



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, I hope that you have all had a good week and are very much looking forward to the Christmas holidays with your children. It has been a fabulous week in school and therefore there is much to share!

### **Amazing Nativities!**

This week, we had our Year 1 and 2 nativities and I can't even begin to tell you the joy that they have again brought to everyone who attended. These performances, held in front of Parents, Carers and grandparents, were magical occasions that will live long in the memory for those who attended.

The children were absolutely incredible and the pride I felt watching them perform was immense. They were a credit to the school, their teachers, their families and, most of all, themselves. The singing was beautiful, the acting expressive and the dancing graceful. What impressed me the most though was the confidence that the children showed throughout. Lines had been learnt to perfection and were delivered beautifully and the smiles on the children's faces were a joy to behold. What amazing children we have here! Huge praise must go to the staff too for guiding and directing the children so well – they did a fabulous job! Well done everyone!

### **Ending 2024 with wonderful praise for our school!**

I received a wonderful communication praising our school from one of our Parents this week. As we end 2024, I want to share some of the highlights with you because they have made us feel very proud. As a school, we constantly strive to make things the best they can be for our children so to have this recognised is a great feeling!

**The Coppice is an amazing school. From the flawless organisation and execution of the Open Days to the clear and inspiring ethos of the school, everything has far exceeded our expectations.**

**Initially, I had concerns about a three-form entry school, worrying it might feel too large or impersonal. Yet somehow, you've managed to create an environment that feels personal, welcoming, and intimate. I genuinely don't know how you've achieved this, but it is truly remarkable.**

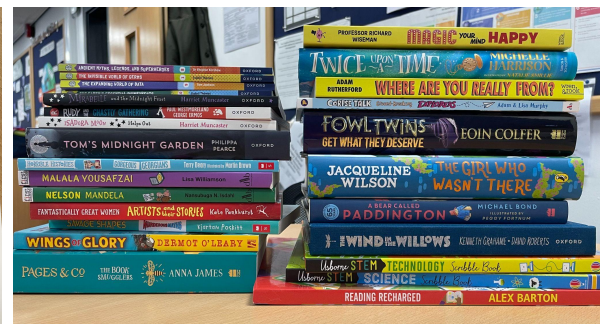
**Your team is simply incredible—warm, approachable, and genuinely caring. In just a short time, our child has flourished. Her confidence has grown immensely, and the learning she has experienced is beyond what we could have imagined. The progress she's made would never have been possible. Each week, we are astounded by the new things she comes home and talks about.**

**The local community is so fortunate to have a school like The Coppice on their doorstep. You have created something truly phenomenal, and it is clear just how much hard work and care goes into making it such a special place. You should all feel extremely proud of what you've built and how positively you present the school to prospective parents.**

## Coppice writers win more books!

Two weeks ago, I wrote in the newsletter about a number of our Year 6 pupils who had had their writing published in an anthology of stories titled 'Ancient Adventures - Forgotten Stories'.

Obviously, we were thrilled with just the fact that many of our children had had their work published in a real book! However, it was then absolutely fantastic to receive a letter from 'Young Writers', the group responsible for creating this competition, to tell us that from 780 schools who entered, we came an incredible second place overall - a fantastic achievement! This meant that we received a huge bundle of books to add to our already fabulous library collection! We are so proud of you children!



Young Writers would like to congratulate you and your children for being chosen as the runner-up in the Ancient Adventures competition! Your children's work features in "Ancient Adventures - Forgotten Stories".

We are really excited to enclose your runner-up prize of a book bundle.

Many congratulations from us all here – this is an incredible achievement as your school has been chosen from over 780 schools as the runner-up.

We'll announce the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, and your school as the 2024 runner-up, on our website.



## Taekwondo achievement for two of our children!

It is great to be able to celebrate two of our pupils: Jack, from 5F, and his sister Penny, from 2P, who have worked extremely hard to successfully pass their yellow plus two green tags grading in taekwondo recently.

This is a really fantastic achievement from these two children and we are super proud of both of them here at The Coppice. From speaking to their parents, they are rightly very proud too and so they should be. A huge well done Jack and Penny - we love the photo!

## Thank you to all of you!

I want to end this final newsletter of 2024 by saying a huge thank you to you all for your support of the school, your children and me personally over the course of this term. Once again, I have loved every minute of the term and, every day, I wake up and think about how lucky I am to serve this wonderful community. Working with children brings you a joy and pleasure that can't be found anywhere else in my opinion. Our nativities this week summed this up perfectly. Chatting to so many Parents and Carers about their wonderful children is a real highlight of my role and I genuinely love every minute of it. It is a privilege to serve you all as Headteacher.

As I said last week though, my job is only possible because of the fantastic team of staff who I work with. The dedication, on a daily basis, that they give to the children in their care is amazing and it is a privilege to work with them.

That just leaves me to say that everyone at The Coppice hopes that you all have a wonderful, festive season with your children and loved ones and we all wish you the very best for the New Year. As always, we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 7th January 2025 when school reopens.

Please remember that Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 is a Teacher Education Day so school will only be open to the staff and not the children. Children will return to school on Tuesday 7th January and we very much look forward to seeing you all then

Kind regards and take care everyone,

Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

# Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was -

## Christmas!

1. Benjamin Britten - This Little Babe from *A Ceremony of Carols* (1942)
2. Mozart - Sleigh Ride (1791)
3. Gene Autry - Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (1949)
4. Pentatonix - Twelve Days of Christmas (c.1780 / 2021)
5. Shakin' Stevens - Merry Christmas, Everyone (1985)
6. Peter Auty - Walking In The Air (1982)

First week back's playlist is -


## Central & South America

- 1) Inti Illimani - Sikuriadas (1981)
- 2) Astor Piazzolla - Libertango (1974)
- 3) Canela Palacios - La Casa Del Pan (2020)
- 4) Carlos Vives & Shakira - La Bicicleta (2017)

# Attendance Figures


## TOP ATTENDANCE

9th - 13th December (Last week)

	RM	97.41%
	4W 5C	98%

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16th -20th December (This week)

	1LR	96.67%
	4R 5C	98.67%