



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter Friday 14th February 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Valentine's Day! I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend and half-term break with your children. The children have worked really hard this last half-term and are certainly deserving of the break. It's been another busy week at The Coppice and there is much to tell you and to celebrate!

Celebration of Thinking Day, Founders' Day and Membership of outside clubs on Monday 24th February:

On Monday 24th February, the day that we return to school, members of the Guiding and Scouting movement will again be able to wear their uniforms to school to celebrate both World Thinking Day and Founders' Day, which are very special occasions for all of them. The actual celebration day itself is Saturday 22nd February but we still love to recognise these children, and this special event, in school. Last year, it was fantastic to be able to get all of the children to wear their uniforms and it was a joy to see the pride that they clearly had in their organisations.

Last year's success also got us thinking about this year's celebration and we decided that we would also like to celebrate all of the other many varied clubs, activities and organisations that our children are involved in outside of school on the same day. This means that any child, who is a member of a club or organisation, can also proudly wear their kit or uniform to school in order to show what they are involved in.

As you will know if you read this newsletter regularly, it's really important to me to celebrate our children's outside achievements, as well as those in school. This is because it is extremely important to get to know the 'whole child' in order that we can talk to them about their interests and passions and build even stronger relationships with them.

We will also make an opportunity during the day for children to briefly talk about their club or organisation to their classmates if they'd like to, although there is no expectation to.

I'm sure that, once again, this will be a really lovely day and I can't wait to see all of the children arriving!

Year 2 children are published authors!

This week, it was fantastic to be able to congratulate a group of fifteen Year 2 children who have had their stories published in a real book! In the autumn term, the children entered a competition run by the Young Writers' Association called 'Little Dreamers' where the children had to write an acrostic poem on a topic of their choice. Obviously, as a school, we are incredibly proud of these children for their achievement in having their work published and we hope that this encourages them to want to continue their creative writing journeys.

Mr. Laight plans to organise more of these competitions over the coming months and years so please encourage your children to take part if they talk to you about it. Who knows... we may soon discover the next big children's author at The Coppice! The children went home with copies of the book to share with family and friends and we bought a copy for our school library. We also asked the children to sign their work in our copy of the book – just in case they make it big as an author in the future!



Year 6 pupils win Poetry Slam competition!

In October 2024, Year 6 had the incredible opportunity to participate in a poetry workshop led by renowned Birmingham poet: Spoz. The workshop was a resounding success and our talented team: *Grammar Girls* (Charlotte, Darcy, Delilah, Harper, Myah, and Zara) earned a well-deserved spot in the finals!

Their poem, a heartfelt piece about the power of supporting one another, was their creation, with a little guidance from Mrs Abbotts. It beautifully highlighted the importance of family and friendship, as well as a powerful message about global unity and working together to build a better world.

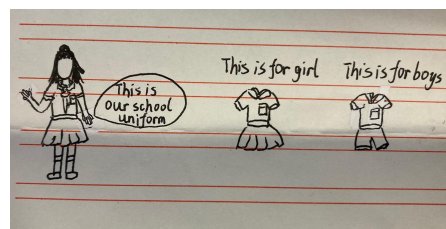
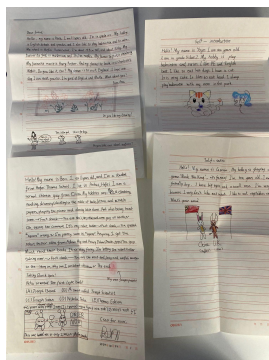
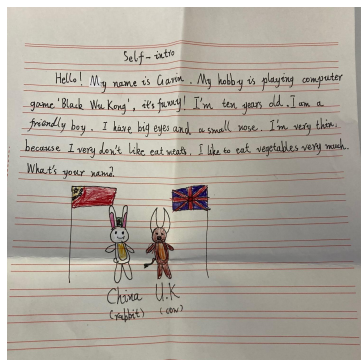
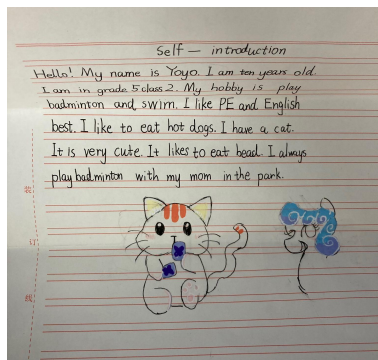
The grand final took place on Wednesday evening at the prestigious Birmingham Hippodrome, where eleven schools competed in front of a live audience. The atmosphere was electric, and the event proved to be an unforgettable experience for everyone in attendance. Teachers, Parents/Carers, and fellow students all praised the evening as a truly inspiring showcase of young talent. With dedication and passion, the *Grammar Girls* put on a standout performance, refining their delivery during countless lunchtime rehearsals with Mrs Abbotts. Their hard work and commitment paid off—earning them *1st place!* Huge congratulations go to the team for their outstanding achievement! We are so proud of you girls!



Letters from China!

This week our Mandarin Club pupils were excited to receive their first letters from their Chinese penpals. They were beautifully written and some even included illustrations.

Sixteen of our Year 6 pupils take part in the TalkPal programme with the Hefei Thomas School in China. As well as fortnightly Zoom calls with the Chinese pupils, the children have begun to exchange letters sharing news about their school day, hobbies and interests.



King Edward's Maths Challenge:

On Friday, 31st January, Benji (5RB), Arlo (5RB), Otto (5C), and Harley (5F) took part in the King Edward's Year 5 Maths Challenge. The competition had two rounds: first, they worked together to complete as many questions as possible in a number crossword. In the second round, they competed in a relay, answering questions in pairs and running to pass the challenge to their teammates. The team showed great effort and teamwork throughout the event and we were very proud of their 4th place finish and the way that they represented their school so well.



Nursery and Reception Celebration certificates:

Mrs. Ashwell and I had the pleasure of presenting celebration certificates to our Nursery and Reception children this week and they were special occasions. As always, the children, who had certificates presented to them had many lovely things said about them by their teachers and they should be rightly proud of these comments. These children will have the photos that were taken of them shared with their Parents and Carers so that they can share this special moment with their child. Well done children!

After again sharing some lovely news, that just leaves me to say that I hope you all have a lovely half-term break and we look forward to seeing you all bright and early on the morning of Monday 24th February.

Kind regards and take care everyone,

Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

- 1) Karl Jenkins - Adiemus (1995)**
- 2) Billy Joel - The Longest Time (1984)**
- 3) Claude-Michel Schönberg - One Day More (1980)**
- 4) Guns 'n' Roses - Sweet Child O' Mine (1988)**

Next week's playlist is -


St David's Day - 1st March

- 1) John Thomas - Watching the Wheat (C18th)**
- 2) Catrin Angharad Jones - Hunting the Wren (C18th)**
- 3) Catatonia - International Velvet (1998)**
- 4) Stereophonics - Have a Nice Day (2001)**

Attendance Figures


TOP ATTENDANCE

3rd - 7th February 2025 (Last week)

	1LR	98.0%
	4R	98.0%

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10th- 14th February 2025 (This week)

	1LR	96.46%
	4W	97.09