



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 12th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break with your children and got chance to spend some quality time together. It has been a joy to welcome the children back for the start of the summer term and I'm full of excitement for the term ahead with events such as Sports' Days and the Summer Revel to look forward to - as long as the weather continues to improve! There are also many exciting learning opportunities awaiting the children!

### **Uniform:**

Just a quick reminder, as per my newsletter before the Easter break, that children can now wear summer uniform if they wish to - I'm sure many of you were just waiting for the warmer weather to arrive first though before choosing this option. You can find a full list of the school's uniform expectations on the school website in the 'Parents' section. Here you will find a link called 'whole school information' and from this you will find one to 'uniform'. Please remember that all uniform expectations (both winter and summer uniform) need to be followed in full, including Physical Education (PE) kit. **Please note carefully what it says about children not wearing leggings for PE.**

### **Kindness Assemblies and Kindness Jars:**

We started our summer term with all members of the Senior Leadership Team delivering assemblies about 'Kindness'. I always say to the children that if there is one thing that I want them to be above everything else, it is to 'Be Kind'. Therefore, 'Being Kind' is something that I actively and continually want to be promoted in all classes.

I see so many acts of kindness in school every day and it is really important that we make a big deal out of these whenever they happen. For example, on the gate on Monday, a child was upset and had a wobble about coming in. Without any prompting from me, another child put their arm around that child and asked them if they'd like them to walk in with them. It was done in such a caring way and was a beautiful moment. I went to the girl's class and verbalised this to her teacher and the class and moved her up the recognition board. However, if I could have written a little note or popped in a small pebble with the child's name on, it would have served as another visual reminder of that moment.

Based on the above, I have decided that I would really like every class (including Nursery and Reception) to have a 'Kindness Jar' which 'logs' all of the random acts of kindness that happen in school all of the time. These can be kindness acts that are recognised by both children and adults, including adults being kind to adults. I have ordered jars for every class which can be decorated in whatever way the class wants them to be so that they stand out in the room and are seen as precious and valued.

Tokens (objects) or kindness notes (I am letting Class Teachers and children decide what they'd like for their class), will be collected over the course of a half-term and celebrated at the end of it. Ultimately, my aim is to promote 'random acts of kindness' that 'don't cost anything' but are openly recognised and celebrated. A big deal should be made of them! What we want is children doing these spontaneously and genuinely.

Please also continue to support us at home by recognising and celebrating your child whenever they they perform unprompted kind acts - thank you!

It was an absolute joy on Thursday afternoon to walk through our wonderful school library and look out of the windows into our quad area to see Mr. Ruffle's Year 4 class all outside in the warm sunshine engrossed in reading.

It truly was a wonderful scene and was exactly what I envisaged when we had the quad area developed, using PTA raised funds, as an extension to both our Thrive and library provision.

There is nothing better than seeing children so relaxed and enjoying a good book. Mrs. Marks, from our school office, also commented on how wonderful it was and is exactly why I wanted to share it with all of you too. Other classes will also get this fantastic experience whenever the weather is fine.



### **Please support Kathryn!**

Our fantastic Chair of Trustees: Kathryn Byng, who is also a parent to a child at The Coppice, is running the Manchester Marathon this weekend in aid of Parkrun Global. If you'd like to support her, please use the Just Giving link provided:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/kathryn-byng-1712244006379>

Kathryn wrote the following as the reason for embarking on this amazing challenge:

***'Just over a year ago we lost my amazing father-in-law Ken Byng Snr (pictured below). As so many of you will know, Ken aka The Orange Flash was an absolute legend in the parkrun community, inspiring so many family members, friends and new acquaintances to give running a go. Ken was so very proud of everyone's running achievements from parkrun up to marathon distance, and we were so lucky to celebrate all of his with him right up until the cancer prevented him from participating.***

***I have thought long and hard about which charity to fundraise for and decided it would be fitting to celebrate what he lived for - an organisation and body of people that brought him so much joy for many years.***

***This one is for you Ken. I'm sad that I never entered a marathon when you were here - I know how much you would have loved all my weekly training updates and grumbles - but you will be in my heart next weekend and I will hear your voice pushing me (and everyone else!) on to the finish line. Thank you to my sister Jenny Tromans for keeping me company on this entire journey and everyone for your support***

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**HUGE GOOD LUCK Kathryn - we know that you will smash it and look forward to hearing all about it next week!**

## Congratulations Emily!

A huge well done goes to Emily from Year 5 who achieved her Third Gold Bar in her dancing exam recently. She dances for The Lyn Tone Dance School and had to perform four freestyle dances, which included one slow dance. To pass the exam, Emily needed to achieve over 60%. However, she actually achieved an amazing 87% which gave her a 'highly commended' grade. Emily can be seen proudly showing the statuette that she received and rightly so



That just leaves me wish you all a lovely weekend with your children and we look forward to welcoming them to school bright and early on Monday morning. Hopefully the weather stays warm!

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher)


## Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



## Attendance Figures


### TOP ATTENDANCE

18th - 22nd March (the last week we were in school)

	1D	96.4%
	3L	97.27%

### TOP ATTENDANCE

8th - 12th April (This week)

	1D	97.59%
	5RB	99.00%