



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 25th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the half-term break with your children - I definitely think that everyone is ready. It's certainly been a very busy but enjoyable final week at The Coppice.

Open mornings – praise for our school!

It has been an absolute pleasure to hold our first couple of Open Morning events for prospective Nursery and Reception Parents and Carers (for September 2025) around our school this week. We are extremely proud of our school and are always happy to show it off! These tours were really lovely and the feedback that we received from our visitors was glowing. As you all know, we take great pride in the look and feel of our school because we want it to be the very best learning environment for your children that it can be. We are a warm and welcoming school and this starts with our fantastic office staff who ensure that Parents, Carers and visitors always get a cheery smile and the information they need. Mr. Mace, our Site Manager, his Deputy: Mrs. Boyd and the team of school cleaners, do an incredible job week after week in ensuring that our school is always well-maintained and looking its best, and our Teachers and Teaching Assistants do an equally amazing job in ensuring that your children are happy, safe and learning to the best of their ability. All of these points came over so clearly as I walked around the school with our visitors. Your children were incredible and an absolute credit to you - 'The Coppice Way' was there in abundance for all to see! This is, without doubt, a special school and, as I always say, I am incredibly proud to be Headteacher here.

OPAL Play - an exciting and successful first half-term!

At The Coppice we recognise the benefits that play has on a child's life. Every child deserves access to high-quality play every day and that is why we have embarked on the OPAL journey. We are half a term in and have already started to transform our large playground, creating play zones and areas where the children can freely explore and play in their own imaginative ways. We currently provide the following play opportunities: den building, crates, music, dressing-up, chalking, lego and small construction, a messy cafe, stilts, tyres, pedal-pushers, box ball and a range of ball games in the MUGA. The adventure zone is open for all children to use, as well as the quiet area where children can choose to draw, colour, read books or just chat quietly. It is fabulous going out at lunchtime, seeing the different aged children mixing and playing together and just seeing how happy and engaged they all are. We are so pleased with how things are going and can't wait to introduce more exciting play opportunities next half term.

Millie is collecting for Wythall Animal Sanctuary - Please help if you can!

Year 6 pupil and Charity Fundraiser: Millie, from Year 6, has embarked on her latest mission this week and would love your support if you're able to! A couple of weeks ago, Millie approached me and asked if we would support her latest endeavour, which is to collect items needed by Wythall Animal Sanctuary in the run-up to Christmas. This is a charity that Millie has supported since she was three years old and she is incredibly passionate about it.

This week, Millie visited all classrooms from Reception through to Year 6 to pitch her idea. This involved asking for donations of any of the items on the poster opposite to be brought in by the children at any point next half-term. Teachers will then arrange for them to be taken to Millie's classroom. She will then store them before handing them over. Please support her if you can!



Science Ambassadors

We are thrilled to announce that Rosie (3B) and Molly (3K) have been selected as our new Year 3 Science Ambassadors!

To apply for this role, the children had to complete an application form explaining why they would make great ambassadors and they also shared what their dream job in science would be. The current ambassadors (William, Abigail, Kesia, Beau, Jay and Jasmine), along with Mrs Cox, carefully reviewed all the applications and made the difficult decision of choosing the winners. It was no easy task, as so much effort and passion went into each and every application. Therefore, we would like to say a huge well done to all the applicants.

We are incredibly proud to see so many budding scientists here at The Coppice and it's wonderful to witness the enthusiasm for science in our school. Congratulations to Rosie and Molly—we can't wait to have them as part of the ambassador team.



Spoz visits The Coppice!

On Friday 18th, Year 6 participated in a poetry workshop with Spoz, an award-winning local performance poet. The poetry slam was a qualifying round for the Verve Poetry Festival Schools' Slam Competition. The children worked hard in teams to write and perform poetry on the theme of 'count on me' (this year's National Poetry Day theme). We were really impressed with the creativity they showed in their poetry and their confidence in performing in front of their peers.

Spoz said that he had a lovely day and that 'the kids are a credit to the teachers and the school', which is always fantastic feedback for us to receive. We are really grateful to Spoz for choosing The Coppice as one of the participating schools in the festival and for the massive effort he put into making sure our Year 6 children had an enjoyable and engaging day. It was a very close call again this year with lots of great poems to choose from but congratulations to Charlotte, Harper J, Zara, Darcy, Delilah and Myah, who were chosen to represent us at the Verve Poetry Grand final, which takes place in February at the Hippodrome Theatre in Birmingham.



School Council Meet for the first time!

This Thursday, our new School Council met for the first time, bubbling with excitement and enthusiasm! The children were eager to meet with Mr. Hutt and begin their roles as councillors. During the meeting, votes were cast to elect key positions. We're pleased to announce that Charlie from 6D is our Chairperson, with Alice from 4C as Vice Chairperson, Sienna from 4W as Secretary, and Bobby from 6C as Treasurer.

The councillors discussed their roles and how best to gather ideas from their classmates using suggestion boxes, which they are excited to redesign and create. The meeting ended with some fantastic ideas shared with Mr. Hutt, setting the tone for an exciting year ahead!



An apology to Logan from Mr. Hutt!

Last week, I posted the photo opposite as part of my celebration of writing piece. Unfortunately, which is very unlike me, I said that Logan, who is standing next to me in the picture, was 'Joshua', which meant that he didn't fully get the recognition that he deserved for the fantastic writing that he had produced.

I want to send my sincerest apologies to Logan and, once again, say a huge well done to him for his achievement. We are all very proud of you Logan!



A fantastic dancing achievement from Megan!

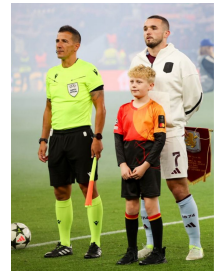
Huge congratulations goes to Megan from 6C who last weekend had her every two years' dance show at The Artrix Theatre in Bromsgrove. It was held over two evenings (Friday and Saturday) and, according to all those in attendance, is really quite a production! Megan had a total of ten quick changes (including the finale) whilst performing nine dances in all genres of dance, which is really an amazing accomplishment! Megan's mum reported that blood, sweat and tears had gone into the performances, and months of rehearsals, but it all paid off on the night.



Megan also won an award for "personality of the evening" on the Friday when her dance teacher's own ex-dance teacher, who was in the audience and secretly looking for somebody to award this trophy to, chose Megan! The lady said that Megan absolutely shone through every performance, gave 110% to each dance and had a smile that was contagious! Megan had caught her eye right from start and she was amazed by her stage presence! Megan was a very worthy winner and is clearly very at home on the stage. We are super proud of you here at The Coppice Megan!

What an experience for Myles!

Myles, from 5C, had an incredible experience on Tuesday night when he was a mascot for Aston Villa at their Champions League Game against Bologna. He led the team out with Captain: John McGinn and got on the television. Myles loved his experience and he has memories to last a lifetime! Great pics Myles!



That just leaves me to say, as usual, that I hope you all have a lovely half-term break with your children and we look forward to seeing them all back in school on Monday 4th November wearing their Winter uniform.

Kind regards,

Mr. Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

Halloween

- 1) Dusty Springfield- Spooky (1968)
- 2) Anthony Gonzalez & Gael Garcia Bernal - Un Poco Loco (2017)
- 3) Frank Sinatra - Witchcraft (1957)
- 4) Andrew Gold - Spooky Scary Skeletons (1996)

After half term:


Remembrance

- 1) I Vow To Thee My Country (1921)
- 2) Men of Harlech (c.1794)
- 3) Dire Straits - Brothers in Arms (1985)
- 4) John Cameron - Lux Aeterna (1996)

Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE

14th -18th October (Last week)

	2T	97.67%
	3K	98.33%

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21st-25th October (This week)

	RC	99.62%
	5RB	98.67%