



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 21st June 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:

Sports Days:

The School's Senior Leadership Team and Mrs. Flynn all introduced and announced one of our Sports Days this week: Mrs. Flynn (Nursery and Reception); Mr. Laight (Years 1 and 2); Mrs. Ashwell (Years 3 and 4); and me (Years 5 and 6). All of us agreed what wonderful occasions these were! I can't tell you how much of a huge buzz it was for all of us to see Parents, Carers and visitors coming onto the school field to support the children in such large numbers! Incredibly, we were then blessed with four dry days of weather in a row that allowed all of these events to take place when we had scheduled them for - a great feeling for everyone!

The atmospheres were superb and your children were once again amazing! We had everything: competition, sportsmanship, encouragement and support for one another, smiles and laughter, determination, courage, resilience, empathy and most importantly fun! At The Coppice, we all agree that competition is a part of life so we don't avoid it but embrace it. However, what we do in conjunction with this is to ensure that every single child's effort is valued and that 'trying your best' and not giving up are the most important qualities. In this way I believe that we get the balance just right. Those of you who attended the Year 3 and 4 event, will know that we had a drone flying overhead during the event which is amazing to watch. Therefore, I have included a link to this below. I think you'll all agree that, once again, this footage shows how wonderful these events are, how well organised they are and, also, how fortunate we are to have such a beautiful setting for our children here at The Coppice. Our latest addition: the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) looks incredible! If you don't get a chance or are unable to view the footage, I've included a couple of still photographs below so that you can still get the overall effect. [Drone Footage of Sports Day](#)

I also want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful team of staff for ensuring that these events were such a success: Parents and Teachers' Association (PTA) for providing refreshments and selling raffle tickets, our site team: Mr. Mace and Mrs. Boyd for setting up the gazebos and PA system and for escorting Parents and Carers, our Teachers and Teaching Assistants for organising the children so brilliantly, Miss. Wells and Mr. Edwards for organising the events themselves and, of course, the fabulous PE Ambassadors for scurrying around for a whole afternoon making sure that the equipment needed was in the right place at the right time - well done children, you are an absolute credit to our school. I also want to thank all of you for your fantastic support at all of the events, which contributed hugely to their success. I hope that there weren't too many aches or pains after the Parent and Carer races! Finally, I want to thank your amazing children - they certainly did the school and you proud!



SPORTS DAY RESULTS:

Team point results for each of the Sports days is as follows:

	Years 1/2	Years 3/4	Years 5/6
1st place	FALCONS	OWLS	EAGLES
2nd place	HAWKS	FALCONS	OWLS
3rd place	OWLS	EAGLES	HAWKS
4th place	EAGLES	HAWKS	FALCONS



Well done to the OWLS for being the overall sports day winning team!

Young Writers' Competition:

This week, it was fantastic to be able to congratulate a group of Year 4 children who have had their poetry published in a real book! The children all entered a competition run by the Young Writers' Association, which was founded in 1991 to encourage the next generation of young writers to unleash their creativity. The children composed their entries at home and then returned them to Mr. Laight to send off. We were then informed that twelve of our children had had their work published in the book entitled 'Once Upon a Dream'.

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 writing star at The Coppice! The children went home with copies of the book to share with family and friends and we have 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 Trip to The Big Bang!

On Wednesday, our Year 6 children had a wonderful time attending the Big Bang Fair at the NEC. The children showed such enthusiasm and engagement when exploring the different stalls at the fair, which all represented different companies, universities and careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). The children enjoyed observing and taking part in a range of fantastic activities, from Virtual Reality experiences, code-cracking in Computer Science programmes, experimenting with UV light, controlling robots around assault courses, handling insects and much, much more! There were also some brilliant shows exploring the different roles in the Medical Science field - the children watched a live demonstration of how an ultrasound machine works, as well as how cameras can be used to see our vocal chords in action. The children demonstrated amazing enthusiasm and arrived back at school inspired by all the different careers and possibilities involved in STEM! It was lovely to hear so many children talking about new ideas for their futures based on what they had learnt!

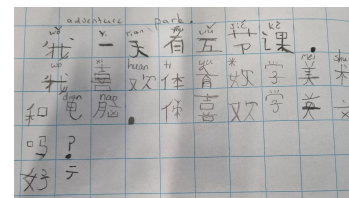
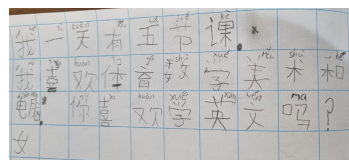
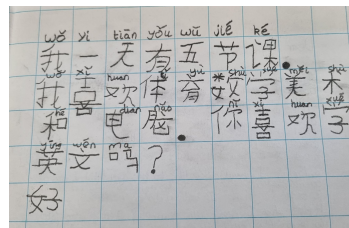


Beautiful Mandarin written by some of our Year 6 children:

Tuesday was the last Mandarin lesson for the current group of Year 6 pupils who are studying it and, without doubt, this has been a really great experience for the children involved. The session culminated in the children composing letters in Mandarin to their Chinese talk partners and I think you'll agree that they are very impressive and demonstrate clearly just how much the children have learnt a lot over the course of the year!

Some of next year's Year 6 children will also get the opportunity to have a similar experience and I am due to have a Zoom call to China over the next couple of weeks to start arranging the finer details.

I want to send a huge thank you to Mrs. Chen, from Woodrush, who has given up a lot of her personal time to come over and support the children and I know for a fact that she is very excited to work with some of them again when they are in Year 7. I also want to thank Mrs. Caddick for running this club every Tuesday morning.



Celebration Time!

A huge well done to Oscar Knight, from 3K, who attended his end of season presentation for Redditch Borough last weekend. Oscar was awarded top goal scorer for the second season in a row, parents' player, Secretary Player and Club Chairman's young player of the season. This award was across age groups under 7's to under 11's and Oscar was the only one to be presented with this award! Oscar and his team were one of top 3 teams out of 125 teams in the league and only lost a couple of games. Across the season Oscar has been scouted by numerous clubs including Derby, Port Vale, Coventry, West Bromwich and Leicester. He has been given some amazing opportunities up and down the country and loves all things football! We look forward to following your football journey over the course of the next few years Oscar! We are very proud of you!



3L's dance girls and Lucy from RT smash it!

Eight girls from 3L and The Stardust Dance Academy danced at the Symphony Hall in Birmingham last weekend. Their dance troupe, called Mini Mardi, performed twice during a two hour dance showcase entitled 'Ready To Shine' and they certainly did that! In the words of Mr. Lampard, who was in the audience, they absolutely crushed it! The children involved were Emily G, Isabelle D, Lillie D, Alice F, Alice T, Charlotte F, Georgia J and Ivy C. A huge well done girls!



Another dancing star!



Lucy, from RT, (pictured above) also took to the stage at The Symphony Hall last Saturday in a performance with Stardust Dance Academy. She joined other performers from different dance groups and was one of the youngest there. Both her parents and everyone at The Coppice are so proud of her. What an achievement!

Paralympian and Coppice Parent to visit school and talk to the children!

Olympic and Paralympic fever will be gripping the country over the course of the summer and we want our children to very much embrace this. Therefore, we are starting to arrange some events for the children to enjoy. Firstly, we have paralympian, Rob Oliver (Dad to Elliot in 2P and Maisey RT), coming into school on Thursday 11th July to do an assembly with the children. He has competed at the Rio (2016) and Tokyo (2020) games in canoeing and is going to be competing again this year in Paris 2024. Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will both have an assembly. We very much look forward to having Rob in school and thank him for giving up his time to do this. If you want to find out more about Rob and talk to your children about him in advance of the assemblies, please click [this webpage](#) link.



In addition to the above, we will also be joining an online assembly on the 3rd July which will explore the theme of the Olympics and Paralympics. In this, assembly, we will be virtually joined by Paralympian long-jumper and runner: Stef Reid MBE, to learn all about the journey to becoming a world-class athlete ahead of the 2024 Olympics and Paralympics. Exciting times at The Coppice with both of these events!

That just leaves me wish you all a lovely weekend and to thank you all again for all of your support at this week's Sports Days – it really means a great deal to us all. 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

10th-14th June (Last week)

	RB	98.57%
	4W	99.33%

TOP ATTENDANCE

17th - 21st June (This week)

	2W	97.67%
	3K,4R,4CR 5RB	97.67%