



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 14th March 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 and to spending some quality time together. As always, it's been another busy and enjoyable week at The Coppice.

Parents' and Carers' Evenings next week:

Just a final reminder to all Parents and Carers that Parents' Meetings are next week: (*4C is Mon & Thurs)

Tuesday 18th March: 2.00 – 5.00 pm is for Key Stage 2 and 4.00 – 7.00 pm is for EYFS & Key Stage 1.

Thursday 20th March: 2.00 - 5.00pm for EYFS & Key Stage 1 and 4.00 - 7.00pm for Key Stage 2

We very much look forward to welcoming you into school and to discussing your child's progress.

Our Gymnasts are National Champions!!

We are now used to reporting back school pride and success stories after our gymnasts compete at regional and national competitions. However, last weekend, they exceeded all previous achievements by winning TWO sections of the Milano Team National Finals!

Collectively: Ellie D, Kesia Q, Ayla W, Siene M, Isaac H, Zara I, Charlotte H, Cian M, Myles T and Bobby L, along with Deanery Primary School, placed the West Midlands, over all under 11 categories, in Silver place across the whole of the UK!

For the first time ever, both our boys team (Cian, Myles and Bobby) and our Mixed Team (Isaac, Charlotte and Zara) won their sections and are now crowned National Schools' Gymnastics Champions!!

Each gymnast puts in hours and hours of practice every week alongside their coaches and to see this recognised at a National level is an exceptional achievement. We are fully aware that this couldn't happen without wonderful supportive parents and our phenomenal coaching team.

We are so grateful for the dedication of the coaching team (Ella, Olivia, Alana and Sophie) headed expertly by Kirsty Garratt and Kieron Maguire; Ella's beautiful choreography, and Kieron's generous donation that allowed us to buy the new leotards, all of which contributed to the success and achievements of the day.



Joe Fraser and Mr. Hutt congratulate our gymnasts!

A memorable week for our gymnasts was added to when we received a special message of congratulations from British Olympic Gymnast: Joe Fraser. This was made possible through Sports Coach: Mr. K from SH Active who is a close friend of Joe's. The children were absolutely buzzing when the message was played to them at Gym Club on Thursday. Thank you Joe - it meant the world that you did this for us and thanks Mr. K for arranging it!

Finally, I had the pleasure of meeting with the gymnasts myself and having a lovely chat. Once again, our children bowled me over with their passion, dedication, camaraderie and enthusiasm for their sport. They truly are remarkable children!



Congratulations and praise from British Gymnastics!

The week was topped off when I received a letter from Jamie Weller at British Gymnastics praising both our school and the children. The pride we felt at what was written is immense! Key quotes that really stood out were:

'I am writing to extend my sincere congratulations to you, your dedicated staff, and the exceptional gymnasts from The Coppice Primary School who recently competed at the BSGA Milano Team National Finals. It is with great pleasure that I commend your school for not only representing itself but also the West Midlands region with outstanding performance and sportsmanship at the prestigious event.

Your school achieved several medal rankings including first place making them National Champions. The success achieved by your gymnasts is a testament to their unwavering dedication, hard work, and the support they have received from the school. It is truly inspiring to see young athletes excel in the field of gymnastics, showcasing their talent and commitment on a national platform. The effort put in by both the gymnasts and the staff has undoubtedly paid off, resulting in a remarkable achievement that reflects positively on the school's commitment to nurturing sporting talent.

In today's age where competitive sports participation among children is declining, it is truly commendable to see The Coppice Primary School actively encouraging and fostering a culture of sports excellence.

I would like to express my gratitude to you and your team for the dedication and effort invested in nurturing the talents of these young gymnasts. The achievements of The Coppice Primary School at the BSGA Milano Team National Finals are a source of pride not only for the school but also for the entire region. Your commitment to supporting and promoting gymnastics is truly commendable and sets a shining example for other educational institutions to follow.' Praise indeed!!

Year 6 Debating Competition:

On Friday 7 March, six Year 6 children: Finley, Isaac, Jessie, Bethany, Beau W and Jessica (all 6D) went to King Edward's in Edgbaston to take part in the first round of the Primary Schools Debating Competition.

The motion for the debate was: "This House would limit air travel" and the Coppice teams had to argue against the motion. Two of our three teams won their debates and will be going through to the next round of the competition. Beau W and Jessica also won individual awards for best speaker in their debates. All six of the children did really well and made excellent points which they supported with strong examples. They spoke clearly and confidently and were a credit to the Coppice.

A big thank you once again goes to Miss. Caddick for arranging this fabulous opportunity and to Mr. Mace for driving the minibus.

Year 1 enjoy a Florence Nightingale experience!

On Thursday, each Year 1 class enjoyed travelling back in time with the famous 'Lady with the Lamp: 'Florence Nightingale'. Through an immersive drama workshop, the children learnt about her life, career and how she transformed nursing and the sanitation of our hospitals. It started with taking them back to how life was in the Victorian era to show how she cared for soldiers in the Crimean War. All of the children were very imaginative and engrossed in the experience, which was lovely to see. The children completed the session by learning how to care for wounded soldiers by putting bandages on their friends. Luckily, they all recovered! As you can see, everyone had a fantastic time bringing their history curriculum to life.



Irish Dancing success for Violet!

It is great to be able to celebrate Violet from 3B who did very well at the Scanlon Feis in Birmingham on Saturday.

Violet came 2nd in the Primary fast reel, 3rd in Novice hop jig, 4th in Slip jig and 4th in light jig. She danced solo on a large stage in front of hundreds of people. Her family were rightly incredibly proud of her and we certainly are as a school. Most importantly though, she is very proud of herself and so she should be. Huge congratulations Violet - your passion for your Irish dancing is a joy to see!



After sharing so much good news, that just leaves me to wish you all a lovely weekend. As always, we greatly look forward to welcoming the children bright and early on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate

Last Friday's Star of The Week children will have their hot chocolate with Mr. Hutt on Monday. This photo is of the children from the week before that.



Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

Piano

- 1) Gavin Greenaway - The Sun Rose (2019)
- 2) Ludovico Einaudi - Experience (2013)
- 3) Yiruma - River Flows in You (2001)
- 4) Scott Joplin - Maple Leaf Rag (1899)

Next week's playlist is:


St Patrick's Day - 17th March

- 1) The Corrs - Toss the Feathers (1995)
- 2) Barrule - Mylecharaine's March (2012)
- 3) Enya - Only Time (2000)
- 4) The Dubliners - Fields of Athenry (1983)

Attendance Figures


TOP ATTENDANCE

3rd - 7th March 2025 (Last week)

	1D	98.97%
	5C	100%

TOP ATTENDANCE

10th- 14th March (This week)

	1B	99%
	3K	100%