



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 15th March 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.

Parents' and Carers' Evening next week:

Just a final reminder to all Parents and Carers that Parents' Meetings are next week (Other than 5F):

Tuesday 19th March: 2.00 – 5.30 pm is for Key Stage 2 and 4.00 – 7.00 pm is for EYFS & Key Stage 1.

Thursday 21st March: Maple Class, 2.00 - 5.30pm 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.

Tree Planting:

On Thursday 7th March, children from the Eco Council set about planting a hedgerow on our school playing field. The trees were kindly donated by the Woodland Trust and the children have been waiting patiently for the perfect time to plant them. So, with a clear week of dry weather forecast (finally!) - the date was set.

With a little bit of help from Mrs. Chivers, Mr. Ruffles and Mr. Cowling, our 12 Eco Ambassadors and a chosen 'buddy' from their class, managed to plant over 200 saplings down a length of 50m bordering our field. It was hard work and we all got a bit muddy but we all had lots of fun at the same time!

Within the newly planted hedgerow, there is a mix of Rowan, Oak, Silver Birch, Hawthorn, Hazel and Blackthorn. The children have learned that hedges are an important wildlife habitat in their own right - supporting a large diversity of species.

Small but mighty, our hedge will be an essential refuge for wildlife, clean our air, capture carbon, and reduce flooding on our field.



Mrs Chivers was extremely proud of the children's efforts. She said, 'Let's hope that when the children are older, they come back to their old primary school and say - 'I helped to plant that!' and feel a real sense of achievement.'



A huge well done Gymnasts!!

Having qualified for the Milano Team National Finals back in January, Coppice Gymnasts once again travelled to Stoke-on-Trent where they represented our school and the West Midlands against schools from all over the UK. As expected, the standard of gymnastics was exceptionally high and our pupils admirably rose to the challenge. Their skill level was outstanding, which was equally matched by their sportsmanship: Ellie was overheard congratulating another team on their fantastic vaulting. Thank you to their coaches Kirsty, Kieron, Ella, Sophie, Nicole, Olivia and Alana for their dedication and time and well done gymnasts - you've done yourselves and the school proud. **Our school entered:**

U11 Girls' team:

Charlotte H

Ellie D

Kesia Q

Ayla W

Under 11 Boys' team:

Isaac H

Myles T

Cian M

Bobby L

Under 11 Mixed team:

Orlando H

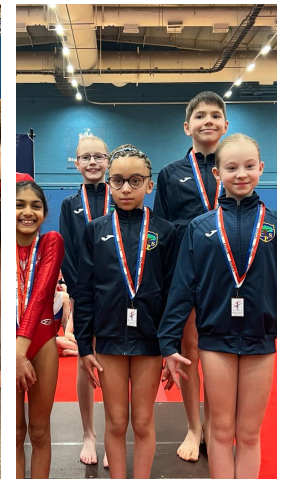
Poppy M

Ella M

Zara I

In what was a very tough competition, The Coppice boys' Under 11's team came in 4th place and the girls came in 7th place. Both of these were great achievements - a huge well done to all of you!

Then, when our mixed team's score was combined with the other team from the West Midlands, this meant we came 3rd overall and came away with a bronze medal - an incredible achievement! Well done children!



Amazing achievement for three ex-Coppice pupils!

Former Coppice pupils: Grace, Jack and Holly are now the Under 13 mixed Milano National Champions! This was an incredible achievement by the trio, who won many gymnastic titles when representing The Coppice. Coach: Kirsty Garrett said that in 31 years of coaching, a senior team had never won at National level. We are so proud of all three of these children and I know that their achievement will prove to be incredibly inspirational to the current Coppice gymnasts moving forward.





Gymnastic success for Abigail!

It is great to celebrate Abigail, from Year 6, who achieved success in her gymnastics competition that she took part in on Sunday.

Abigail took part in the George Finney Floor and Vault championships at Stoke on Trent with her floor and vault squad from Wythall Gymnastics Club. Her Under 11 team did really well and won a fantastic, gold medal for their floor and vault routines. Abigail can be seen proudly wearing her medal. Well done Abigail - we are really proud of you!

More dancing success for Florence and well done Bellagio !

It was an absolute pleasure on Wednesday when Florence T from Year 5 came to see me to share more of her stunning, dance successes.

Florence dances for Bellagio Dance Studio, which is run by Jessica Hallam who is one of our parents. In the competition that she competed in last weekend, Florence came first place (gold medal) with her group dance called Chrysalis; second place (silver medal) with her group dance: 'Rolling'; third place (bronze medal) for her group dance: 'Prince of Egypt'; and third place (bronze medal) for her lyrical solo dance of 'Remember'. She also earned a 'Storm the Stage' 'Standout Dancer' sash for impressing the judges so much and for being identified as an amazing dancer of the future! We are incredibly proud of your achievements Florence - well done!

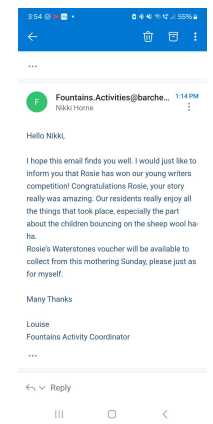


Bellagio have also had great, recent success at a competition in Sutton, gaining many awards, scholarships and also being chosen to dance at the biggest dance convention: 'Can you dance' at The Liverpool echo in October. This was followed, last weekend, with the children again blowing everyone away at The Solihull festival where everyone was extremely proud of them all! Coppice pupils: Everlee, Flora, Isla, Felicity, Florence and Emilka came away with fifteen medals at The Sutton Festival and nineteen medals at The Solihull Festival. This weekend all the dance teachers want to wish the girls a huge good luck in their exams. Felicity is taking her Grade 1 tap, which the class have mastered in a month! Florence and Emilka are both taking their grade 5 ballet exams and, if successful, they will start earning UKAS points which they take forward for the future! Good luck everyone!

Rosie wins a writing competition!

It is fantastic to be able to celebrate the wonderful writing achievement of young author Rosie E from 2P.

Last month, Rosie entered a Young Writer's Competition at Fountain's Care Home in Shirley. The competition asked for a short story of 100-500 words with an evacuee theme. There were other entrants from local schools including Our Lady of the Wayside. Rosie won 1st prize, which earned her a book voucher, for her story: The Big Outdoor Adventure. One of the residents can be seen enjoying Rosie's story and Rosie is pictured proudly showing off her voucher. Well done Rosie - we are super proud of you!



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



Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE

4th - 8th March (Last week)

	RT & 2T	98.28%
	3A	99.33%

TOP ATTENDANCE

11th - 15th March (This week)

	2W	98.30%
	5F	99.70%