



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 13th December 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 there is lots to share with you all.

### **Christmas Fayre – a massive thank you! WE RAISED £5,100-00!**

I just want to say a huge thank you to all of you who attended Friday night's fantastic PTA Christmas Fair - it really was a huge success again! I actually think that it was even better than last year and I didn't think that I would be able to say that because last year's was brilliant! However, I think everyone will agree that I can! There were so many lovely comments from Parents and Carers and other visitors who said how much they enjoyed the evening and how fabulous they thought it was.

Mrs. Lennon (Year 1 Class Teacher and PTA Chairperson) did an amazing, organisational job and pulled everything together so brilliantly... and calmly! In addition, all of our PTA members again worked so hard to ensure that the event was as successful as it was. Their efforts and time given are hugely appreciated by the school and me - we truly have a wonderful PTA!

The choir, Mr. Lampard and Mr. Ruffles were superb and really helped to create such a wonderful, festive atmosphere.

**Incredibly, we surpassed the £4,000.00 raised last year and raised £5,100.00..and there is still more to come I've been told!** Once again, our children will be the winners and the money will help to ensure that we can continue to give our children the very best resources and provision that we can at The Coppice. I will update on the overall total again soon.

**Thank you again everyone for your wonderful support!**

### **Nursery and Reception Christmas singalongs:**

A huge well done to all of our Nursery and Reception children for their Christmas singalongs this week. Everyone was extremely proud of the children for their performances. Mr. Laight and Mrs. Ashwell, who fronted these events, both said just how amazing the children were and what a lovely atmosphere there was.

### **Year 1 and Year 2 Nativities next week:**

Talking of performances, I am really looking forward to watching next week's Year 1 and Year 2 Nativities and to welcoming Parents, Carers and Grandparents into school to share in these with us. These performances are always a wonderful way to finish our Autumn Term at The Coppice and I know how excited the children are to perform them.



### **Choir perform at Hickory's Smokehouse:**

After school on Monday evening, The Coppice Choir performed a half hour set at Hickory's Smokehouse, completely packing out the restaurant with the audience that came to watch. It was an incredibly successful event that served to spread Christmas cheer to everyone lucky enough to watch. As always, the children went above and beyond, performing amazingly with huge smiles on their faces. A huge thank you goes to Mr. Lampard for once again organising this event and for taking out our wonderful choir into the wider community.



### **Singing superstar Ellie!**

Ellie, from Year 6, was our first ever winner of our half-termly **Star Singer Choir Award** from Autumn 1. She is fully committed to our choir, always practises at home and sings her heart out every session. She is also highly ambitious and is always ready to take on additional challenges, such as solo roles. Ellie's beautiful voice and passion for singing will mean that we'll surely see her name in lights one day. Congratulations Ellie! We are all very proud of you.



### **Nursery and Reception Celebration assemblies:**

Mrs. Ashwell and I had the pleasure of presenting celebration certificates to our Nursery and Reception children this week and, as always, they were lovely occasions. The joy (and in some cases, shock) on the children's faces when they heard their names were truly magical moments! The children who had certificates presented on this occasion, also had some really lovely things said about them by their teachers and should be rightly proud of this. Some of the reasons given were 'being a really kind and thoughtful friend', 'being a fantastic learner'; and 'practising their reading every day'. These children will have their photos published on their learning journeys so that their Parents and Carers can share in this special moment with their child.

### **Chair of Wythall Council: Helen Cleaver visits The Coppice to present Christmas Card competition prizes:**

It was a pleasure to welcome Chair of Wythall Parish Council: Helen Cleaver and Naazlin Somani (Clerk to The Council) into school in order to present prizes to Alivia (6G) and Bella (2T) for their entries in the Wythall Parish Council Christmas card competition. Alivia came in second place overall and Bella came in third. A huge well done again to both girls. Rosabella, (5C) who won the competition, was unfortunately absent on the day so wasn't able to be included in the photo. The children received a beautiful, framed copy of their Christmas card design and also a range of pens and art materials. A big thank you goes to Helen and Naazlin for visiting us and for organising the competition.



### **Joshua raises money for Breast Cancer in Cardiff.**

It's lovely to be able to celebrate another one of our children who has been giving up their time to raise money for charity.

Joshua, from 2W, joined his mum, auntie and other volunteers in Cardiff last weekend in order to raise money for Breast Cancer.



Joshua even met Gethin Jones! He was a little too shy for a photo with him but did shake his hand though! The charity over the weekend raised an incredible £3,098.00 collecting at the two theatre shows and the choir sets in the shopping centre. Well done Joshua and family on this brilliant achievement and selfless act for a brilliant charity!

### **Celebration Time!**

Erin, (from 1LR) did her first ever show with stagecoach last Saturday and we were told that she was incredible! The show was a comedy called 'Stagecoach goes wrong' and, by all accounts, Erin showed that she has a real talent for comedy! Her family were so proud of her for learning all of the songs and dances as well as all of her lines. Erin even had to take extra lines on the day as one child felt too nervous to do it. We were told just how hard Erin had worked over the past few weeks to get ready for the show and so, as a school, we wanted to say how proud we are of her!



On Tuesday, Nico, from 2T, won a plank challenge at his boxing class. He planked for an incredible four minutes, enduring both sweat and some tears! However the outcome was winning the challenge.! Nico is the youngest in his boxing class, with the oldest child being 14 years of age so this is a very big achievement for him. He had lots of praise and cheers from the other boys and coaches. As a school, we are super proud of Nico and I know his family are too! A huge well done to you Nico!



That just leaves me to say, as always, that I hope you all have a lovely weekend with your children and we look forward to seeing you all of you bright and early on Monday for what will be our last week before the Christmas break.

Kind regards,

Mr. Hutt

(Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

## Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



# Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was -

## Instrument Focus: Brass



- 1) Joseph Haydn - Trumpet Concerto (1796)
- 2) Glenn Miller - In the Mood (1938)
- 3) Darius Milhaud - Scaramouche (1937)
- 4) Skatalites - Eastern Standard Time (1984)

Next week's playlist is -

## Christmas!

1. Benjamin Britten - This Little Babe from *A Ceremony of Carols* (1942)
2. Mozart - Sleigh Ride (1791)
3. Gene Autry - Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (1949)
4. Pentatonix - Twelve Days of Christmas (c.1780 / 2021)
5. Shakin' Stevens - Merry Christmas, Everyone (1985)
6. Peter Auty - Walking In The Air (1982)

# Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE 2nd - 6th December (Last week)			TOP ATTENDANCE 9th - 13th December (This week)		
	RM	97.41%		1LR 2P	98%
	4W 5C	98%		4W	98.67%