



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week (despite the snow, ice and cold) and are looking forward to the weekend with your children. As you can see opposite, we actually had a lot of fun in the snow at school! :-)

Thank you Parish Council for helping to keep our children and families safe.

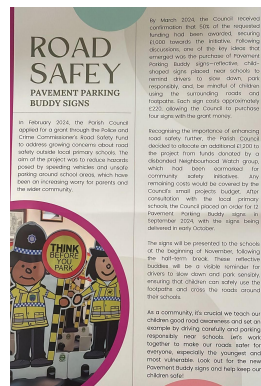
I'm sure that you will all have noticed the appearance of our 'Pavement Parking Buddy Signs' this week and also the presence of PC Stuart Head, who was a vital part of the introduction of these. The signs have been purchased for us by Wythall Parish Council and we are incredibly grateful to them for their investment in further helping us to keep our children, families and community safe.

This joint initiative between The Coppice, Woodrush and Wythall Parish Council is part of an ongoing drive to improve car-parking and safety around our school. We therefore appeal again to all Parents and Carers not to park in prohibited areas outside our school and in the local streets, and to walk to school where possible. Please also respect people like PC Head when reminders are given - he is only trying to ensure that none of our children or community gets hurt.

The above is why, yesterday, you also received the Collaborative Letter that Mr. Barber (Head of Woodrush) and I put together. Some of you may also have seen the article in the local Parish Magazine (pictured right) which talked in detail about why they have invested in these signs for our school. Please try to make time to read these communications as they give further details of this vital safety initiative.

Parent and Carer Meetings - thank you!

I just want to extend a huge thank you to all Parents and Carers who have attended our recent Parent and Carer meetings in order to view your child's work and to discuss your child's progress with their Class Teacher. It has been an absolute pleasure to see you all here supporting your children. If, for some reason, you were unable to attend the meetings, it is still vital that we see you so please get in touch with your child's Class Teacher - thank you.



Pictured above with me are children from both The Coppice and Woodrush along with Mr. Barber (Head of Woodrush); Councillors Helen Cleaver (Chairperson) and Dianne Taylor (Vice-Chair); and Mrs. Ashwell (Deputy Head). The children from The Coppice, who represented us so brilliantly at the presentation were all from our School Council. The children were Bobby (6C), Esme (5C), Siena D (4W) and Hannah (3L).

Children in Need Talent Show Winners:

I am very pleased to announce that last week's winners from The Coppice 'Children In Need Talent Show' were:

Reiss W (6G): Teachers' Choice for solving an independently scrambled Rubik's Cube in an unbelievable time!

Siene, Esme, Florence and Lucy (All 6C): Children's Choice for their amazing combination of gymnastics and dance.



PTA children visit Hickory's Smokehouse.

Last week and this, some of our Coppice Parent and Teacher Association members took their children to Hickory's Smokehouse during the school day for a fun, pancake making experience. They also got to watch a movie with popcorn and were able to burn off some energy in the play area. This was as a reward for all of the hours that PTA members give up to support and raise money for the school, often meaning that they can't accompany their own children around events such as The Christmas Fair or The Summer Revel, as they are busy organising events, running stalls etc. The children often have to be here very early at events too whilst they are set up. Therefore, this visit was a well-deserved perk for both PTA members and their children. Obviously a huge thank you goes to Hickory Smokehouse for offering this to us and for their desire to build links with the local community. We now hope to make this a regular event and reward for our regular PTA members' children. Thank you our amazing PTA!



Wythall Parish Council Christmas card Competition:

It was lovely to see all of the fabulous entries that were sent in for The Wythall Christmas Card Competition and I want to thank all of the children who took part. The quality of the entries was absolutely superb - well done children! I have included a small selection of these for you to view opposite.

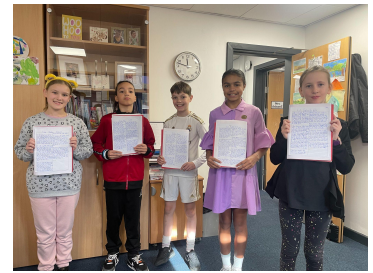
I am delighted to announce that the winner of the overall competition was Rosabella, from 5C. We also got 2nd and 3rd places which went to Alivia (6G) and Isabella (2T) respectively. Fantastic!



Rosabella will now get the honour of switching on the Wythall Christmas lights on 29th November at 5pm. The Chair of Wythall Council will also be coming into school at some point soon in order to present prizes to all three children.

Fantastic Year 6 writers!

It was a pleasure to have five Year 6 children come to see me recently in order to show me their amazing writing. Chloe, Carter, Kian, Myah and Emily (all from 6C) had all written fantastic newspaper reports based on their class novel. I was extremely impressed with the children's excellent presentation and thoughtful, imaginative writing which was of an excellent standard. Well done to all of these children for taking such pride in their work - your teachers and I are extremely proud of you all!



Well done to all of our Stardust dancers!

It has been wonderful to see so many of our children proudly sporting the dancing medals that they achieved at their Stardust Dance Academy Winter show last weekend. The children: Arabella, Elsie and Frankie (all 1B); and Eva and Emmie (both 3B) all performed a range of dancing and cheerleading and did brilliantly. We are extremely proud of them all!



Stage star Evelyn!

We are super proud of Evelyn from 5RB who, last Sunday, finished five nights performing in the production of Oliver at The Artrix Theatre in Bromsgrove. Evelyn played the part of Pearl, one of the pickpockets, and she had an amazing time, displaying fantastic confidence! We will watch your future acting progress with great interest Evelyn!

Well done Harry!

Last week, I mentioned a number of our children who had been part of the St. Mary's Remembrance Day Parade. This also included Harry from 2T, who is a Beaver, and who was taking part in his first remembrance service. He thoroughly enjoyed the parade and it really helped him to understand what remembrance day is all about. Well done Harry - we are very proud of you!



That just leaves me to say, as usual, that I hope you all have a lovely weekend with your children and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mr. Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was -

Renaissance (1400-1600)

- 1) Susato - Ronde and Basse Dance Bergeret from La Mourisque (1551)
- 2) Tallis - If Ye Love Me (1560)
- 3) Gabrieli - Jubilate Deo (1587)
- 4) Palestrina - Kyrie (Missa L'Homme Arme) (1570)

Next week's playlist is -

St Andrew's Day - 30th November

- 1) Roy Williamson - Flower of Scotland (1960s)
- 2) Foot Stompin' Ceilidh Band - Strip the Willow
- 3) The Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond - (C18th)
- 4) Elephant Sessions - Wet Field Day (2017)

Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE

11th - 15th November (Last week)



1LR

100%

5F &
5C

99%

TOP ATTENDANCE

18th - 22nd November (This week)



RM

97.41%

4W
5C

98%