



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children..

Harvest:

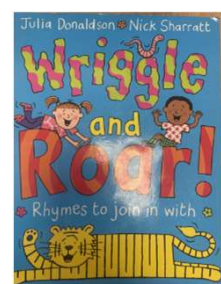
Thank you so much to everyone for all the donations that were sent in for our Harvest Festival celebration today - we really appreciate your very generous support with this! As I wrote in last week's newsletter, all of the food collected will go directly to The Hollywood Christian Life Centre Foodbank and, from there, to those people who need it most across our local area. We also want to say a very big thank you to Reverend Marcus Pagnam and Youth Leader; Gary Daniel from St. Mary's Church for leading our Harvest Festival assemblies in such a thoughtful and engaging way. We hugely value our connection with the church so it is lovely to be able to come together in this way to celebrate such an important event in the school and church calendar. Thank you again everyone!



Reading with and alongside your children:

We all know how busy life can be for everyone but I want to remind Parents and Carers of the crucial importance of your child practising their reading at home on a regular basis. Recent studies have shown that less and less primary aged children are reading at home and this is a huge worry to us at The Coppice. I always say that reading is the 'key to the door' that makes learning easier and opens up opportunities. Unfortunately, we are all too aware of the many 'screen' distractions that children now have that can often make getting them to enjoy reading harder. Please therefore, try to make time for your child to read every day and continue to read with them, to them and alongside them because it will, undoubtedly, benefit them in many different ways. If you are struggling to get your child to read, please talk to your child's Class Teacher who can help signpost you to different types of books that your child could try. We have a wealth of quality books in school and there will always be something for everyone!

Next Thursday in school (3rd October) we will be celebrating National Poetry Day with the children partaking in many different activities related to the joy of reading and writing poetry and rhymes. We will also be holding poetry assemblies and carrying out other activities over the course of the whole week. Therefore, this is a brilliant time to share some poems or rhymes together with your child. There is a huge amount of age-appropriate poetry online and in bookshops so just ask your child's Class Teacher if you need any suggestions!

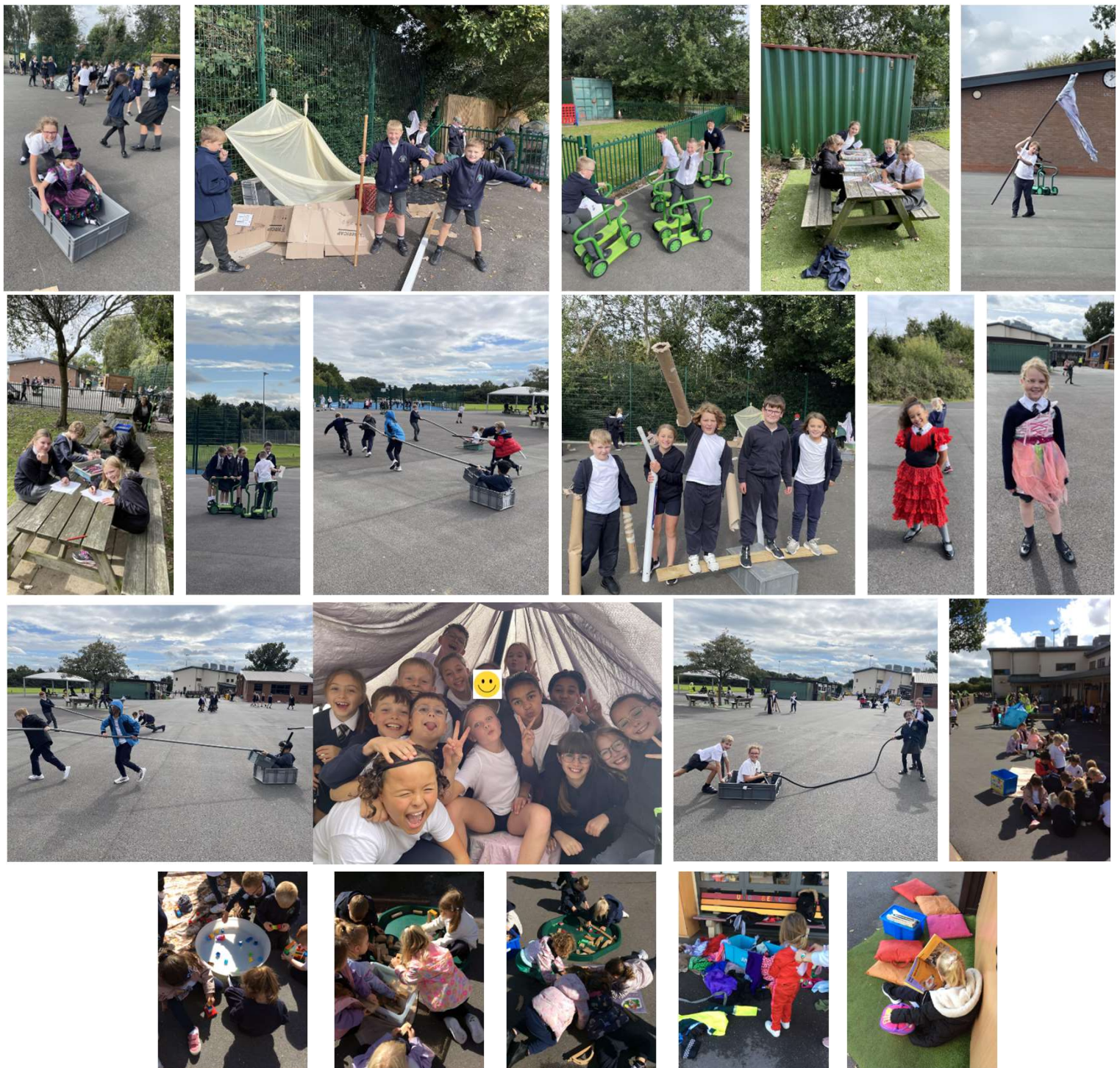


OPAL Play continues to go from strength to strength!

You're going to be hearing a lot from us about OPAL Play over the course of the next few months and years but, hopefully, you are also hearing a huge amount about it from your children too because they are having a wonderful time out on the playground at lunchtimes as you can see from the photos below. Our OPAL Play provision is building all of the time and I'm sure that you have all noticed different resources etc starting to appear on the playground which your child will be able to tell you about.

All we ask with regards to the resources on the playground is that you don't allow your child, or younger siblings, to play with these resources after school please. The resources need to stay tidily where they are so that they are ready to be used the next day and no-one will therefore need to spend additional time tidying them up.

As you can see, we are starting to put more activities out for our Reception children e.g. Duplo/Mega blocks, wooden blocks, small world toys for imaginative play, cars, trains/train track, large piece jigsaws and dolls and pushchairs. If you have any high quality items (of the type I've just mentioned) that you would like to donate to school, please talk to your child's Teacher before bringing them in and we will let you know if we would like them - thank you!



Bears Wheelchair Basketball Team visit The Coppice!

Last Friday, Year 5 welcomed two special visitors to the school: Tom and Fidel from The Bears Wheelchair Basketball Club. Tom and Fidel brought a selection of specialist basketball wheelchairs with them so that all of the children in Year 5 could try out this exciting sport! The children had a wonderful time testing their skills, with many of them noting the amount of strength that was required to manoeuvre around the court and avoid other players. Whilst the children all loved the opportunity to try something new, the most memorable part of the day was hearing from Tom and Fidel about their disabilities and the importance of inclusive sport in making sure that all people have the opportunity to keep fit and participate in physical activities. We thank Tom and Fidel once again - it was a brilliant day!

Having gone out to watch some of the session, I can honestly say what an inspiring and incredibly fun experience this was for the children and I also want to extend my thanks to Year 5 Leader: Mrs. Blundell and the rest of the Year 5 team for organising this event. It was also a fantastic day for one of our pupils: Ruby, from 5F (pictured wearing white), who uses both a walker and wheelchair, because she was spotted immediately by Tom as having fantastic sporting prowess: strength, agility, determination and a really competitive spirit. This led to her being asked to join the Bears Under 14 coaching session on a Saturday morning, which she did. Ruby's family then let me know how fantastically well this went. In fact, she did so well that they want her to go back. Once she reaches 10 years of age, she will be able to compete for them. Who knows where this might lead for Ruby? - potentially The Paralympics! We are so proud of Ruby and all of the Year 5 children for taking part in this activity so enthusiastically and for displaying 'The Coppice Way' throughout. Tom and Fidel thought that both the school and children were amazing!



First live session to China for this year's cohort of Year 6 Mandarin Club pupils!

On Tuesday, our Mandarin club had their first live TalkPal session with the pupils at the Thomas Hefei School in China. It was a getting to know you session where the pupils introduced themselves to each other. Our Coppice pupils made us very proud by having the confidence to speak Mandarin in front of an audience after having only had one lesson! The Chinese students also gave us a virtual tour of their school. Our pupils were really impressed by their facilities, especially the AI lab and their sports field. There was a huge amount of excitement amongst the children and there's already a real buzz on both sides about the programme.



Coppice staff and Parents help to ensure Beavers have a wonderful time!

It's great to be able to give a shout out to Alison Neighbour (Lunchtime Supervisor) a.k.a 'Tiger Lily' and Ms. Lawlor (Parent of Matthew in 3L) a.k.a. 'Otter' who are Beavers' leaders for Tidbury Green Scout Hut in Wythall. These two ladies gave up their weekend to join the Beavers and the rest of the County division, including Cubs and Scouts, at a camp at Solihull Riding Club. The children had a wonderful time participating in activities such as rock climbing, holding snakes, archery, driving mini land rovers, enjoying a magic show and much more. All of the children gained their water safety badge during the weekend too and did a pretty epic 3 mile hike! For most, it was their first time camping and Joey's (3L) and Billy's (3K) mum reported to me that everyone had a wonderful time. The Parents and Carers of the children who attended would like to give 'Tiger Lily' and 'Otter' a heartfelt thank you for all their hard work and commitment. As a school, we do the same!



That just leaves me, as always, to wish you a restful and enjoyable weekend. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Music Listening and Appreciation

To listen to the playlists please tap on the underlined words.

This week's playlist was -

[Tuned and Untuned Percussion](#)

- 1) Alfred Fissinger - Suite for Marimba III - 1950
- 2) Trinidad Steel Band - Tropical Bird - 1976
- 3) Evelyn Glennie - Piccolo Concerto in C Major, arranged for vibraphone - 2018
- 4) Babatunde Olatunji - Jin Go Lo Ba - 1959

Next week's playlist is -

[Early Period Music \(400 - 1400 CE\)](#)

- 1) Hildegard of Bingen - De Spiritu Sancto (c.1150)
- 2) Johannes Ciconia - O Rosa Bella (c.1395)
- 3) Francesco Landini - Ecco La Primavera (c.1360)
- 4) Anonymous - Sumer is icumen in (c.1260)

Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE

16th - 20th September (Last week)



1LR **98.97%**

6D **98.67%**

TOP ATTENDANCE

23rd - 27th September (This week)



1LR **99.67%**

3K **99.67%**