



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 4th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children. It's been another busy week at The Coppice and, as always, there is lots to share with you all.

Sunny weather: protecting your children:

It has been a lovely feeling this week to have been blessed with some spring sunshine, which always gives everyone a lift and puts smiles on people's faces. Hopefully this will last into the Easter break that is coming around very quickly.

With the arrival of the sunny weather, and in advance of the summer term, I think it is a good time to remind all Parents and Carers about protecting their children from the sun's harmful rays and, therefore, of the school's policy with regards to the application of sunscreen. The school's policy is as follows:

- Children can bring in a bottle of sunscreen during the summer months. **This MUST be an SPF of 30 or above.**
- Children are allowed to re-apply sun cream once before lunchtime (a five minute window will be given) if Parents or Carers wish them to do so, especially those children with sensitive skin and those who are at high risk of sunburn. Parents will remind their children to do this when the weather is particularly warm.
- **Sun cream bottles must be labelled** and will be kept in a safe place in the classroom. Sun cream brought into school should be left in school for the duration of the Summer Term – teachers/staff will not be responsible for reminding children to take sun cream home at the end of each day.
- Parents should apply an application of the product before school and pupils should be taught, at home, how to apply a 'top up', should it be required,
- **Staff will assist Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception) pupils with the application of sun cream by giving them guidance. However, they will not be able to apply this directly - the child MUST do this themselves. If they are not capable of this, Parents/Carers will need to come to school to provide the further application. In other year groups the children are responsible for their own application.**
- 'Roller ball' applications are particularly good for young children as they are easier to use. You can buy branded ones and there are also ones called 'solar buddies', which you can fill with a lotion of your choosing.
- **Staff cannot be responsible for sun cream applied incorrectly by a child.**
- Children should be taught at home never to share sun cream and we will reinforce this in school as well.
- **Sunscreen will be applied before lunch and it won't be the responsibility of Lunchtime supervisors to do this.**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with the above guidelines - it is much appreciated and goes a long way to ensuring that we are a 'sun safe' school. Please also continue to send your child in with caps, sun hats and water bottles when the weather is warm as these all contribute to your child's safety and comfort.

Summer uniform.

Just a reminder that, when we return from Easter, this also marks the move from Winter uniform to Summer uniform for children who want to wear it. If you are unsure of what the summer uniform expectations are, please click on the link below which will take you to the page on the school website where these can be found.

<https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/parent-resources/whole-school-information/#Uniform>

Praise for OPAL Play and your children's lunchtime experience!

As you all know, our OPAL Play lunchtime initiative is something that I wanted for the children at our school and that is why you have all been able to witness the addition of new, exciting resources and buildings on our playgrounds over the course of the last few months - and this is just the beginning!

Yesterday we had a review session from our OPAL Play Consultant: Kayleigh Atkinson. She was absolutely glowing about the lunchtime provision we have put in place and where we are currently at in our three-year development journey. She actually said to our OPAL Leader: Mrs. Ashwell that we are much further forward than she ever expected.

Kayleigh also had great praise for all of the Lunchtime 'Play Team' and all other lunch staff for how well they interact with the children and what a great experience they are making lunchtimes for them. Therefore, I want to say a HUGE WELL DONE to all of them for their excellent work!

A huge well done also goes to Mrs. Ashwell, Miss. Carter, Miss. Franklin, Mr. Mace and Mrs. Boyd for everything that they have so far coordinated and arranged! OPAL Play is exactly what I wanted it to be so far and, as I said above, the good news is there's a lot more to come! It also won't be long before we can invite Parents and Carers in to experience OPAL Play with their children, which will be incredibly exciting and something we are all very much looking forward to!

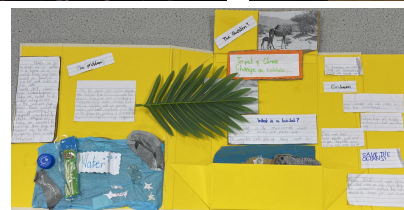
Science Day and Science Show:

This year's Science Day was filled with practical and fun activities that sparked curiosity and creativity in all our students. The day included an amazing *Science Magic Show* with Dr. Matt Pritchard, who brought the wonders of science to life in a truly captivating way. From Nursery to Year Six, every child had the chance to enjoy the show and learn about the science behind some truly magical tricks! He performed a variety of balancing tricks that had the children wide-eyed with wonder. One highlight was the challenge of balancing a half-filled pop can that could tilt without falling over and another featured two forks balanced perfectly on a cork. The children were not only impressed but also left with a new sense of excitement, eager to recreate the tricks and discover the science behind them. As you walked around the school today, it was impossible not to notice the enthusiasm from all the children, fully engaged in the practical experiments and investigations planned for each year group. Thank you to all the staff involved for arranging such an engaging day, especially our Science Leaders: Miss. Dixon and Mrs. Cox.

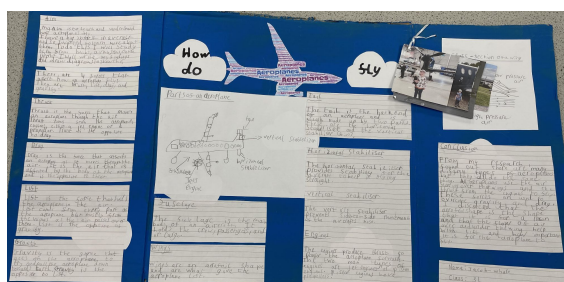


Science Project Winners:

As stated in last week's newsletter, we had a huge response to the Science project competition and it was a VERY difficult task to decide on the winners. However, eventually, we were able to do so. The winning entries and names of the children can be seen below:



Louis F (5F) Upper KS2



Jacob W (3L) Lower KS2

Elsie-Mai T (2T) KS1



Imogen S (RT) EYFS

Dancing success for Rosie

Rosie P from 3B won the star of the term trophy at her dance school over the weekend.

Rosie was full of enthusiasm when she told me that she takes part in several dance disciplines - commercial, tap, ballet and acro but she especially loves commercial and acro as she gets to do "sassy dancing".

She won her award for learning fast and always listening to the instructor.

It is great to hear of her success and everyone is very proud of her.



Online Safety Questionnaire:

Our Computing and Online Safety Leader: Ms. Juneman has created an online safety survey for Parents and Carers which will be sent out in the coming days. We would very much like as many of you as possible to complete this survey please, as it will give us vital information regarding your children's online lives that will allow us to plan how we can support both the children and you, as Parents and Carers, as much as possible moving forward. As you all know, online safety is a huge issue for us as a society and the more that we can do to educate your children, and to support you, as families, to keep your children safe, the better. The link to the survey will be sent out on the school app but I have also placed it below. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd7k9OvIauwSRE0mtgQiDpmXoRh6uFNX469lfo4Kyyh7DQwoA/viewform?usp=header>

Anti-bullying event at Woodrush:

On Friday 28th, we were delighted to be part of an anti-bullying conference organised by Woodrush High School. This event brought children from Woodrush and all of the local primary schools together in one place in order to discuss and plan what more could be done in schools to promote an anti-bullying culture. As you can see from the photos below, this was a really collaborative and inspiring event. The children who represented The Coppice were: Isabella C-G and Curtis P (both 5RB); Scarlett P and Jake P (both 5C); Emilia W and Jack F (both 5F); Tobie, Maddie and Reiss (all 6G); Lilana, Susanna and Caitlyn (all 6C); and Arjan, Beau B and Oliver (all 6D).

Emilia and Beau B have been appointed as spokespeople and are going to be meeting with me next week so that they can feedback some ideas and information. Woodrush will then be checking in with them later in the year to see what further actions have been implemented. Thankfully, we have had very few bullying incidents at The Coppice over the years. However, we never rest on our laurels and, anything else we can implement will be strongly considered and put in place where necessary.

A huge well done goes to all of our children for representing The Coppice so well and a big thank you goes to Woodrush for giving them this opportunity.

That just leaves me to say, as always, that I hope you all have a lovely weekend with your children and we look forward to seeing all of you bright and early on Monday morning. Enjoy the sunshine everyone!

Kind regards,

Mr. Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)



Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate

*Due to Mr. Hutt's afternoon meeting with Woodrush Headteacher: Mr. Barber today, he was unavailable today to host the usual Friday Star Of The Week hot chocolate. This has therefore been rearranged for Monday afternoon.

The photo from this celebration will be posted in next week's newsletter.*

Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

North America

- 1) Loreena McKennitt - The Mummer's Dance (1997)
- 2) John Williams - Superman Theme (1978)
- 3) Florence Price - Symphony No. 1 (1933)
- 4) Brooke Simpson - Perfect (2018)

Next week's playlist is:


St George's Day - 23rd April

- 1) The Beatles - With a Little Help From My Friends (1967)
- 2) Vaughan Williams - Greensleeves (1934)
- 3) Albert Ketèlbey - 'Appy 'Ampstead (1924)
- 4) Traditional - The Oak and The Ash (1600s?)

Attendance Figures


TOP ATTENDANCE

24th - 28th March (Last week)

	1LR	100%
	3B	99.33%

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31st March- 4th April (This week)

	1LR	99.33%
	3K	98.06%