



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 10th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you've all had a good week and had a lovely half-term break with your children. It's been a joy, as always, to welcome the children back to school and to hear what they got up to over the holiday. I always take seeing so many smiling, happy faces on the gate on the first day back as a clear sign that The Coppice is a very happy place to be for the children. This is going to be a busy but exciting final half-term of the academic year with lots of events to pack in around the children's everyday learning: Sports Days, Music Concert, Nursery and Reception induction, class assemblies, Year 6 leaving events and, of course The Coppice Summer Revel! As you are only too aware, most of these events have not been able to happen for two years so it is fabulous that they can return and I know that you will all be looking forward to them as much as we are!

Sports Days:

Next week marks the start of our Sports Days and you have already received all of the dates and details. We have been busy preparing the children for these events in their house teams and the excitement is certainly starting to build. It will be fantastic to have parents and carers joining us again for these events so pray for good weather and come prepared to give your children plenty of positive, vocal encouragement. Let the games begin!

Well done Year 2!

Just before half-term, our Year 2 children went on a trip to The Botanical Gardens in Birmingham as part of their preparation for their Plant conditions and Growth topic, which they will be learning about this half-term. The Botanical Gardens is a fabulous place to learn first hand about these areas and I know that the children returned with a wealth of knowledge that they will be applying in their lessons.

On Wednesday this week, the Year 2 children also got an opportunity to do some coding linked to robotics as part of their computing curriculum. As with Year 6 earlier in the year, these sessions were delivered by an outside provider, which meant that the children got chance to use very expensive coding equipment and resources that otherwise they would not get an opportunity to experience. As you can imagine, the children loved every minute and learned a great deal about this very important area of computing.

Not only did the children learn a lot through both of the above but they also greatly impressed the staff working with them with their exemplary behaviour and beautiful manners. A number of very complementary comments regarding the high standard of our children's conduct were made, including from members of the visiting public to the Botanical Gardens. As you all know, we work very hard with our children to ensure that this is the case but ultimately it is for the children themselves to want to rise to the challenge of 'The Coppice Way'. Once again, they showed just how much they understand the expectations but also how much they understand why they are important. Well done Year 2!



Year 5 Bikeability:

Our Year 5 children have recently been undergoing their 'Bikeability' training both in school, on the playground, and out on the local roads (**see photos on page 5**) . Cycle training and road safety is a crucial life skill and is something that we have done for a number of years now and the children have really enjoyed the training that they have had. As with Year 2, they greatly impressed their two trainers, who came into school to deliver the course, with their fantastic listening, attitude and general conduct, which was described as 'outstanding'. We are extremely proud of these children for the comments that they received and the maturity they showed. Well done Year 5!

Year 4 Upton Warren off-site trip:

Year 4 have had a fantastic three days at Upton Warren Outdoor Activity Centre this week and gained a huge amount from getting chance to participate in a whole range of outdoor activities such as climbing, kayaking, and archery (we will show photos next week). The benefits to children of these types of activities cannot be underestimated as they offer something completely different to the classroom environment. In our experience, these types of trips give the children chance to build confidence, overcome fears and develop new skills and abilities. Often too, we see a completely different side to some of our children. For example, I have never forgotten accompanying the children to Upton Warren a few years ago and a girl, who I had previously seen in school as being quite quiet and shy, came alive and showed fantastic team leadership skills in a raft-building task. Therefore, these trips often reveal things about the children that we didn't know which, in turn, allows stronger relationships to be built between staff and children.

Eco news:

I want to say a huge well done to the Eco Committee: Elsa and Grace (Year 6); Yousef and Isla (Year 5); Daniel, Florence and Harry (Year 4); Maeva, Florence and Isabella (Year 3); and Miss. Whiteley for raising £175.00 from the used uniform sales that they held just before the half-term break. The money raised came from selling two hundred and fifty pieces of uniform which have now gone to a second home to be used again. We are extremely passionate at The Coppice about supporting the 'reuse, reduce, recycle' ECO agenda and the uniform sale very much fits in with this. Thank you to all the parents and carers who donated items and those who bought items – you are helping to make an environmental difference and also helping other parents and carers financially. The children mentioned above also received lots of lovely comments after the sales from parents and carers, which were very well-deserved.

I also want to say how fantastic the 'Keep our oceans pollution free' bottle-top mural looks (on the wall outside the Year 4 classrooms). Thank you again to Miss. Whiteley and the ECO committee for their work on this and thank you also to all of the children and parents and carers who sent in bottle tops that made this project possible. If you haven't had chance to see the mural yet, please try and do so – it's very striking!

Survey findings:

I want to finish by giving you a couple of the findings from the recent online parent/carer questionnaire. I will be giving more findings over the coming weeks but to begin with, I am thrilled to report that 98% of the parents and carers, who answered the survey, would recommend us to another parent. In addition, 98% of parents and carers felt that their child was happy and enjoys school. Of these, 75% strongly agreed. These were excellent results but, as with all of the findings, our aim now is to strive to make all percentages 100%.

That just leaves me to wish you all a lovely weekend - we look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Kind regards, Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Sports days

Monday 13th June - Year 3/4 starting at 1:30pm on the field

Tuesday 14th June - Year 1/2 starting at 1:30pm on the field

Wednesday 15th June - Year 5/6 starting at 1:30pm on the field

Wednesday 22nd June starting at 9:30am: Every day and Mon-Wed Nursery + RD

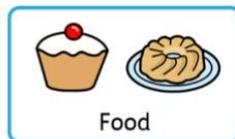
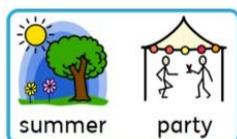
Thursday 23rd June starting at 9:30am: End of week Nursery + RF and RR.

St Mary's Church event

Come along to our

SUMMER PARTY

Saturday 18th June 2022, 10am - 12noon



Accessible to all and specifically for families with children or adults with additional needs. A free event!

St Mary's Church, Shawhurst Lane, B47 5JN
to the rear of the Coppice School site
More information from: churchoffice@wythallchurch.net
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Healthy eating week

Healthy eating is extremely important part of our ethos at The Coppice and at Alliance in Partnership (our catering company) . With this in mind AIP and The Coppice will be supporting Healthy Eating week from 13th – 17th June 2022.

The big message for the week is 'Eat well for you and the planet' and each day of the week has a different theme:

Monday: Focus on fibre - for meals and snacks

Tuesday: Get at least 5 A DAY - put plenty on your plate

Wednesday: Vary your protein - be more creative

Thursday: Stay hydrated - fill up from the tap

Friday: Reduce food waste - know your portions

We are therefore going to be having a change of menu for the week. Please see the full weeks menu attached. Please go to Parent Pay to review your choice



FOCUS ON FIBRE
Eat well for you and the planet!

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Monday

Wholemeal Lentil and Vegetable Pizza
Filled with fibre!
Wholemeal flour in the base with lentils and tomatoes in the sauce.

Pea Kachori
Try the kachori, with wholemeal flour and packed with peas!

Grain Packed Cookie / Oaty Power Balls
Today's cookie contains oats, sunflower seeds and dried fruit.

Why not complete your fibre-licious meal with some veg from the salad bar too?

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GET AT LEAST 5 A DAY
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Tuesday

Teriyaki Chicken and Vegetable Stir Fry with Noodles/Rice
Look out for the peppers, sweetcorn, onions and cabbage! Can you spot any other veg?

Macaroni Cheese
With beautiful broccoli basking in the sauce!

Raspberry Cornmeal Muffin

Did you know that frozen berries have been used in your dessert today? Frozen fruit can help reduce food waste, which is good for the planet!

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VARY YOUR PROTEIN
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Wednesday

Cottage Pie
This clever cottage pie includes some lovely lentils to help you vary your protein.

Cheese and Bean Enchilada
Bursting with protein providing beans and cheese!

Toast Churros with Chocolate Custard

Guess what? We are working on reducing food waste this week by turning our unused bread into some delicious churros!

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STAY HYDRATED
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Thursday

Lemon and Herb Chicken Casserole with Roast Potatoes
Make sure you have a drink at every mealtime.

Chickpea Curry with Naan and Rice
Tap water is a great choice, so grab a glass with your lunch today!

Yoghurt Smoothies

Did you know that we need about 6-8 drinks a day to help us stay hydrated, so keep your waterbottle topped up! How many drinks have you had today?

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REDUCE FOOD WASTE
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Fish of the Day and Chips
Our Friday menu is always popular, so we know there won't be any food waste with these meals today!

Veggie Nuggets with Chips

Cold Fruity Rice Pudding with compote
We are reducing food waste again! Our yummy rice pudding uses up our spare milk, and our gorgeous fruit compote uses up our spare berries!

Did you know that this fruit compote can help towards your 5 a day?

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Healthy Eating Week | British Nutrition Foundation

Bottle top eco project.....now in place



Year 5 Bikeability photos



Job vacancies at Woodrush High School

Woodrush High School are seeking to appoint a number of Learning Support Assistants who will work alongside the SEN Department to ensure the development and education of our young people. The roles will provide care, supervision skills and academic support to students by utilising a good standard of knowledge and skills whilst promoting student independence.

2 x Physical Disability Support Assistant – Level 1

Post 1 - Part time – 20 Hours per week (8.15am to 12.15pm) Over 5 Days Term Time Only + plus 5 INSET days

SCP 3 to 4 – Pro rata salary £8,731 to £8,906 per annum

Post 2 - Part time – 21.25 Hours per week (12.00pm to 16.15pm) Over 5 Days Term Time Only + plus 5 INSET days

SCP 3 to 4 – Pro rata salary £9,277 to £9,463 per annum

Learning Support Assistant – Level 2

Part time – 30 Hours per week (8:30am to 3:00pm) 5 Days a week. Term Time Only + plus 5 INSET days

Pro rata salary: SCP 5 to 7 – £13,626 to £13,899 per annum

Behaviour Support Assistant – Level 3

Part time – 30 Hours per week (8:30am to 3:00pm) Over 5 Days. Term Time Only + plus 5 INSET days

Pro rata salary: SCP 7 to 17 – £14,177 to £17,281 per annum

To find out what working at Woodrush can offer you and for more information on our school and how to apply please download our application pack from the website www.woodrush.org/Vacancies. Alternatively, please contact Laura McCleary at HR@Woodrush.org.

Closing date for applications is 9am Monday 20th June 2022. Interviews to take place shortly after.

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