building of the school, Steve approached us a while back and asked us if we had any spare second hand uniform to send for the children there. Some of you may remember that I put some photos in a previous newsletter of the children proudly wearing it. If you didn't I have included some more photos opposite. These photos make us all smile everytime we see them!

Both Pastor Crosthwaite and Tapiwa commented on how fantastic our children were in the assemblies. They showed true empathy for the children in Zimbabwe and were fascinated by the information that they were given about their lives. They also asked a great deal of extremely well-thought out questions. We were very proud of all our children for the qualities that they presented to our visitors. Empathy for others is one of our core drivers at The Coppice and, therefore, to once again see it in evidence shows that we are achieving this with our children.

Moving forward, we are very much looking to extend our involvement with the school in Zimbabwe and we are already exploring with Steve how some of our children can have contact with the children there - we all wear the same uniform after all! This may well involve writing letters and sharing photographs and, hopefully at some point, a live video link. It is so important to us, as a school, that our children have a global perspective and get to understand the lives of those who live far away. We will also be looking to try and raise some money for the school. It costs £250.00 a month to pay a teacher to teach the children in Zimbabwe and we would love to be able to raise enough to fund this teacher for a month or two. Without the money their education stops. More will come on this moving forward.

Huge thanks again to Steve and Tapiwa for these humbling and enlightening assemblies.



5,262 miles away

16,633,400 population
69,138,200 UK population

Average temperature of about 40 degrees
Our average temperature in the summer is only 21 degrees



Year 1 Phonics workshop:

A big thank you to all Year 1 Parents and Carers who attended the phonics 'demonstration of the extended code session on Tuesday afternoon - your attendance on behalf of your child is hugely appreciated. Understanding how we teach the foundations of reading is hugely beneficial to you as Parents and Carers in being able to support your child's reading journey at home. If for some reason you were unable to attend the session and would like more information about the teaching of phonics at The Coppice, please see your child's Class Teacher and they will be able to support you further. In addition, we will look to put on more sessions over the course of the year. A big thank you obviously again goes to Mr. Laight and Mrs. Russell who led this session.

Author visit:

On Tuesday, Years 4, 5 and 6 were lucky enough to be visited by the very talented children's author - Dominique Valente. Dominique, originally from South Africa, shared her story of how she became a writer and what inspires her. She has written many stories, with her most recent publication - 'Witchspark'. During the workshop, we had lots of fun coming up with an outline for our very own magical story. We voted for our favourites and finally settled on the title 'Sugar Rush'. Our main character was Aurora, who has unlimited magical powers, and disappears through a secret portal in a bus stop, which transports her to a completely edible world! Now that is a story we'd all love to read! She also gave us some top writers tips, which included: always carry a notebook, write about what you love and always try to finish your story! A brilliant morning was had by all. A massive thanks to Dominique for taking the time to stop by at our school and for spreading her joy and passion for writing!



First School Council Session

On Thursday, Miss. Danby organised a special School Council meeting to hand over responsibilities from the old to the new councillors. It was wonderful to see the children sharing their enthusiasm for last year's achievements and expressing their hopes for the new council. The newly elected councillors were introduced to their roles and learned how meetings are conducted. In our next meeting, The Council now look forward to discussing their vision for the year with Mr. Hutt and sharing some of the exciting ideas from our new team.



Open Morning next week:

Next week we will starting to hold our next round of Open Mornings for prospective Nursery and Reception children who would be starting with us in September 2025.

As always, we are very much looking forward to these events because they give us a chance to show off our wonderful school and what we can offer here in terms of both our Nursery and Reception provision. Lots of prospective Parents and Carers have already booked onto these events, which is great.

Should you or anyone you know still be wanting to attend these events, please use the details on the flyer opposite and we can get you booked on. There are a number of different dates available for both Nursery and Reception tours.

Please be aware that we can only accommodate adults at these sessions.



THE COPPICE
PRIMARY SCHOOL &
NURSERY

**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS
OPEN DAYS**
FOR NURSERY & RECEPTION
INTAKE - SEPTEMBER 2025



For further information and to book your place on our Open Day, please contact us on:

☎ 01564 826 709
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REGISTER NOW

Coppic Parent to skydive for Heartlands charity.- please help if you can.

One of our Parents: Faye Priddy, who is the mum of Francesca in 2P and Eleanor in NM, is raising money for Heartlands Hospital Charity by doing a skydive next April. She is carrying out this selfless act in order to recognise the fantastic work that the MRI department at Heartlands does for children and adults. Faye works as one of the MRI radiographers at the hospital and has been working on a service improvement project for almost 12 months. In short, this project is about creating a far less daunting MRI scan experience for people, particularly children.

At the new treatment Centre, they have created a Children's Lounge and have installed a "Kitten Scanner" which is used as part of a paediatric coaching tool. This has been proven to help children go through an MRI scan without the need for any medical interventions e.g. sedation. It is a miniature version of the real scanner and is used to prepare children for their scan using a lovely character called Ollie the Elephant. She and her friends explain, over short videos, what they can expect and what they need to do whilst inside the real scanner. Ollie's experience exposes the children to the different sounds the scanner makes, whilst allowing them to interact before entering the real scan room. The Kitten Scanner goes hand in hand with an interactive smart app, which the children and their Parents/Carers have access to at home before attending for the scan. The app provides all the familiarity, information and training required to successfully prepare for the real thing. Amazing technology I think you'll agree!



If you would like to support Faye with raising more funds towards this fantastic cause, you can donate at her JustGiving page using the link below.
The very best of luck Faye!

https://www.justgiving.com/page/faye-priddy-1728376541864?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_launched&utm_content=c23e0209-3314-47e5-852d-2b9eda9218c1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1728376849946

That just leaves me to say, as usual, that I hope you all have a lovely weekend with your children and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mr. Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

Geographical Focus: Asia

- 1) Simran Bhardwaj - Laung Laachi 2 (2022)
- 2) Spitz - Robinson (1995)
- 3) Gong Kebyar of Peliatan - Baris (1971)
- 4) Ros Sereysothea - Chnam oun Dop-Pram Muy (1974)

Next week's playlist is:


Author's Choice

- 1) Regina Spektor - The Call (2008)
- 2) Pearl Jam - Just Breathe (2009)
- 3) Orbital - Chime (1989)
- 4) The Jam - Town Called Malice (1982)

Attendance Figures


TOP ATTENDANCE

30th September - 4th October (Last week)

	1LR	100%
	3B	98.89%

TOP ATTENDANCE

7th to 11th October (This week)

	2P	98.00%
	4R	98.67%