



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 14th June 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. It's been a really great 'feel good' week in school and there is much to share with you.

### **Year 6 Business Enterprise:**

A huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for their fantastic display of entrepreneurial spirit after school on Wednesday. This event was the culmination of a few weeks of thought and preparation as the children set about, in groups of three or four, deciding how they were going to turn their £5.00 budget per child into hard profit! The money raised creates a 'legacy' fund for next year's Year 6 and will also help pay for events that the current Year 5 children will benefit from. For example, this Year's Year 6 will benefit from last Year's Year 6 fundraising efforts with subsidised 'extra' events like the upcoming in-school World War 2 workshop experience. As you can see below, we were blessed with great weather after school which gave a great atmosphere and a lovely time was had by all! We certainly have some very business-minded and persuasive children in Year 6 who can get people to spend money! The total profit made was a fantastic £600.00 - wow! A huge well done Year 6 and thank you to all Parents and Carers from all year groups for their support with this event - it really was appreciated.



### **Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 discos:**

Talking of feeling good, it was really lovely on Wednesday to see so many children having a fantastic time at the discos that our wonderful PTA put on for the children. Nursery, Reception and Years 1-3 were all able to partake if they wanted to and there was a real buzz and sense of excitement throughout the day. Once again, all funds raised will go towards the children via the PTA and we thank them again for their hard very hard work in arranging these events for the children. Thank you also goes to the staff for staying to supervise. Without both the PTA's and staff's time and dedication, these events couldn't possibly happen.

## OPAL Play meeting

Linked to the PTA, and following on from last week's newsletter, it was fantastic this week to welcome Kayleigh Atkinson into school to carry out our OPAL Play audit. As I explained, we are at the very start of our OPAL Play journey and this is an initiative that is going to build over the next few years. **This project is being fully funded by our magnificent PTA so please continue to support as many of their events as much as you can - your children WILL be the beneficiaries!** If you are interested in finding out more about what a finished OPAL Play playtime looks like, please click the YouTube link below. Please remember though that this is a school that has completed its journey - it won't be what ours looks like immediately as there is a set development schedule and plan that we will be following. However, this is what we will be building towards and fully aim to have in place by the end of the journey!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8CGWYM15OE>

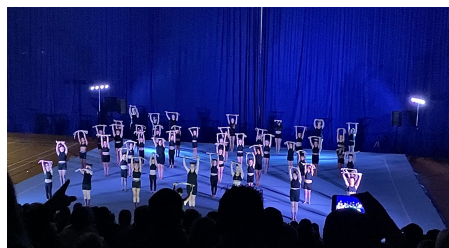
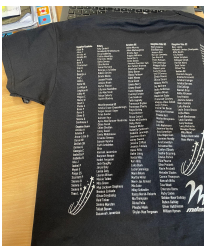
Whilst Kayleigh was in school, she also took time to meet with our School Council in order to get the children's voice with regards to play at The Coppice and how they would like to see it develop. The children had met beforehand to discuss their thoughts and get those of their classmates and, therefore, they were in a position to communicate these extremely well. I was very proud, as Head, to hear these children speaking so clearly and confidently. Kayleigh was certainly also very impressed with them!



Over the course of the next couple of weeks, all of the children in school will be completing the official OPAL Play survey and we will also be asking you, as Parents and Carers to complete the adult version. Obviously, when we do this, we would like as many Parents and Carers to complete this as possible. The links to this will be communicated via the Reach More Parents app.

## Gymfest:

Forty-three of our Gymnasts attended the Gymfest event in Stoke-On-Trent last Sunday and had an absolutely amazing experience. All of the children that I have spoken to, who attended, were still absolutely buzzing! The children took part in a number of incredible routines which you can see in the photos below. You can also see the names of the forty-three children proudly displayed on the back of the official event T-shirt as well as a couple of photos of some of our amazing gymnasts who took part: Sienna and Esme, from 5D, and Sienna and Georgia from 4CR proudly displaying their medals. A huge well done goes to all of the children who took part but also to the Parents and Carers who were brave enough to perform a routine in front of their children - I believe that there were a few aching bones afterwards! A huge thank you goes to all of the staff for taking the children and for giving them a wonderful time!



## NETBALL match - The Coppice v Birchensale

The Year 6 Netballers were very excited to have Birchensale School come and join us for a friendly Netball match. We had two Year 6 teams, supported by a few keen Year 5 players, who were all raring to go! A delayed start meant the teams had plenty of time to warm up. The games were split into two 6 minute halves. Both the red and blue Coppice teams worked incredibly hard and great team work was displayed. They were both good matches with the ball moving up and down the court as possession changed. We saw some great movement around the court with some lovely dodging and passing. They were close matches but we were delighted with the end results: The Coppice red team winning 3-2 and The Coppice blue team winning 3-1. The children have progressed really well whilst attending the after school netball club and it was lovely to see them playing so well together as a team. We hope that many of the children continue to play netball when they move to Secondary school and I know that some of them are keen to join local netball clubs. Thank you to the Parents and Carers who came along to support the netballers.- it was nice to have some additional support from the sidelines. **(Mrs. Ashwell and Miss. Gatfield).**



## Celebration Corner:

It is lovely to celebrate Scarlett, from Year 5 who showed off her creative talents by making and donating a range of masks to the school for use in assemblies or other productions! Well done and thank you Scarlett - the masks really are amazing!



A huge well done to Cody, from Year 6, who took part in the high-level 'Breakmission B-Side Hip Hop Festival 2024' last weekend. He finished top 16 in the Under 16 category, which is amazing! You can see Cody dancing at The Revel so come along and cheer him on!



Finally, that just leaves me to wish all of you a lovely weekend - we look forward to welcoming the children bright and early on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher)

## Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Each week, after the Star of the Week hot chocolate photo has been taken the children vote to say who they would like to do the washing up.


With much hilarity, the children vote to see if Mrs Ashwell or Mr Hutt is chosen to wash all the dirty mugs. As it is very often Mr Hutt who gets chosen he, of course, has to wear rubber gloves to protect his delicate hands. Unfortunately his pink gloves with feathers and pearls are no longer wearable and so he was treated to new gloves yesterday. He is very pleased with his leopard print red gloves, complete with a giant diamond ring. It is so lovely each week to see the children laughing and having fun with the senior management team.



## Attendance Figures


### TOP ATTENDANCE

3rd-7th June (Last week)

	2P	99.33%
	3L	99.00%

### TOP ATTENDANCE

10th- 14th June (This week)

	RB	98.57%
	4W	99.33%