



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, I hope that you've all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children and a chance to spend some quality time together.

### Congratulations Coppice gymnasts!

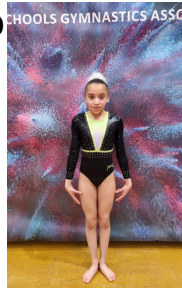
Once again, a number of our school gymnasts attended the British Schools' Finals Floor and Vault Competition, which took place this year in Stoke on Trent on Saturday 20th April. They competed against schools from all across the country, including Northern Ireland and Wales. This was a big stage to perform on as the nationals are always a very tough competition and the calibre of gymnastics is extremely high.

**U11 Girls' team:** Zara I, Ella M, Charlotte H, Ellie D

**Siene M and Poppy M**

**U11 Boys' team:** Orlando H, Harley M, Cian M

**Isaac H, Bobby L, Myles T**



All teams did amazingly well and we are proud of each and every gymnast. U11 Girls did incredibly well, placing 7th in the country and the U11 Boys team placed 3rd, therefore receiving a National Bronze medal each. For the first time, Zara also competed in the Tumbling Competition. She deserves a special mention for her bravery and talent in coming 16th out of 28 in a very difficult discipline and we hope that she gets another opportunity next year. For 3 of these gymnasts, it was their final time representing The Coppice at an external competition, so we thank Ella, Orlando and Harley for all their hard work and dedication over the years and wish them well in their future gymnastic journeys. We would also like to extend our gratitude to the visiting coaches who train and motivate our gymnasts to achieve such high standards: Kirsty Garratt, Ella Garratt, Kieran Maguire, Olivia Witham, Alana Witham, Sophie Fellows and Nicole Rogers. Obviously, huge thanks and praise also goes to Miss. Carter for everything she does for our Coppice gymnasts.

### Netball success for Years 5 and 6!

Last week, we took a Year 5 and Year 6 team to the Birchensale school Netball tournament. The Year 6 team came along for experience as they had been unable to compete in the actual Year 6 tournament the previous half term. They played with great grace, winning all of their matches. A great experience for the team. We are hoping that Birchensale will bring their Y6 team over to the Coppice for a friendly match during the last half term.

The Year 5 team were very excited to be playing in their first competitive tournament. They were confident and played brilliantly as a team. They won all their Y5 matches and came home with gold medals. Great shooting, defending, passing and marking from all the girls. We were so proud of you! A big thank you goes to Mrs. Ashwell, Miss. Gatfield and Mr. Edwards for taking the children and giving them such a memorable experience.

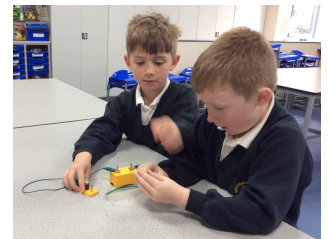
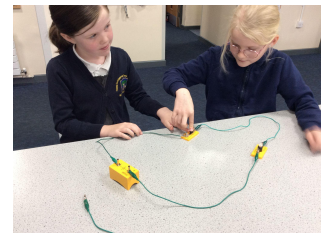
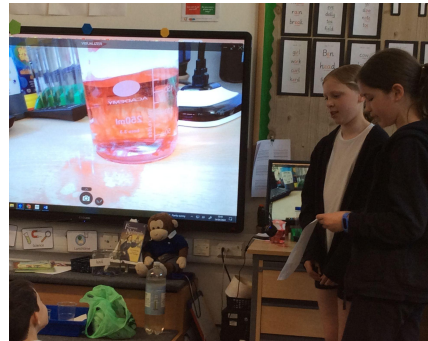


## Science Day and Science Show:

Wednesday's Science Day, which was organised by our Science Leaders: Mrs. Tomkinson, Miss. Dixon and Miss. Cox was a really exciting day in school. The whole day was dedicated to all things scientific and involved the children throughout the school carrying out a range of practical science experiments and other science learning activities. Every child in the school was treated to a 'Silly Science Show' presented by 'Professor Nitrates'. The show was a collection of experiments that received lots of wows, oooohhs and ahhhs from the children when they saw and heard the fizz, pops and even explosions! Some brave volunteers even held fire! A special mention and a huge well done to our fantastic KS2 Science Ambassadors who visited each class with their very own science experiment demonstrations! These were well received by every class they visited and were inspiring to the younger children who could be the school's next Science Ambassadors. I was lucky enough to be in a couple of classrooms when these were performed and they certainly amazed me! Without doubt, we are producing some amazing, young scientists here at The Coppice and is testament to the strength of our science curriculum and teaching here at The Coppice. Thank you to all the staff involved for arranging such an engaging day, especially Mrs. Tomkinson.

On Monday we will be judging all of the fantastic science projects that children across the school have been bringing in and the winners will be announced on next week's newsletter

## Science Show:



## Science Gadget Shop – thank you PTA and Science Club children!

I want to thank our amazing PTA and representatives from our Science Club for running the gadget shop after school this week. We raised a fantastic amount of money, which will go towards the purchase of further science equipment that all of your children will benefit greatly from.

## Year 4 DT Day:

On Monday 22nd April, Year 4 had their DT (Design Technology) day. The focus was 'greenhouses'. We looked at the design of greenhouses, what features they had and why they were used. We looked at the Eden Project in Cornwall and looked at their [virtual tour](#). The children designed their own greenhouse and decided what fruit and vegetables they would grow if they could, they created a flower out of recyclable materials and also planted a sunflower seed, which they brought home with them, to look after and grow.





## Debate Club Success:

On Friday 19th April, three of our six teams won their debate and made it through to the next round of the Primary Debating Competition. We also had three prizes for best individual speaker.

Winning teams:

Ewan and John - Yr 6  
Jessica and Bethany - Yr 5  
Isaac and Finley - Yr 5

Best individual speaker:

Beau W (Yr 5)  
Bethany (Yr 5)  
Charlotte (Yr 5)



Also taking part were Annabel (Yr 6), Delilah (Yr 5) and Zara (Yr 5). A huge well done goes to all of these children who represented The Coppice so admirably. We are very proud of all of them.

That just leaves me to wish you all an enjoyable weekend. As always, we look forward to seeing all of the children on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)


## Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



## Attendance Figures


### TOP ATTENDANCE

15th-19th April (Last week)

	1D	96.42%
	3L	97.24%

### TOP ATTENDANCE

22nd-26th April (This week)

	RT & 2T	98.62%
	3K	99.00%