



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 4th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you've all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children. I don't know about you but this week seems to have flown by in the blink of an eye and it's certainly been another busy week of teaching, learning and enrichment here at The Coppice.

King Edward's maths challenge fantastic news:

As I mentioned on last week's newsletter, four of our Year 5 pupils attended the maths challenge at King Edward's Grammar School last Friday afternoon, where they competed against a number of other schools in what is always a very high standard of competition. I am therefore absolutely delighted to tell you all that our team claimed second place meaning they received the silver medal – an amazing achievement!! We are so proud of the way that these children represented our school. Please see below a photo montage of the afternoon plus a report from Ben in 5F.

Report by Ben (5F):

'On Friday the 28th of January, Jack (5W), Amber (5BG), Megan and I (5F) went to a Maths Competition at King Edwards School for Boys with Mrs Giles and Mr. Mace. There were two challenges: a number crossword and a relay.

The number crossword, which we did together, was fun but very hard. The girls did the across clues and the boys did the down clues. After we found an answer, we checked it with the other pair before putting it on the final answer sheet. We scored 50/51. Wow! ;-)

In the relay, we were in pairs - the girls and the boys. The girls did the first question and, when they got the answer, they gave it to the marking teacher (a different school's teacher). If it was wrong, they had another go but that would be their last go at it. If they got it correct, they would get a different question to give to the other pair who then did that question before checking it with the marking teacher. This repeated until we ran out of time. This was tiring but very exciting!

After the challenges, we had a biscuit whilst we waited for the results...WE CAME SECOND!

We each got a silver medal, a certificate and a pencil. We also qualified for the GRAND FINAL which will take place on the 22nd of June. We are all extremely proud of each other and are looking forward to it!



Science Day and appeal for help:

Last week, I also mentioned the Science Day that we will be having on Wednesday 16th February and asked whether any parents or carers, who work in science-based professions, could maybe spare some time to come into school in order to talk to the children about their jobs and what they entail. We have had a few offers already, which is fantastic, but we would still like there to be more in order to make the day as special for the children as possible. Some of the jobs we would love to have represented are: doctors, nurses, vets, veterinary nurses, dentists, dental nurses, midwives, physiotherapists, chemists, science teachers etc. This list is not exhaustive!

Our plan is to set the different guests up in in one of our school halls and allow the children to rotate around asking questions and being given information about each of the jobs. It will be very much like a careers fair type set-up.

Therefore, if you think that you may be able to help in any way on the day itself, even if it's for only a few hours, please email the school office with your availability. Mrs. Tomkinson (Science Leader in school) and I will be delighted to hear from you. In addition, if you know of any ex-pupils or friends/relatives, who work in the field of science and who may like to be involved, this offer is also open to them too so just ask them to get in touch.

Food bank donations – thank you so much:

On behalf of the school and The Coppice PTA, I just want to thank you all for the generous donations of food on Tuesday. As you know, we held a non-uniform day and asked that the children to bring a food item in to enable them to wear their own clothes. As always, our Coppice families rose to the occasion and we collected a huge amount of food that was then divided between The Hollywood Christian Life Centre food bank and the Northfield Community Partnership Foodbank. . Pastor Steve Crosthwaite from Hollywood Christian Life Centre collected the donations and was bowled over by our community's generosity.

Pastor Crosthwaite sent a really lovely video message of thanks to the children where he explained what would be done with the food collected and why, and also told the children a really entertaining version of the 'Feeding of the five thousand' bible story. It was really great for the children to receive this message and we are really grateful to Pastor Crosthwaite for taking the time to put it together.

Once again, this event showed just how committed we are here at The Coppice to helping the local community and to teaching our children the vital importance of empathy and helping others.

Communication with teachers – an update:

I hope that you have all had a chance to read the email that I sent home yesterday which outlined the protocols for email communication with teaching staff. As I said in the email, I know that I can count on your support with these guidelines and your understanding of the reasons for them.

Once again though, I want to reiterate that strong communication is a crucial part of our partnership with you and this will always continue to be the case. It is only with this strong two-way communication that we can ensure we achieve the very best for your child during their time with us. I'm absolutely positive too that the return of more face-to-face communication will be welcomed by everyone.

That just leaves me to wish you all a lovely weekend. As always, we greatly look forward to welcoming the children bright and early on Monday morning.

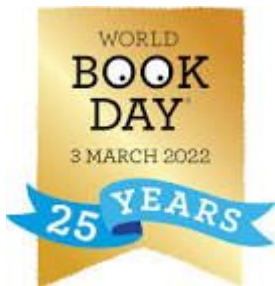
Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March



At The Coppice we like to focus more on the books and enjoyment of reading rather than the dressing up that is often associated with World Book Day. So no need to worry about making or buying an outfit.

There will be lots of fun activities taking place throughout the day. We will tell you more about them later.

Each child will receive a token for a free book. To the right is the list of titles available this year.

If you go to the World Book Day website (<https://www.worldbookday.com/competitions/>) there are some competitions you can enter to win books for yourself and prizes for school.



Chickenpox

Public Health England have now been informed that several children who attend The Coppice school have been diagnosed with suspected chicken pox. This their message to you.

Chickenpox is usually a mild illness and children usually get better by themselves. Children with chickenpox should stay off school for at least five days from onset of rash and until all the lesions have crusted over.

Children who have had chickenpox recently may develop complications if they also catch scarlet fever. Parents should remain vigilant for symptoms in children who have had chickenpox such as:

- a persistent high fever
- the skin around chickenpox blisters becoming red, hot or painful (signs of infection)
- joint pain and swelling
- your child's symptoms not improving or getting worse.

If you are concerned about the symptoms above, please seek medical assistance promptly. If your child has an underlying condition which affects their immune system, you should contact your GP or hospital doctor to discuss whether any additional measures are needed.

Further information on both infections can be found at: Chicken pox:

<https://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Chickenpox/>

Scarlet fever: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever>

In view of this children with chickenpox should not be brought onto the premises in order to protect any pregnant women or other vulnerable people. on site.

Change of menu for Monday

Message from Chef Matt.

Due to ongoing issues with the main oven in the kitchen I have had to make a change to the menu on Monday. Please visit ParentPay and review your meal selection and make changes if necessary. Apologies for this we are working hard to find a solution to the problem. .

Community news

Ultimate Activity Camps provide outstanding Ofsted-registered activity day camps for children aged 4-14 during the school holidays, where the children's welfare and fun are at the heart of all they do! Children will enjoy a fantastic range of over 40 sports, games and art activities every week led by engaging staff at amazing locations. Running this Easter & Summer at King Edward Sixth High School for Girls.

Book by Tuesday 1st March to **save up to £45 a week** on all Easter & Summer dates!

W: <http://www.ultimateactivity.co.uk/FSF>

T: 0330 111 7077

E: help@ultimateactivity.co.uk

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/UltimateActivityCamps>



Dates for your diary

Friday 11th February - Women in Science Day

Friday 18th February - Deadline for Nursery applications for September 2022

Friday 18th February - Close at usual time for half term

Monday 28th February - Return to school.

Monday 7th March - Y6 Robotics workshop day

Monday 14th - Friday 18th March - Science week.

Monday 21st March - Y1 Florence Nightingale visit

New club coming after half term.

We are delighted to be able to offer a Cheerleading after school club to Reception, Year One and Year 2 children. The club will be provided by the Stardust Dance Academy on Thursdays after half term. .

Parents of these age groups should check their emails for more details of how to register.. It is first come, first served for limited places - so check it out this weekend.

Thank you for reading our Whole School Newsletter. Now click on the link below to access your Year Group Newsletters.

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Newsletter- <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/>

PTA- <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/coppice/#.Wv1BYDQvypo>

Official Facebook page- <https://www.facebook.com/coppiceps/>

PTA Facebook group—<https://www.facebook.com/groups/320191721984039/>