



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 17th January 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. As always there is lots to share with you all.

Goodbye and thank you Mr. Edwards and Welcome Mr. K and Mr. S from SH Active!

Since we returned from Christmas, some of your children might have been talking about two new members of staff here at The Coppice: Mr. S and Mr. K (pictured opposite), who are teaching Physical Education (PE) lessons and running morning and lunchtime activities. They are also running some new, exciting after-school clubs e.g. Nerf Club and Trampolining Club which further bolsters our after-school provision.



These two new staff are from a company called SH Active and we've contracted them to deliver lessons and activities to Years 1-6 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The two new staff are both fully-qualified Sports Coaches, which means that they will be delivering high-quality sports provision to our children. Both Mr. S and Mr. K have made a really great start to life here at The Coppice and made a strong impression with both children and staff. We warmly welcome them to our school and look forward to working closely with them over the coming weeks and months.



The reason that we have contracted these two new staff is because our long-standing and fantastic Sports Coach: Mr. Edwards (pictured opposite) retired from his role at The Coppice at Christmas after many years of dedicated service to our children. Those of you whose children were taught by Mr. Edwards or who were part of the clubs led by him, will know what a superb Coach Mr. Edwards was. Without doubt, from the time that he was employed by The Coppice, to the time that he finished, he played an enormous part in taking our children through a period of incredible sporting success. For example, he led both our boys and girls to victory in the Indoor County Athletic Championships on more than one occasion, something that no Primary school in Worcestershire had ever done before - an unbelievable achievement! We therefore want to state on record how grateful we are to Mr. Edwards for everything that he did for our children during his time at The Coppice and we wish him well for his retirement.



Vandalism in Forest School:

Our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children have unfortunately had to miss out on some of their Forest Ranger time this week due to vandalism that occurred over the course of the Christmas holidays and last weekend. I have included some images of what damage was done on the next page. It makes me extremely sad to have to report this in our whole-school newsletter as the overwhelming majority of what I include is positive and celebrates the many wonderful things that happen at our school on a weekly basis. However, I want to bring this to everyone's attention so that you are aware of why your child may have missed out on their Forest Rangers' session this week.

Having had a number of incidents on our school grounds over the course of the last couple of years, we are now having to spend some of the school's scarce monetary resources on CCTV cameras in order to try and both prevent further incursions and also to provide evidence to the police should they still unfortunately happen.

As you can see in the photos below, we have had our storytelling chair, which Mr. Noakes made out of logs and sticks, smashed up, we have had the messy cafe also smashed up, one of the shelters greatly damaged, a fence kicked down and have had a couple of trees pulled out of the ground.

In addition to the above, we also had the boat that is used as part of our OPAL Play being thrown over a fence into the the old pond areas and pots and pans from the messy cafe on the playground thrown into the bushes.

Why anyone would want to cause this level of damage and affect the provision for very young children is beyond me and obviously I am very angry about it. Please be reassured though that we are putting the damage right and will endeavour to do this as quickly as possible.

With the above in mind, if anyone is willing to volunteer some time to help Mr. Mace and our Forest Rangers' Leader: Miss. Kirby, please contact them directly through the school office or let your child's Class Teacher know. Also, if you become aware at any point, via the grapevine, of who is responsible for this damage, please contact the police or we can do that for you.



Cali is going to be a main character in a real book!

It is super to be able to share some wonderful news now, which is that one of our pupils: Cali, from 3K, is going to be a character in the next novel by B. Ware, who you might remember is the author who visited our school prior to Christmas and inspired so many of our children with their writing.

Basically, Cali entered a competition set by B. Ware, which was a 'Words of Warning' scavenger hunt. Cali successfully completed the challenge and her entry was then chosen at random which meant that she will now star as a main character in one of B. Ware's future books in the Words of Warning collection which is absolutely amazing! Quite rightly, Cali and her family are extremely thrilled and excited about this and so are we at The Coppice! One of our children as a main character in a book is wonderful!

The book that Cali will star in will take a couple of years to write and publish but the process has already begun. B. Ware is already collecting lots of information off and about Cali in order that the character can be as accurate and recognisable as possible. We can't wait for this book to eventually be published as it is a real first for The Coppice!



Reading reviews published on Toppsta!

On the subject of reading it is fantastic to report that two of our children: Millie, from 6D, and Harrison, from 5C, have been published in the Toppsta Reading Review platform. Well done both of you on this achievement!

If you would like to read the reviews that were written, Millie's can be found here:

<https://toppsta.com/books/details/1078041/mystery-on-the-school-trip-express#book-reviews>

Harrison's can be found here:

<https://toppsta.com/books/details/1164428/the-cosmic-diary-of-a-future-space-explorer#book-reviews>

100% Attendance Reward Badges given out to Year 1 - 6 children - CONGRATULATIONS!



It was lovely to go around the classes this week to celebrate those children who made it into school every day last term. In total, we had 138 children who received their bronze stars.

Each term we celebrate 100% attendance so if your child didn't manage it in the Autumn term - they can still achieve a star in either Spring or Summer. Those who have now received their Bronze can work towards their Silver and hopefully their Gold 100% badge at the end of the school year.

If your child is wearing a bronze or silver badge from the last academic year, can these now please be removed and kept at home. 100% badges can however still be worn until the end of the year.

If your child is absent for either a morning or afternoon register, even if this is for a medical appointment, then they will be recorded as absent so therefore will not receive a 100% badge for that term. We appreciate that some Parents and Carers and children are disappointed by this. However, we have to do this to ensure that there are no grey areas with regards to the awards which would make the system unworkable. Thank you for your understanding with this.

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.

Kind regards,

Mr. Hutt

(Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

Oceania

- 1) Tones and I - I Made It (2023)
- 2) The Fourmyula - Nature (1969)
- 3) Yothu Yindi - Djapana (1989)
- 4) Electric Fields - One Milkali (2024)

Next week's playlist is:


Baroque

- 1) Handel - The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (1749)
- 2) Bach - Air on the G String (1731)
- 3) Purcell - Dido's Lament (1677)
- 4) Dowland - The Earle of Essex Galliard (1605)

Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE

7th- 10th January 2025 (Last week)

	RC & 1LR	100%
	3K & 4R	100%

TOP ATTENDANCE

13th - 17th January (This week)

