



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 20th September 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.

Harvest Donations please:

Our Harvest Festival celebrations will be held on Friday 27th September. Once again, our Harvest assemblies will be led by St. Mary's Church and they are always lovely occasions. We hugely value our relationship with the church so it is lovely to be able to come together in this way to celebrate such an important event in the calendar.

In preparation for this event, we are asking for donations of non-perishable foods to be brought into school from Monday next week. These need to be taken by your child directly to their classroom and they will be collected from there. As always, we really appreciate your support with this. All of the food collected will go directly to The Hollywood Christian Life Centre Foodbank and, from there, to those people who need it most in our local area. The foodbank is seeing more demand for its service than ever before so, if you are able, we would be very grateful if you could donate something. The key items that Pastor Steve Crosthwaite has asked for are listed on the poster opposite:



- Tinned meats
- Tinned puddings
- Tinned vegetables
- Rice
- Pasta
- Biscuits
- Toilet rolls
- Toothpaste, Tooth brush
- Deodorant
- Shower gel
- Nappies



New Coppice Gymnastics uniforms - thank you so much Kieron Maguire and pupils!

After a lot of thought The Coppice Gymnastics coaches: Kirsty Garrett, Sarah-Jayne Carter, Kieron Maguire and their team of young coaches have decided to change and update the competition uniform in order to ensure that we look as professional as the other teams that we are competing against.

Because Wythall Gymnastics Club have a very close relationship with NEO leotards and we know the quality of their product is very high, they were chosen as the provider the coaches wanted to use. After going back and forward with designs, our chosen design and samples finally came today. To say we are extremely pleased with the result (modelled by Bobby and Charlotte) is an understatement! We obviously now hope that this new uniform will serve the next generation of Coppice gymnasts well over the course of the years to come, making them sparkle as much as the designs do!



Without doubt, we need to say a massive thank you to Coppice parent Kieron Maguire: one of the coaches, plus a number of the Coppice gymnasts who have donated £750.00 between them to pay towards this new uniform - it wouldn't have been possible otherwise.

Kieron has also now become the West Midlands co-ordinator for the British Schools Gymnastic Association in order that competitions can still take place. This is because the previous organiser retired and nobody took the role on. Without Kieron, The Coppice would no longer have these competitions to compete in which we have been doing since before Kirsty Garrett started her time with us, and she's been with us 33 years this year! In fact, it was the legendary Mrs. Furnell who started entering us in competitions nearly 40 years ago. These amazing people are exactly why we had the successes we have!



Car Parking in the local area - please be considerate.

Unfortunately, this week, I have had a few very concerned local residents contacting me regarding inconsiderate and unsafe car parking in the local area, particularly at drop-off and pick-up times. Obviously, we appreciate that parking space can be at a premium at these times. However, I have to say that this is not an excuse for parking on double yellow lines, blocking roads and driveways or picking up/dropping off children in areas where there is moving traffic. Some of the images I've been sent and the incidents reported to me are genuinely very worrying and it is clear that some people are being very irresponsible. Please don't be the cause of a child or adult getting hurt so park sensibly and considerately and, where possible, please walk to school with your child to ease congestion.

We are confirmed again as Games Mark Gold!

It gives me great pleasure to again celebrate our fantastic Physical Education Team of Miss. Wells, Mr. Edwards and Miss. Franklin for having the evidence that they had presented for the Games Mark Gold Award fully accepted and ratified. This award recognises the very high level that our Games provision is at.



You may remember that the Games Mark Gold award had been given to us based on the application we made before the summer break. However, the evidence still required another thorough audit to ensure that we still had it all in place at the start of this academic year. Thankfully, following the audit, the person doing it said that we were a 'perfect example of a gold standard Games school' which was an absolutely fantastic feeling.

This well-deserved recognition is testament to the hard work and dedication that the PE team have put into Games provision at our school both on a curriculum level and in our extra-curricular provision too. It therefore means a huge well done to all of the teachers and support staff as well for the day in day out Games teaching at our school. Obviously, I am thrilled at this award and we now have five years to prove that we are a Platinum School, which is something that we fully intend to achieve! Onwards and upwards!



A fantastic achievement by Millie!

We would like to celebrate Millie, from 6D, who took part in a 'Memory Walk', with her friend, last Saturday in memory of her Grandma who the family lost to dementia earlier in the year. Amazingly, she raised £485 for the Alzheimer's Society. Walking for her Grandma meant a huge amount to Millie and it is wonderful that she wanted to do such a selfless act.

Millie's family are obviously extremely proud of her and we are too! As you can see, Millie even coordinated her cast (which she has for a broken arm) to match her t-shirt! Well done Millie!

A huge well done to Molly and Poppy as well!

Linked to the above, Molly (3K) and Poppy (RC) also completed the Alzheimer's 'Memory Walk' on Saturday at Sutton Park. Like Millie, the girls were also walking for the Alzheimer's Society in memory of their Nanny Cassie who was very sadly lost to Alzheimer's only four weeks ago. The girls' mum let me know that they did incredibly well to walk the 5 kilometres and raised £650.00 whilst doing it!! We are incredibly proud of the girls for also wanting to do this selfless act in order to help other sufferers of Alzheimer's. Well done girls!



More Irish dancing achievements from Marnie!



Marnie, from 2T, attended an Irish dancing Feis in Coventry last Saturday and we heard from her mum that she danced beautifully in the Reel, Hop Jig, Slip Jig and Light Jig. She came home with two 2nd places, one 3rd place and one 5th place in her graded dances, which was amazing!

It's fantastic to also hear about Marnie's continued growth in confidence and her kind, caring, supportive nature towards others. These are exactly the qualities that I always say to the children are the most important ones. We know your family are incredibly proud of you Marnie and we are too - well done!

That just leaves me, as always, to wish you a restful and enjoyable weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

Lost Property

We have already had a huge amount of lost property handed in to the office. Any items which are clearly named are returned to the child in their classroom straight away. The problem we have is that many of the items we have are un-named and it is impossible for us to get them back to you.


Could we please ask that you check that

1. The names in your child's clothes can be easily read (some names are faded and unreadable)
2. If you have a pre loved item of clothing that your child's name is in their and not the person it belonged to previously.
3. All items are named including, coats, hoodies, water bottles, lunch boxes, tupperware, accessories such as scarves, hats and gloves.

Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE


9th - 13th Sept (Last week)

 2T **99.33%**

4W **99.67%**

TOP ATTENDANCE

16th - 20th September (This week)

 1LR **98.97%**

6D **98.67%**

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was -

[World Peace Day - September 21st](#)

[What The World Needs Now Is Love \(Remastered\) - YouTube](#) Jackie Deshannon - What the World Needs Now (1965)

[Marvin Gaye - What's Going On \(Lyric Video\) - YouTube](#) Marvin Gaye - What's Going On (1971)

[Belfast Child - YouTube](#) Simple Minds - Belfast Child (1989)

[One Day - YouTube](#) Matisyahu - One Day (2009)

Next week's playlist is -

[Instrument family: Tuned & untuned percussion](#)

[Suite for Marimba: III. Esch S / Sure - YouTube](#)

[Tropical Bird - YouTube](#) (Steel band) (MMC Trinidad)

[Piccolo Concerto in C Major, RV 443: I. Allegro \(Arr. for Vibraphone by Evelyn Glennie\) - YouTube](#)

[Jin Go Lo Ba \(Drums of Passion\) - YouTube](#) (MMC Nigeria) Babatunde Olatunji, 1959