



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 24th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the half-term break with your children – thankfully it looks like we are in for a week of lovely weather so fabulous timing!

Topsy-Turvy day to mark the end of half-term!

It was a lovely feeling on Friday to reach the end of this half-term by having our non-uniform ‘Topsy-Turvy’ day. To see the children coming in with a wide array of outfits and smiles on their faces was a real joy. The children have worked extremely hard this term and we are very proud of them. Seventy percent of the proceeds from the £1.00 donations will go towards our playground developments and thirty percent towards will go towards our Year 6 leavers’ fund which will enable them to have a fantastic end to their time at The Coppice.

Celebration Assemblies:

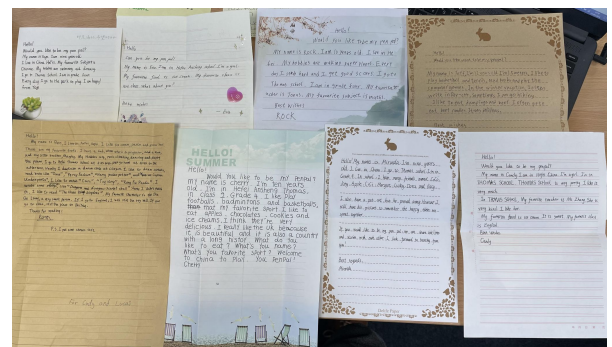
A real highlight of this week has been our Celebration Assemblies for Years 1-6 where we recognised the children’s achievements over the course of the last half-term. These assemblies allow the teachers to celebrate individual children in their classes who have impressed them with their effort and progress across all of the subjects that we teach in school.

Once again, it was an absolute pleasure to front all of these assemblies and to hear the reasons why the children, who became the recipients of the trophies, were awarded them. As always, what really stood out to me again was how our curriculum, and the awards that we have created for the different subject disciplines, allow for all of our children’s talents and abilities to not only be recognised but also discovered. As you know, I am passionate about The Coppice being a school where no child’s talents go undiscovered during their time with us. You can see a full breakdown of who the trophy winners and team point medal winners are later on in this newsletter.

We have also celebrated the achievements of our Nursery and Reception children over the course of the week and had the joy of presenting certificates and stickers to our youngest children. This is something that Mrs. Ashwell and I always enjoy doing and they were, as always, really lovely occasions. The shocked looks on the children’s faces as you call out their names are a joy to behold.

Letters from Chinese penpals!

It was wonderful on Tuesday of this week to have a number of very excited Year 6 children in school, who had received letters written in English from the pen-pals in China! As I have written about previously in the newsletter, the children, who received these letters, are part of our Mandarin Club and come into school early every Tuesday morning in order to learn some basic Mandarin and also to converse with their Chinese counterparts every few weeks via a live link. To have this opportunity to link to a school in China is fantastic and these letters were the icing on the cake. We also sent letters to China which the pupils there were thrilled to receive.



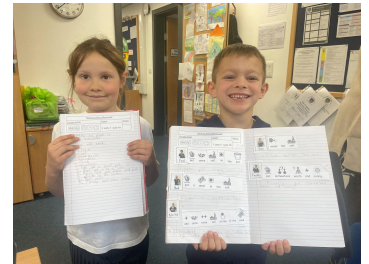
Year 2 trip to Wythall Transport Museum:

The Year 2 children have been a credit to our school this week when they completed their history unit on 'How has transport has changed through time?' and visited our local Transport Museum. The children found out about buses, coaches and fire engines and how they have changed over time. A highlight of the day was a ride on the miniature steam railway; the guides were very impressed with what the children told them they knew about how steam trains were invented and how they worked! They also had fun 'driving' old milk floats, buses, fire engines and sitting on the open-top bus - the children's imaginations took them all over the UK! We had so many comments about the historical language the children used and the questions they asked - the Y2 staff were very proud! The staff at the Transport Museum said, 'Can I say that your pupils were very well behaved and also very attentive which made our job so easy. Could you say a big thank you to them all and the staff from us at the museum on what was for us two enjoyable days. I sincerely hope that you will come again next year and look forward to welcoming you again.'



More fantastic writing from some of our youngest children!

It was an absolute pleasure to have two of our children: Nico and Willow, from 1D, come to see me on Monday in order to share their writing with me. I was so proud of both of these children for the amazing progress that they have made with their writing over the course of the year and that it demonstrates just how hard they have worked and how well they have been taught. Well done children - we are very proud of both of you!



Joe Fraser (Olympic Gymnast) visits some of our children and leaves a message for The Coppice!

Last weekend, two of our pupils had a surprise visitor to their house in the shape of Olympic, gold-winning gymnast Joe Fraser! Joe spent time with the family coaching Ellie and Isabelle and even spending time playing tag in their garden!

Joe also showed the girls his Gold and silver medals that he has worked so hard to achieve and, as you can see, he even let the girls wear them! This was obviously an incredible experience for them! Everyone knows that Joe is very focussed and driven, but it was great to hear that is also very grounded and down to earth. Joe is obviously now training extremely hard for the Paris Olympics and, as a school, we wish him the very best of luck!

Amazingly, Joe took time to share a recorded a message to all the children at The Coppice which we will be sharing with all of the children. Thank you so much Joe - you are a true inspiration!



What a fantastic experience for Charlotte and Zara!

I had a lovely conversation with Charlotte and Zara from Year 5 on Tuesday who came to tell me all about their the 'Gymnasia' event that they attended with many other gymnasts from Wythall Gym Club, plus gymnasts from many other clubs across the West Midlands. Gymnasia is a non-competitive performance event which gives a wonderful opportunity for the gymnasts to show off their wide array of performance skills. From talking to the girls they clearly had a fantastic time!



St.Mary's Church Bake-Off Stars!

I want to say a huge well done to Isobel P from 6G and sisters Fern (RT) and Erin (2W) who entered the St Mary's 'Bake Off' competition recently. As you can see, all of the children made wonderful, Olympic-themed cakes. Isobel and Erin made swimming pools and Fern made a women's football cake. Fern and Erin came second and third place with their entries - a great achievement!.All of the girls had a great time making and decorating their cakes and were very proud of themselves. We are very proud of you too girls! Definitely 'Great British Bake-off' contestants of the future I think!



Dance exam success

Our congratulations also go to some of our younger dancers this week. Rosie P and Emmie L from 2T both received Honours Award for their preparatory tap exam recently.

Katie P from RT got a Honours award for her ballet mime exam.

All girls are understandably very happy with her achievements. Honours is one of the highest marks with only Honours star above it.

It's so great to see the girls progressing



Finally...

I want to end by wishing you all a lovely half-term break. Thank you, as always, for your support of the school and your children over the last seven weeks – it is very much appreciated. Without doubt, much has been achieved by your children in so many different areas. You can feel very proud of them and, as a staff, we certainly are.

As always, we greatly look forward to welcoming the children bright and early on Monday 3rd June.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher)


Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Attendance Figures


TOP ATTENDANCE

13th-17th May (Last week)

	1D	98.67%
	3K	100%

TOP ATTENDANCE

20th - 24th May (This week)

	2T	97.24%
	3K	94.33%

Trophy Winners

2024 SUMMER 1

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
THE COPPICE WAY	1D - Nico	2P - Robyn	3A - Rosie	4W - Isabella	5C - Millie	6G - Isaac
STAR MATHEMATICIAN	1A - Penny	2T - Aiden B	3L - Nancy	4R - Millie	5F - Jacob	6G - Poppy B
STAR WRITER	1A - Isabella	2W - Marshall	3K - Iyla	4W - Kevin	5RB - Esmee	6G - Ada
STAR READER	1B - Arthur	2T - Lola	3A - Joshua	4CR - Ivy	5C - Isla S	6D Annie
STAR SCIENTIST	1D - Theo	2T - Eva	3L - Lukas	4CR - Ethan D	5RB - Isabella	6C- Ruby
SPORTS STAR	1A - Alfie F	2W - Rosie	3K - Frankie M	4CR - Esme	5RB - Daisy	6D Shay
THE ARTS STAR	1B - Darla	2P - Madison	3A - Cohen	4R - Ariana	5C - Beau B	6D Lucy
COMPUTING STAR	1B - Zara	2T - Jake R	3L - Keito	4R - Louis	5F - Holly-Ann	6C- Isaac
DT STAR	N/A	2P - Elliot	3K - William	4W - Bella	X	x
HUMANITIES STAR	1D - Leo	2W - Oliver	3L - Finley	?	5F - Eliana	6C- Tayt

Team Point Champions

Summer 1 2024

Medals awarded to the top 3 in each class.

	3rd (Bronze)	2nd (Silver)	1st (Gold)
1A	Alfie F (O)	x	Francesca (F) Logan (O)
1B	Bethan (E) Zara (E)	Jacob (E)	Archie (O)
1D	Otis (E)	Ella (H)	Marnie (O)
2T	Aidan P (F)	Rosie P (H)	Eva (H)
2P	Oscar O (H)	Ellimay (O)	Florence (O)
2W	x	Alice (O) Bella (F)	Oliver (O)
3K	Iyla (E)	Darcey (H)	Alice (O)
3L	Eva (F)	Leo (E)	Ella (E)
3A	Joseph (O)	Jack L (O)	Isabel (O)
4R	Poppy (H)	Gracie (F)	Izzy (E)
4CR	Jake P (H)	Abigail F (F)	Ava Louise (E)
4W	Arlo (H)	Kevin (O)	Cody (H)
5RB	Isabella (F)	Lucy (H)	Caitlyn (H)
5D	Oliver (H)	Amelia (F)	Jessica (E)
5F	Caitlyn (E)	Alana (E)	Alexander (H)
6G	Poppy B (O)	Isabel (F)	Evie (O)
6D	Lucas (O)	Lucy (H)	Rabia (O)
6C	Ellie T (F)	Paige (O)	Jamie (H)