



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 19th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you've all had a good week. Obviously, we have reached the end of another academic year (I can't quite believe it if I'm honest) and I know that many of you will be looking forward to a break from routine and to spending extra time with friends and family. Your children have achieved so much this year and we are extremely proud of them all – they truly deserve their break! Thank you also, on behalf of all the staff, for all the gifts and cards that have been received. We don't do our jobs for presents but they are always hugely appreciated when we do receive them.

Goodbye, good luck and well done Year 6!

Everyone at The Coppice wants to wish our Year 6 pupils all the very best for the future as they prepare to transition to their respective high schools. It has been an absolute pleasure to be in the hall this week, watching their fantastic leavers' productions and celebrating their time with us. We are extremely proud of these children for what they have accomplished this year and during their time with us. Their attitude to their Year 6 SAT tests has been first class and we couldn't have asked for any more from them. We know that these children will go on to achieve great things and we can't wait to see them again in the future to find out how they are getting on. As someone once said, 'Once a Coppice kid, always a Coppice kid!' It is also the end of an association with the school for a number of our families as they will no longer have a child at the school. I want to thank all of them for their support of their children and the school over the years and, as with the children, we want to say that it will be great to see them all again at some point in the future.

School reports:

All children from Years 1-6 received their school reports on Wednesday. For Mrs. Ashwell, Mr. Laight and I, it was an absolute pleasure to read these reports and to see how well the children have progressed this year – well done children! We have already received lots of lovely feedback about the reports and how personal they were to every child and these were hugely appreciated. We have also received a couple of polite suggestions for possible tweaks to next year's reports and these are appreciated just as much. As a school, we will always reflect on feedback when it is made in the right way, and we will make further tweaks and changes if we feel that they are needed.

If for some reason, you have not received your child's report though e.g. due to absence, please make sure that you contact your child's teacher who will ensure that they get it to you as soon as possible, via post if necessary.

Rufus to retire!

I am letting you all know that our longest-serving Thrive dog: Rufus will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Rufus has been a huge part of school life over the course of 9 years and we will be very sorry to see him go. After a period of semi-retirement, Rufus' owner: Site Manager Mr. Mace, feels that Rufus needs to make his retirement more permanent. We therefore wish to thank him from the bottom of our hearts for all of the outstanding work that he has done for and with the children at The Coppice. Have a happy and well-deserved rest Rufus - we all love you!



Staff leaving us:

Mr. Hensey (Nursery and Reception Teaching Assistant) will be leaving us at the end of the year. We wish him well for the future as he begins his exciting Teacher training journey.

Mrs. Williams (Year 3 Teaching Assistant) will be leaving us after 9 years working at The Coppice. We wish her well as she embarks on her retirement in order to spend more time with her family.

Mrs. B Tonks (Year 4 Special Support Assistant) will be leaving us after seven years of working at The Coppice to spend more time with her family. We wish her well.

We want to thank all of the above staff for all the time that they have put into The Coppice Primary School and the service that they have given to the children.

Staff going on maternity:

Miss. Bradley (Reception Teacher) and Mrs. Giles (Key Stage 2 Cover Teacher) will be going on maternity leave at the end of this academic year. Obviously, I know that you will join me in wishing them well for their big events to come and we can't wait to hear the news of Baby Bradley's and Baby Giles' safe arrivals.

Staff getting married:

We want to wish Year 3 teacher: Miss Allen, and her fiancé: Jake, Year 6 Teacher: Miss. Cox and her fiancé: Tom and SSA Miss Horne and her fiancé: Kane all the very best for their weddings over the Summer and for their future lives together. When Miss. Allen returns, she will be known as Mrs. Brooks, when Miss. Cox returns, her married name will be Mrs. Spencer-Cox but she wishes to be known simply as Mrs. Cox and when Miss. Horne returns she will be known as Mrs. Edgington.

Coppice Gymnastic Competitions:

After the success of last week's internal competition for our youngest gymnasts, I want to say a huge well done to all of The older Coppice gymnasts who competed in this week's in-school competition. These competitions are extremely important because they give an opportunity for all of the gymnasts in school to compete in front of peers, friends and families. This is a huge moment for a number of these children and is another confidence building block for them. It takes a lot of courage to walk out in front of a crowd and perform an individual or group routine so I want to say a huge well done to every child who took part – you can all be very proud of yourselves. Again, a huge thank you and well done again goes to Miss. Carter and the rest of The Coppice coaches for their efforts in organising these competitions and for their hard work with all of the children throughout the year. We truly are lucky to have such dedicated staff.



Congratulations Anna-Lillie!

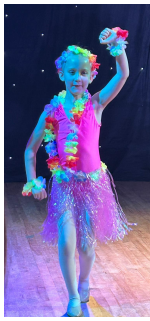
We want to say a huge well done to Anna-Lillie from 6G, who competed in two separate events over the course of last weekend. Firstly, on Saturday, she took part in the Race for Life Mud run where she raised a good amount of money for charity - a fantastic, selfless thing to do. Secondly, on Sunday, Anna then performed in two shows, which involved her demonstrating her undoubted talent in hoop, silk and pole - her athleticism is amazing! We are all super proud of you Anna-Lillie - well done!



Huge congratulations goes to Coppice dancers: Harper and Charlotte (both from 5F) who passed their Gold medal in Commercial Duet. I had the joy of watching them perform on Thursday afternoon and they were amazing! Harper also danced in the Tanworth in Arden dance festival at the weekend. We are super proud of both of these girls.



On Saturday 13th July, Isla S, from class 2W, performed ballet and tap in a dance show: ‘Divas, Legends & Superstars’ at The Dovehouse Theatre in Solihull. Isla has been dancing since she was 3 years old. Her family and everyone at The Coppice are very proud of her!



Well done Daria!

A huge well done to Daria (from 4R) who performed at the REP theatre in Birmingham on 6th July in a play with the Young Rep Juniors Studio. The play was called ‘My teacher is a Troll! This is a Daria’s second play at the REP and she really enjoys doing drama - we look forward to hearing where your drama journey takes you in the future Daria!



Catering Update


Just a quick message to ask you to look out for some communications early next week about our new Catering arrangements from September 2024. As well as changing our catering logistics, we have appointed ABM to take over our contract. Information will be relevant to all but particularly to any children with allergies or food preferences that we need to help manage.


That just leaves me to wish you all a wonderful summer holiday everyone! Thank you so much for all for your support over the course of the year – it has been hugely appreciated! Thank you too for all of the support you’ve given our staff and your children. As always, I greatly look forward to seeing you and your children back for our first day of the new, academic year on Wednesday 4th September 2024.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher)

Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE 8th - 12th July (Last week)		
	2P	99.33%
	3L	97.33%

TOP ATTENDANCE 15th -19th July (This week)		
	2T	98.62%
	6G	98.21%