



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, I hope that you have all had a good week and are very much looking forward to the weekend with your children. We've had a great week in school and there is much to share:

Athletics success for The Coppice - again!

On Friday 12th April, both the girls and the boys went to Bromsgrove School to represent 'Redditch' in the Worcestershire County School Games. We were supported by lots of Parents and Carers and the atmosphere was electric!! The games began with the girls' obstacle race and the boys' first-round field events. All morning, the children were coming back with first, second and third places and Mr Edwards, Miss Franklin and Miss Wells were secretly confident with what the overall results might be. When the results were called, the girls were announced as county champions and the boys came a wonderful second place, just missing out on first place to Aston Fields by 2 points. We were so proud of all the children - they composed themselves brilliantly and showed fantastic sportsmanship. Well done to all involved - what talent we have here at The Coppice!



Year 1 Sounds Write Information meeting and phonics workshops:

A big thank you to all of you who attended Mr. Laight's Sounds Write Phonics meeting on Tuesday after school, and also to those of you who have attended the phonics workshops hosted in classrooms. I'm sure that you will have found all of these events very useful in finding out how we teach phonics here at The Coppice and how you can support your child with their phonics learning at home. We will continue to hold these very important events in the future so please attend when you can. Helping your child learn to read is one of the best things you will ever do and these events will very much help you learn how you can do that.

Florence Nightingale visits Year 1!

On Wednesday, each Year 1 class enjoyed travelling back in time with the famous 'Lady with the lamp: 'Florence Nightingale'. Through an immersive drama workshop, the children learnt about her life, career and how she transformed nursing and the sanitation of our hospitals. It started with taking them back to how life was in the Victorian era to show how she cared for soldiers in the Crimean War. All of the children were very imaginative and engrossed in the experience, which was lovely to see. The children completed the session by learning how to care for wounded soldiers by putting bandages on their friends. Luckily, they all recovered! As you can see, everyone had a fantastic time bringing their history curriculum to life.



Year 4 Egyptian Day:

On Egyptian day Year 4 did three activities. Firstly, the children sketched the death mask of King Tutankhamun. Secondly, they learned about hieroglyphics. They cracked a hieroglyphic code, wrote their name in hieroglyphics and made a bookmark. Finally, they conducted a STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) project where they had to use marshmallows and dried spaghetti to make a pyramid as stable and big as possible. All the staff had fun and loved seeing all the children dressed in their Egyptian costumes!



Year 4 Hockey tournament:

On Tuesday 16th April, six Year 4 children went to Redditch Hockey and Football club to a Quicksticks hockey competition. There were two groups with 5 teams in each. Coppice fought hard in the first round and won all games except the last one against Batchley First School. In the semi-final, Coppice played Vaynor. They beat Coppice 3-2 meaning Coppice came third. The children were really well mannered and a credit to the Coppice.



Science Day Week next week!

Next week is our Coppice Science Week! This will be an inspiring week for the children and will be packed full of science-based activities and learning, a science 'slime' show for all year groups from Nursery through to Year 6 on Wednesday, as well as the return of the popular gadget shop after school on Tuesday and Friday. The week's events have been organised by our Year 1 and 2 and Science Leader: Mrs. Tomkinson, in conjunction with Miss. Dixon (Year 1 teacher) and Miss. Cox (Year 6 teacher) and I'd like to thank them all of their hard work in putting the week together. I know the children will greatly enjoy it again!

In advance of the week itself, we are again running a science project competition for which Mrs. Tomkinson has put together all of the information if your child would like to take part:

There will be prizes for each of the categories:

-EYFS (Nursery & Reception)

- Years 1 & 2

-Years 3 & 4

-Years 5 & 6

-A whole school winner!



Further detailed guidance on how to structure and present these projects has been sent out on the school Parent App. As with last year, we can't wait to see the range of entries coming into school! One of them already has, which you can see in the picture. Mrs. Ashwell and I loved hearing all about the fantastic Harry Potter inspired 'Which Snitch flies the furthest?' experiment, designed by Millie from Year 5. Well done Millie!

A fantastic award for Matthew, Joshua, Gregory and Zachary!

Last Saturday, Matthew, from 6C, along with about 100 other Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs from across the Solihull County attended the Chief Scout Award Ceremony in the chapel at Solihull School. Matthew received the Chief Scout Silver Award that is awarded to Cubs. To obtain this, he had to complete the seven challenge awards set by the Cubs. Also at the award ceremony was Joshua from 3A. Joshua received the Chief Scout Bronze Award that is awarded to Beavers who have completed all six challenge awards set by the Beavers. Both Matthew and Joshua have worked hard to complete their respective challenges and were very proud to receive their awards, which were presented to them by the Mayor of Solihull: Councillor Diana Holl-Allen MBE and the Solihull Scouts County Commissioner, Mat Spencer. In the picture, from left to right are Mrs Neighbour (Beaver Section Leader at 1st Tidbury Green (Wythall) Scout Group, Mat Spencer (Solihull Scouts County Commissioner), Mr John H Courtenay (Mayor's Consort), Mrs Diana Holl-Allen MBE (Mayor of Solihull), Peter Hopton (Blythe District Commissioner) and Joshua and Matthew. Zachary, from 3A, also obtained his Chief Scout Bronze Award and Gregory Hogg, from 6D, gained his Chief Scout Silver Award. Unfortunately, they were unable to attend the awards ceremony on Saturday but are equally deserving of a mention. They are in the picture on the right. A huge well done goes to all of the boys!



Huge congratulations goes to:



Oliver, from Year 5 for achieving his 200 metres swimming certificate from George's Swimming Academy in Solihull. Well done Oliver - a really great achievement!



Coppice Chair of Trustees: Kathryn Byng who completed the Manchester Marathon in an incredible 4 hours and 32 minutes! This was an amazing feat and we are incredibly proud of you Kathryn - well done! So far she has raised £1118.00 which beats her £1000.00 target for Parkrun Global.

Finally... Good luck gymnasts!

Huge good luck goes to our gymnasts at their Floor and Vault competition this weekend. Results to follow...

That just leaves me to wish you all a lovely weekend – it's looking like the sun is going to shine! As always, we look forward to welcoming the children bright and early on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE		
8th-12th April (Last week)		
	1D	97.59%
	5RB	99.00%

TOP ATTENDANCE		
15th - 19th April (This week)		
	1D	96.42%
	3L	97.24%