



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 29th November 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. As always there is lots to share with you all.

### Coppice Teacher: Mr. Lampard composes Christmas song!

As I've written in this newsletter before, we are absolutely blessed to have some very talented musical teachers working at The Coppice who serve as great role models and fantastic inspiration for our budding musicians and singers. With that in mind, it's fabulous to be able to announce that our Year 3 teacher: Mr. Lampard has composed our very own Coppice Christmas song and has uploaded it to YouTube for the world to see! The song is entitled: 'The Coppice At Christmas' and will be played throughout the festive period in assemblies and at The Christmas fair. It really is a superb composition - well done and thank you Mr. Lampard!



If you would like to listen to the song and sing along at home or in the car with your children, please just follow the link here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkKwUskBys0&ab\\_channel=MrLampard](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkKwUskBys0&ab_channel=MrLampard)

### Christmas Fair a week today!

Talking of Christmas, just another reminder that our Parent and Teacher Association Coppice Christmas Fair is a week today and will take place between 5.00 p.m and 7.30 pm. Last year's fair was a wonderful success and we are very much looking forward to this year's event being exactly the same! We will have the usual, excellent range of stalls, food and drink and musical entertainment from our very own Mr. Lampard, Mr. Ruffles and fantastic Coppice Choir. It goes without saying that we'd love to see you all there and, please remember, that every bit of money raised will go towards continuing to ensure that your children have the very best resources and facilities that The Coppice can provide.



After the success of the chocolate tombola collection last Friday, as you will see on the flier opposite, we held another collection today for hamper items, alcohol, toiletries and unwanted gifts. **We will be having our final collection of these items next Friday (6th December) so please support if you can.**

### St. Mary's invite Reception to learn all about the Christmas story.

Continuing on the theme of Christmas, this week, as part of their learning about the local area, Reception visited St. Mary's Church to listen to a really engaging talk from Youth and Communities Worker: Gary Daniel and Reverend Marcus Pagnam. The children had so much fun learning all about why people go to church and they also learnt more about the Christmas Nativity story. The children then finished their visit by singing 'Away in a Manger'. As I always say, our links with St. Mary's are very much valued and I therefore want to extend my gratitude to Reverend Amanda, Reverend Marcus and Gary for once again inviting us to visit them and for giving up their time for our children.



## Author B.Ware visits The Coppice!

On Thursday, last week we were visited by B.Ware, whose debut novel **WARNING: Magic Can Be Dangerous!** came out in April.

The day started with an assembly for children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 where B read chapters from her novel, talked about her career as an author and played a game of 'name that character' with the Coppice children. Then, each year group from Year 3 to Year 6 participated in creative writing workshops, producing a range of stories, poems and illustrations with guidance from B. The sessions were fast-paced and buzzing with excitement throughout!

We thank B Ware for visiting our school and giving our children such an engaging and memorable day and, also, again, to Mr. Laight for organising this fabulous opportunity.



**After the event, we received the following amazing feedback from B, which she posted online:**

*'I took **WARNING: Magic Can Be Dangerous!** all the way to Hollywood recently. Yesterday's#freeschoolvisit was to The Coppice Primary, a super school with phenomenal pupils... all 680 of them!!! They all behaved so beautifully in and around the school throughout the day, and were a real pleasure to spend time with. I started the day with an assembly for the whole of KS2. There was a fantastic flutter of excitement as they filed into the hall, which continued throughout my assembly. They all listened attentively when I read a couple of chapters from my book, and then eagerly asked and answered questions before getting heartily involved in 'Name That Character'.*

*During the workshops, all of the pupils really impressed me with the quality of their creative writing and their artwork. They worked at such speed, too, and were so dedicated to the tasks at hand. Some of the pupils got to read aloud, and we were treated to a brilliant rap, a couple of lovely poems, and a plethora of silly stories.*

*Thank you, Mr.Laight, for organising the day and for being such a great help from the moment I arrived until the moment I left! Thank you to the Headteacher: Mr. Hutt and all the staff, for your warm welcome and all your help throughout the day. And thank you, pupils of Coppice, for throwing yourselves into all the activities, asking some fantastic questions, and making this visit one that I'll always remember. Congratulations to everyone who received a certificate and also to everyone who didn't receive one but deserved one. That's ALL of you, by the way! I had so much fun during my visit, and it was lovely to hear that I'm always welcome at The Coppice! I can't wait to see you all again next year when I return with **WARNING: May Contain Dragons.**'*

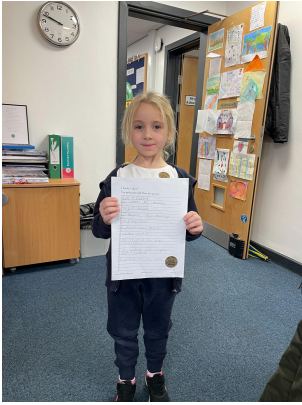
Thank you to all Reception Parents and Carers who attended the recent Phonics Workshops.

A big thank you to all the Reception Parents and Carers who have attended the phonics 'demonstration of the initial code' workshops over the past two weeks. Your participation is hugely appreciated by both the children and the Reception teachers. These sessions were valuable for understanding the **Sounds-Write** 'word-building' process, which helps develop your child's segmenting and blending skills. Additionally, the key phrases and gestures observed in the sessions will help you support your child's reading journey at home.

If you were unable to attend and would like more information about phonics teaching at The Coppice, please speak to your child's class teacher. We will be hosting more phonics workshops throughout the year so please make sure that you check the Reception newsletter for any upcoming workshops. A big thank you to Miss Thurston, Miss McDonald, and Mrs Cox for leading these sessions and to Mr. Laight and Mrs. Russell for organising them.

## Celebration Time!

### Well done Annabelle!



A huge well done to Annabelle, from 1B, who came to share some fantastic writing and spelling that she'd completed in class.

I was so impressed with the thought that Annabelle had put into her work and the beautiful presentation of it. Keep up the fantastic work Annabelle!



### Congratulations Darcy-May!

It was a pleasure to have a visit from 6G's Darcy-May yesterday to tell me all about the third place dancing medal that she was given on Wednesday evening. Darcy was performing for Bellagio Dance School in the competition and was thrilled with her performance. A big well done Darcy - we are very proud of you!

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 you 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 -

## St Andrew's Day - 30th November



- 1) Roy Williamson - Flower of Scotland (1960s)
- 2) Foot Stompin' Ceilidh Band - Strip the Willow
- 3) The Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond - (C18th)
- 4) Elephant Sessions - Wet Field Day (2017)

Next week's playlist is -

## Music & The Civil Rights Movement

- 1) Eddy Grant - Gimme Hope, Jo'Anna (1988)
- 2) Marvin Gaye - Abraham, Martin & John (1968)
- 3) Patty Griffin - Up to the Mountain (2007)
- 4) Nina Simone - I Wish I Knew How it Would Feel to be Free (1967)

# Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE 18th - 22nd November (Last week)			TOP ATTENDANCE 25th - 29th November (This week)		
	RM	97.41%		RM	98.89%
	4W 5C	98%		4W	99.33%