



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

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!

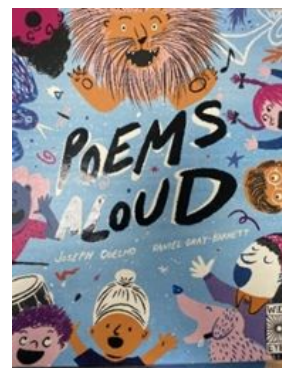
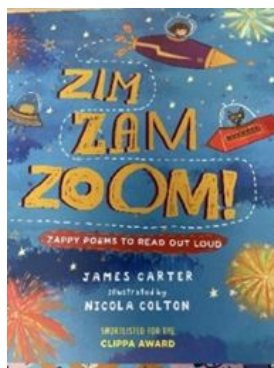
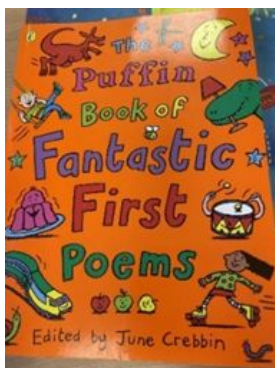
National Poetry Day

It was a joy for me this week to visit all Year 1 and 2 classes in order to read some poems as part of the celebration of National Poetry Day yesterday. I read a number of poems to the children that showed how poems can be funny, thoughtful and tell a story. Among the poems I read were ones called 'The Dinosaur's Dinner', 'Spaghetti, Spaghetti', 'The Three Billy Goats' Grump Grump Grump rap' and 'Treasures'. At the end of each session, I challenged some of the children to either find a poem and read it, write a poem or perform a poem. It was therefore a huge pleasure to be visited by a group of Year 2 children, who had done just that! It's always a fantastic feeling, as a teacher, when children are inspired to do something off their own backs at home – well done children!

Mr. Laight also shared poems with Years 3 and 4 in his assembly and Mrs. Ashwell did the same with Years 5 and 6 – I know how much the older children enjoyed her 'Granny rap'!

Poetry is an area of language that can bring both children and adults so much in different ways and therefore it is something that we really want to ensure our children are exposed to.

Below are pictures of three of the poetry books that I read from. We have copies in our school library but, if you ever want to purchase a book of poems for your child as a present (we hope you do!), you can't go far wrong with these:



Year 3 author visit:

On Wednesday afternoon, our Year 3 and 4 children were treated to a visit and interactive workshop from author and illustrator duo The Brothers McLeod.

Myles is a screenwriter, author and poet; and Greg is an illustrator, director and animator. As the Brothers McLeod, they have written, produced and directed short films, children's series and numerous other original animations. During the visit, they talked to their children about their series of books *The Knight Sir Louis*, as well as their experiences and inspirations for their stories, illustrations and animations.

The assembly and workshop were fantastic! They read to the children from their hilarious new book: *The Sinister Snowball*, and then the children worked together to design a new character and storyboard. The hall was filled with laughter throughout the visit. Our guests complimented Coppice children on their energy, enthusiasm and creativity!

Myles and Greg also signed bookplates for their books for children whose families had ordered them. We are hugely grateful to the McLeod brothers and to our friends at Bookwagon, who organised the visit, for giving the children an hilarious afternoon to remember.

We look forward to our next author visit, from *The Beast and the Bethany* author Jack Meggitt-Phillips, on October 27th. Thank you again to Mr. Laight for arranging these fabulous and inspiring events.



Eco Council back!

I am thrilled to announce that, once again, our Eco Council is back for the academic year 23-24 following our recent elections (please see photos below). It is extremely important to me that, as a school, we ensure our children have their voice when it comes to issues that they care deeply about. The environment is definitely one of those areas and our children are very keen to make a real difference. Our Year 4 teacher: Mrs. Chivers, who is incredibly passionate about the environment, is leading the Eco-Council and I want to thank her for doing so. Mrs. Chivers wrote:

'I was delighted to meet up with our amazing Eco Ambassadors for the first time today. The children were able to clearly explain their reasons for putting themselves forward to represent our school. It was evident from the start, that we have a very passionate and proactive team who really care about our environment and want to make a difference. We will be meeting up every three weeks and our first assignment is to arrange a litter-picking event - our equipment is already on order. I also shared with them the exciting news that in November we will be taking delivery of 210 saplings, kindly donated by The Woodland Trust. We certainly have some planting to do! I am looking forward to a very productive year ahead.'

I would also like to say a huge well done to all of the children who put themselves forward, both those who were elected and those who weren't. We were extremely impressed with the effort that all of these children put in and for the ideas that they put forward in support of their campaigns.

It is a fabulous thing for the school to have an Eco-Council and I know that it will have a big impact moving forward in ensuring that any decisions that we make as a school always consider any possible impact on the environment. As an Eco 'Green Flag' school, we feel this is our moral duty.

Year 3 Ambassadors



Amelia - 3K

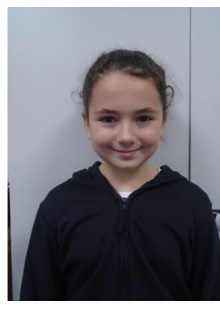


Cian - 3A



Andrew - 3L

Year 4 Ambassadors



Sienna - 4R



Rosabella - 4CR



Cody - 4W

Year 5 Ambassadors



Alivia - 5F



Ellie - 5RC



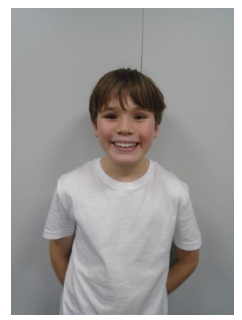
Esmee - 5BR



Billy - 6G



Lucy - 6D



John - 6C



World Mental Health Day:

Tuesday 10th October is World Mental Health Day and, as a school, we are marking it by doing some different activities in school. All classes will be participating in mindfulness activities e.g. mindfulness colouring, singing, playing music, listening to stories, doing yoga exercises etc. Basically, the children will be doing things that help them to feel relaxed. To reassure you all, our focus on the day will be on how we can try to relax and feel good about ourselves rather than discussing the complex issues related to mental health as this could be difficult for some children. We will mention, however, just how important it is for the children to talk to a trusted person if they have any worries, concerns, fears etc. This is linked to the 'Get Britain Talking' campaign that many of you will have seen a lot on the television recently.

We are also asking all children and staff to wear an item of yellow to complement their usual uniform or work clothes e.g. a scarf, badge, tie, socks, hat etc to show support and raise awareness.

Below are a couple of links to child-friendly resources that we will be using in school but that you might also like to look at with your child at home:

<https://www.itv.com/britaingettalking/schools.html>

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/schools/primary-age-activities/>

Please remember as well that our website contains many links to different sites that can help support both children and families with their mental health.

<https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/parent-resources/mental-health-well-being-and-support-for-families/>



#HelloYellow

M&S | YOUNGMINDS

Tuesday 10th October

Come to school in **yellow** to support
World Mental Health Day

Playground update:

You will have noticed that the playground developments continue to move forward week by week. I have received many compliments this week from Parents and Carers regarding what we have done so far. The children have also been very excited watching things happening before their eyes! To have diggers working at close hand has fascinated many of our children! Fingers crossed, we are still on course to have all of the building work completed by the half-term break. We can then start the exciting work of adding all the aesthetics.

That just leaves me to say, enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday. It sounds like we might be getting a last blast of summer for a while this weekend so enjoy the warmth whilst you can!

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

Visits from Dogs Trust

The Dogs Trust will be in school over the next few weeks to deliver special assemblies and a series of workshops to Years 3-6, which aim to educate children about how to behave safely around dogs, how to show dogs we love them in safe and kind ways and how to approach dogs when we are out and about. Year 3 will be the first group to take part next week.



SCOFF!

**PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO
SCOFF ON WEDNESDAY
11TH OCTOBER.**

SCOFF dates for 18 and 25 October
are now live on eventbrite.

Parents and carers can book as
usual using the QR code or visiting
eventbrite and searching for scoff or
st Marys Wythall.



Games, crafts and activities
followed by a hot meal

**St Mary's
Wythall**
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**Fun and Food for the whole family
Wednesdays during term time**

All Welcome

From 3pm-5pm

All children must be accompanied by an adult

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Eventbrite.com and
search 'Scoff'

Or use this QR code



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Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE 25th-29th September (Last week)		
	1D	99.33%
	3L	99.67%

TOP ATTENDANCE 2nd - 6th October (This week)		
	1D	99.3%
	6C	98.3%

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

All Parents and Carers of children in all all years, except Nursery, have been sent an email concerning the upcoming nasal flu vaccinations. Everyone needs to either give consent or decline via the portal below.

[Vaccination UK Immunisation \(schoolvaccination.uk\)](https://schoolvaccination.uk)

Please complete the form even if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccination or if they have received it elsewhere.

The date of the vaccinations in school will be 22nd November but consent must be given prior to this.

Job Vacancies - Care Club

WE ARE RECRUITING A BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PLAYWORKER

Being able to work in the School Holidays is an advantage

22.5 hours per week - Monday to Friday



For more information drop us an email or give us a call

Coppice Care Club

Based in Coppice Primary School, Shawhurst Lane, Hollywood B47 5JN

Email: coppicecareclubmanager@gmail.com

Tel: 07914825141

October Half term sports club

FOOTBALL FUNATICS
ARTS & MULTI-SPORTS
FROM £15 PER DAY

playcheme

9am - 3pm
Kids 5+

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Spring Holiday	• February
Easter Holiday	• April
Whitsun Holiday	• May
Summer Holiday	• July - August
Autumn Holiday	• October

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