



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter Friday 8th May 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. As always, it's been another busy and enjoyable week at The Coppice despite only being in school for four days..

## VE Day celebrations:



As you can see from the photos both above and to the side, it was a fantastic day on Thursday when we celebrated VE (Victory in Europe Day) across the whole school. It was lovely to see so many children coming into school wearing red, white and blue clothing and making the effort with different accessories such as hair bobbles, hair bands, hats and flags.

Over the course of the day, the children engaged in many different VE Day themed activities including singing, craft, watching a docu-drama, listening to online Q and A sessions with veterans and enjoying a VE celebratory lunch accompanied by music from the time. We also held a two-minute silence as a mark of respect for the sacrifices made in the cause of freedom.

I said in last week's newsletter that it is so important that today's children celebrate occasions like this in order that future generations never forget what

previous ones did for us, in order to protect the values that we as a country value so greatly. Due to this, our children from Years 2 to 6 also engaged in an online session, with hundreds of other schools, which was linked to VE Day and the British Values of: Individual Liberty, Democracy, The Rule of Law and Tolerance. This was a special day in school but also one that we are sure gave our children a great deal of knowledge and understanding of the past too.





## Coppice Gymnasts are National Champions Again!!!

Last Saturday, Issac H, Cian M, Zara I, Charlotte H and Ellie D, Myles T, Leighton B, Theo L and Harley S represented The Coppice at the British Schools Gymnastics Floor and Vault National Finals. Having warmed up, the boys team first competed in their individual floor routines in front of the judges and hundreds of spectators. They then moved on to the vault apparatus. Once finished, it was the turn of our Mixed Team who, with more experience, were accustomed to the formalities and disciplines expected.

After a rendition of the National Anthem, results were announced! We were astounded and overjoyed to hear The Coppice Mixed team named as National Champions 2025: an incredible achievement and perfect ending for the three year six girls' last competition. Our boys team placed fourth, which was so impressive considering the age and experience of our younger team.

Huge thanks goes to our amazing coaching team consisting of Miss. Carter, Kirsty Garrett, Ella Garrett, Kieran Maguire, and Miss. Franklin plus all of the junior coaches. Without them, none of this would be possible. Incredibly, Kieron Maguire: dad of Cian Maguire was a National Champion himself for The Coppice in 1999 when he was a pupil here! It is always a wonderful feeling when ex-pupils come back to help the next generations achieve great things and this, without doubt, is another reason why The Coppice is a truly special place. Well done and congratulations everyone!



## School Council plans fundraiser for school in Zimbabwe.



On Thursday afternoon, all of our School Councillors met with Pastor Steve Crosthwaite from The Hollywood Christian Life Centre and his son: ex-Coppice pupil Joshua (**see left**) in order to plan and create the flyer that the children will be using to promote their fundraising efforts for a school in Zimbabwe.

You may all remember that a number of months ago, Pastor Crosthwaite and a lady from Zimbabwe called Tapiwa visited The Coppice in order to tell our children all about the challenges that children there face in terms of receiving education due to lack of funding and resources.



The stories about the challenges that the children in Zimbabwe experience really hit a chord with our children and The School Council. They therefore decided that they would really like to hold a 'fun run' fundraiser in order to support the building of new school facilities in Zimbabwe and also to help pay a teacher's salary for a month which is £200.00. We have already sent them some Coppice uniform!

The Council pitched their idea to me and I thought it was fantastic that they were showing such empathy - a key driver of our school. Therefore, of course I agreed and the wheels are now in motion for this event to be held in June. More information on this whole-school event will be communicated in due course.



## Year 6 Litter Pick raises £550.00 for Year 6 Leavers' celebrations!

Talking of raising money, it is great to be able to say a huge well done to nine Year 6 children and their Parents and Carers who took part in a sponsored litter pick in order to raise money towards the Year 6 Leavers' celebrations.

The idea was the brainchild of Louise Watkins: mum to Erica from 6D, who wanted to raise money for the upcoming celebrations, but also wanted to do something that would benefit the local community and the local environment as well. This is why the litter-pick idea was the one that was settled on.

The litter collecting equipment was kindly lent to the volunteers by the Parish Council and everyone would like to thank them for enabling this event to take place through their generosity.

Thankfully, on the litter pick, the children were very pleased to discover that Hollywood isn't as messy as they had thought it would be which is great to hear.

The children raised an incredible £550.00 which was a fantastic achievement!

That just leaves me to say, as usual, that I hope you all have a lovely weekend with your children and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mr. Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)



## Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate

We had so many Stars of The Week this week that we had to do two sessions!



## Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

### Western Orchestral Strings

- 1) Vittorio Monti - Csárdás (1904)
- 2) Bach - Suite 3 Gigue (1724 - 1731)
- 3) Jerry Douglas, Russ Barenberg & Edgar Meyer - From Ankara to Izmir (1993)
- 4) Bach - Cello Suite No. 1 (c 1720)

Next week's playlist is:


### Europe

- 1) Salvador Sobral - Amar Pelos Dois (2017)
- 2) Jon Henrik Fjällgren - Daniel's Joik (2014)
- 3) Grażyna Bacewicz - Overture (1943)
- 4) Fanfara Kalashnikov - Mesecina (2003)

## Attendance Figures


### TOP ATTENDANCE

28th April - 2nd May (Last week)

	1D	97.93%
	5RB 6D	98.67%

### TOP ATTENDANCE

6th-9th May (This week)

	1D	99.57%
	6G	100%