



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, I hope that you've all had a good week and are looking forward to the forthcoming week's holiday.

After a hard-working half-term, I know that staff, parents/carers and children will all be looking forward to a well-earned break from routine and a chance to spend some quality time with family and friends.

### **Science fair – exciting news!**

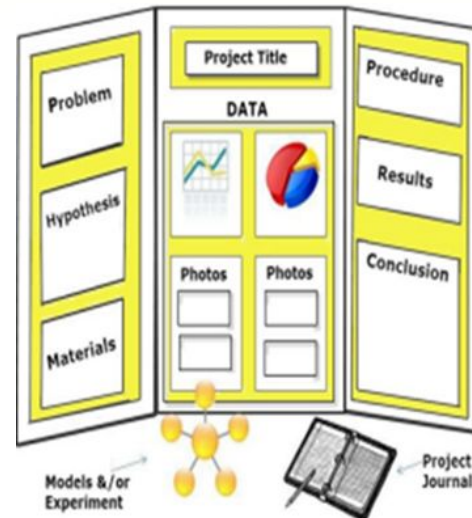
We are excited to announce that our Coppice Science Fair is back for 2026 and will take place during the week beginning 9th March. This will be an inspiring week for the children and will be packed full of science-based activities, learning and stories as well as a visits from 'The Wild Workshop' which is linked to the competition we won - very exciting! There will also be a science gadget sale on the playground after school two times during the week and more information will follow about this in future newsletters. Once again though, our fantastic PTA have kindly offered to run these stalls. The week's events have been organised by our Year 1 Teacher and Science Leader: Miss. Dixon and I'd like to thank her for all of her hard work in putting the week together. I know the children will greatly enjoy it!

### **Science Projects:**

In advance of the week itself, we are running a science project competition for which Miss. Dixon has put together the following information if your child would like to take part:

There will be prizes for each of the categories:

- EYFS (Nursery & Reception)
- Years 1 & 2
- Years 3 & 4
- Years 5 & 6
- A whole school winner!



The project can be an age appropriate experiment to answer a question or a problem, along with a solution, or it could be a research project. It can be on any area of science that interests your child, for example 'Why do some people need glasses?', 'What is the best method to dry your teddy after their bath?' or 'Can people live on another planet?' Alternatively, the project could be researching a significant scientist who has made a difference to our everyday lives.

Once your child has carried out their investigation or research, they then have to make a display board to communicate their learning to others. This can be made from a large cardboard box opened out and then painted or covered in wrapping paper and held together with tape. It needs to have three panels of information (as shown above).

This display board should show the project title/question/problem, what your child thinks the answer is, what they did to investigate their question, what they found out and a conclusion. If they wish, they may also include a small model or experiment with their project.

**Display boards must have the child's name, class and year group clearly visible or, unfortunately, we won't be able to judge them.** All projects need to be in school by Friday 6th March. Judging will take place during the week of the 9th March and a panel of judges will help to choose the best projects. For the children: We can't wait to see your projects and we wish you all the very best with them! Good luck children!

**Year 4 Egyptian Day:**

On Egyptian day Year 4 did three activities. Firstly, the children sketched the death mask of King Tutankhamun and then used paints to decorate it. Secondly, they learned about hieroglyphics. They cracked a hieroglyphic code, wrote their name in hieroglyphics and made a bookmark. Finally, they conducted a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) project where they had to use marshmallows and dried spaghetti to make a pyramid as stable and big as possible. As you can see, all of the staff had fun and loved seeing all the children dressed in their Egyptian costumes! More pictures can be found on the Year Group Newsletter!!



**Year 6 pupils perform in Poetry Slam Final**

In October 2025, a group of talented Year 6 pupils took part in an inspiring poetry workshop led by renowned Birmingham poet, Spoz. The experience sparked fantastic creativity and resulted in our brilliant team, *The Punctuation Punchers* (Abigail, Georgia, Ivy, Sienna, Florence and Summer), earning a place in the grand final of the Poetry Slam competition.

This year's theme was *play*, and the girls approached it with real thoughtfulness and maturity. Rather than simply celebrating games and fun, they explored the powerful idea that not every child across the world has the right or opportunity to enjoy play. Their poem delivered a moving message about fairness, equality and the importance of ensuring all children can experience the joy of childhood.



Throughout the writing process, the team impressed everyone with their imaginative ideas and meaningful reflections. Mrs Abbotts was incredibly proud of the creativity, passion and teamwork they demonstrated at every stage. For weeks, they have been fine-tuning their piece.

The final took place at The Old Rep Theatre in Birmingham, where nine schools performed their poems in front of a live audience. The atmosphere was electric, and our team delivered their poem with confidence and expression. After a fantastic evening of performances, *The Punctuation Punchers* were awarded an amazing **second place!**

We are incredibly proud of their achievement and the powerful message they shared. Well done, girls!

**Mizpah School Thank You!**

It was a lovely occasion on Tuesday afternoon when Pastor Steve Crosthwaite from Hollywood Christian Life Centre visited The Coppice to thank The School Council for their fantastic charity collection for The Mizpah School in Zimbabwe, which I mentioned in last week's newsletter.

Steve spoke to the children about how well-received the collection of items will be by the children and families of Mizpah School and also told them a lot about the development of the school from a shack in a field to three-classroom school with power. As you can see in the photos below, the children also wear some of our donated school uniform, which is wonderful!



**KES Maths Challenge:**

Four of our fabulously fab Year 5 Mathematicians entered the King Edwards Maths Challenge last Friday. Although they didn't place this time, they all did extremely well with some very challenging Maths problems. Well done Krish, Ruby, Jay and Kajeevhan - they were fantastic Coppice Ambassadors.



**Reception greatly enjoy their ‘Mini-Minds’ trip!**

In Reception this half term, the children have been learning about ‘People Who Help Us’. Therefore, this week, the children enjoyed an exciting visit to Mini-Minds Play Village. They were able to use what they have learnt and their imagination to explore activities that nurture creativity and curiosity. The children were given the opportunity to take on the many roles such as a firefighter, police officer, vet and nurse. It was fantastic to see the children learning outside of the classroom, whilst fostering confidence, problem-solving and building on social skills.



**Celebration Time**

**Swimming superstar Arlo has great success!**



Massive congratulations go to extremely talented swimmer: Arlo from 6L, who achieved great success over the course of the last two weekends when representing Redditch Swim Club in the recent Counties competition at Sandwell Aquatics Centre. At the meet, Arlo won a huge array of medals: six golds, five silvers and one bronze in a range of events. He was also awarded a lovely glass trophy for being the top boy points earner at club championships. We are incredibly proud of Arlo who, despite all of his fabulous achievements, remains very humble - he is a credit to his family, his school and himself.



**Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate**



**Attendance Figures**

| TOP ATTENDANCE 2nd - 6th Feb (last week)   |            |        |
|--|------------|--------|
|  | 1LR<br>2P  | 98.00% |
|  | 5GB        | 98.71% |
| TOP ATTENDANCE 9th- 13th Feb (this week)   |            |        |
|  | 1T         | 98.97% |
|  | 5W &<br>6L | 98.39% |

**Music Listening and Appreciation**

This week's playlist was:

Vocal Performances

- 1) Kate Bush - Wild Man (2011)
- 2) Rodgers & Hammerstein - Do-Re-Mi (1959)
- 3) Pentatonix - The Sound of Silence (2019)
- 4) Bobby McFerrin - Don't Worry, Be Happy (1988)

The week after half term the playlist is:

St David's Day

- 1) Traditional - Suo Gân (c.1800)
- 2) Evan James - Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau (1856)
- 3) Manic Street Preachers - You Stole The Sun From My Heart (1999)
- 4) Mary Hopkin - Those Were the Days (1968)

That just leaves me to wish you all an enjoyable weekend with your children. We look forward to seeing all of the children, and you, bright and early on the morning of Monday 23rd February.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)