



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 4th July 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. Hopefully too, you are coming to The Coppice Revel this evening. As always there is lots to share with you all from this week.

Joshua Hillstead's Foundation to be launched by mum Becky in July!



It is an honour to announce that on Saturday 26th July, the mum of our former Year 5 pupil: Joshua Hillstead, who tragically lost his life in an accident last Summer, will be launching the Foundation that she has set up in his name. Becky Hinde was determined when she lost Joshua that she would set up a water safety foundation and that's exactly what she has done. Her determination has taken Becky all the way to the Houses of Parliament as she campaigns for compulsory water safety lessons in all schools. As you all know, I made a promise to Becky that we would carry out the Royal Life Saving Society's (RLSS) water safety lessons and, consequently, we have done so this term. We now want to do everything that we can to support the foundation with its launch at Wythall Park. It would be wonderful if the whole school community could get behind this event and go and support the day.



OPAL Open morning for Parents and Carers

This week we have held the second of our Parent OPAL sessions. Thank you to Kayleigh, who came back to talk to Parents and Carers, and shared the messages about the importance of outdoor play. We are very proud of how far we have already come with OPAL and can't wait to develop it further over the next few years.

We had an amazing number of Parents & Carers turn up, and it was wonderful to see you getting involved in all aspects of play, including dancing, dressing up, den building, bulldog and water play. The weather didn't let us down and it was a great start to the day. The Play team have worked really hard over the year and it was lovely to share OPAL with you all. Thank you to everyone who came along and to the staff for organising this event.

We are always looking for donations to top up our play areas so, if you have any loose parts that you think we could use, please get in touch.



Wheelchair basketball success for Year 5:

A group of Year 5 children chose to forgo their day off on Monday to take part in an exciting and inclusive wheelchair basketball competition with the Bears Wheelchair Basketball Club. Three teams competed, with five players on the court at a time, and children were swapped in and out so everyone had a chance to play. We started with a half-hour training session before our first match, where we played brilliantly and won 6-0.

After lunch, we focused on defending in another training session, which really paid off in our final game – we used our new skills with confidence and won 12-0. It was a fantastic day of teamwork, determination, and inclusive sport. The Bears WBC were so impressed that they invited the children to join their club. As I have written before in this newsletter, one of our pupils from 5F: Ruby C (holding the ball in the top picture right) is already a member of the club and is doing incredibly well. We are extremely proud of what she is achieving. Well done, Year 5!

A huge thank you goes to Miss. Franklin, Miss. Wells and Mr. Mace for taking the children to this fantastic event.

If anyone is interested in getting involved, you can contact the Bears at info@bearswbc.com.



Year 4 Viking Day:

On Thursday 3rd July, Year 4 had their Viking Day run by the History People. The children had a wonderful day consisting of 6 different activities from archery, archaeology digging, decoding runes, playing Viking games and storytelling. They had a wonderful time learning all about the history of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, the stories and, most of all, dressing up! As you can see, they loved trying on all the replica clothing, helmets and weapons!



Year 4 Tri-golf tournament:

On Tuesday 1st July, ten enthusiastic Year 4 children (Emily, Alice F, Charlotte, Merryn, Leighton, Erin, Leo, Jude, Jack L and Ryan) headed to Bromsgrove School to represent Redditch at the Worcestershire School Games in the Tri-Golf Competition. Throughout the morning, they battled 12 other schools in a range of different golf games. The competition was tough and, unfortunately, the other schools just kept hitting the high numbers. Our team ended up coming 6th out of 12. After an exhausting morning, the children soaked up the sun whilst they ate their lunch and then headed to the Activity Village. They worked their way around the different activities and gained stickers for each station. When they had completed their cards, they headed over to get their prize! The children (and Miss Wells and Miss Franklin) had a lovely day and the children did us proud with their manners and 'Coppice Way attitudes! Well done all



Outside of school achievements:

A massive well done Ivy and Arabella!

It is lovely to celebrate both Ivy and Arabella from 1B who performed in a dance show last weekend for Stardust Dance Academy at the Artrix Theatre in Bromsgrove. Both girls were very brave in performing in front of hundreds of people and did really well. As a school, we are super proud of both of them.



Amazing Gymnastics success for Florence and Kesia!

It was a pleasure to meet with Florence and Kesia from 6G on Thursday in order that they could tell me all about their incredible, recent success for their Rebound Gymnastics Club. Both girls competed in the Level 2 category for 11 and 12 year olds. Incredibly, Florence won the whole competition, coming first in all four disciplines of vault, bars, floor and beam. This meant, as you can see in the photo opposite, she was awarded the 'Advanced Champion trophy which she gets to keep! Kesia placed third overall, gaining the bronze medal. She also placed second to Florence in floor and vault. This was a wonderful achievement by two very talented girls and we are extremely proud of them both - well done girls!

Dancing success for Darla and Sienna!

It was great to celebrate Darla and her sister Sienna's recent dancing success with them this week. Darla successfully achieved a 'Tap Class Award Level 2' and a bronze medal (with honours) for classical ballet. Sienna meanwhile achieved a Silver Medal (with honours star) Acro Level 2 award. Both girls are incredibly passionate dancers with real talent and we are very proud of them both for achieving these awards!



That just leaves me to say that I hope we see you all at The Summer Revel later - hopefully it stays dry! I also wish all of you a lovely weekend whatever you are doing. As always, we look forward to welcoming the children bright and early on Monday morning for our last but one week before the summer break.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

1990s


- 1) Eternal - Stay (1993)
- 2) Cher - Believe (1998)
- 3) Take That - Back for Good (1995)
- 4) Run DMC vs Jason Nevins - It's Like That (1997)


Next week's playlist is:

2000s

- 1) Will Young - Evergreen (2002)
- 2) Snow Patrol - Run (2004)
- 3) Adele - Chasing Pavements (2008)
- 4) Spiller ft Sophie Ellis-Bextor - Groovejet (If This Ain't Love) (2000)

Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE		
24th - 27th June (Last week)		
	1B	98.67%
	4W	99.33%

TOP ATTENDANCE		
1st July to 4th July (This week)		
	1B	98.33%
	4C	99.58%