



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 11th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, I hope that you've all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children. It's certainly been lovely to see the mornings and evenings getting gradually lighter and I always feel that it gives everyone a lift knowing that Spring is just around the corner.

Coppice athletics triumph!

It's absolutely fantastic to open this week's newsletter with news of a double Coppice triumph! On Friday of last week, Mr. Edwards and Miss. Wells took some of our Year 4, 5 and 6 girls and boys to the Redditch District School Games' competition. Incredibly, both teams won their respective competitions and returned with two gleaming, silver trophies which are proudly on display in the school library area.

I can't begin to tell you how proud we are of the children who took part in this competition. It was an incredible achievement that has never been done by a primary school before and is testament to the athletic talent that we have at The Coppice and also the quality of coaching that is provided by Mr. Edwards and Miss. Wells. These competitions are always fiercely contested affairs and the Redditch Middle Schools have, in past years, been very much the favourites as the names on the trophies show. However, in the last couple of years, we have very much broken the mould and have risen to take our place at the top of the tree!

What also needs to be said is that the sportsmanship and behaviour of our children was highlighted as being exemplary and this aspect is every bit as important to us – once again 'The Coppice Way' in evidence and something that everyone associated with these children can be extremely proud of!

Below you can see our fantastic athletes proudly celebrating!

Year 6 girls:

Ava S, Ciera S, Amelia G, Freya C, Holly C, Alana W,
Grace B.

Year 5 girls:

Lily S, Bethany C, Myiaa C, Poppy D, Leila S, Zoe L

Year 6 boys:

Jack H, Gabe M, Noah M, Briley Z, Ollie P, Ryan K, Jack W, Nahum R

Year 5 boys:

Fred B, Reid A, Billy L, Sam R, Jack R,

Year 4 boys:

Shay N, Conor O



Girls' athletics report written by Grace Y6:

'On Friday we went to an athletics tournament. There were lots of sports like running, jumping and throwing. We were all so nervous but we tried our best. When they were doing the medals, they announced 1st place and it was us. We were all so happy! Then when we came back we got to show off our medals and the trophy!'

Boys' athletic report written by Ryan Y6:

'On Friday 4th February, we went to compete in an athletics tournament alongside seven other schools. We finished in first place. We came back feeling over the moon about our fantastic victory!'

Congratulations Sam!

As the previous item shows, we are always incredibly proud of our children's achievements at The Coppice, whether this is achieved in school time or outside. It therefore gives us huge pleasure to announce that Sam R from 5BG has been signed by Aston Villa. He will play for their under 10s and will join George P from 5F, who was signed earlier this year. As we did with George, we wish Sam all the very best for the future as he embarks on this very exciting journey.



Pokemon cards and other collectables:

A few children have been asking whether they can bring in Pokemon cards or other collectable items for playtimes. In theory, this may sound like a nice idea. However, in our experience, there are a number of issues that can come from this e.g. cards go missing, children swap things and then change their minds or at worst, children fall out over them. All of these things can distract children from learning and can also take a great deal of staff time to sort out, which is why we will continue to say to children that we don't want these items on the playground. Nevertheless, we don't want to discourage children from sharing their interests or from collecting items that are of interest to them. Therefore, if your child wishes to bring something in to share with the class, please ask them to talk to their Class Teacher about this and they will make a time when this can happen.

Care Club parents parking on site and general car parking:

Just a quick reminder to parents and carers of children, who attend Care Club in the mornings, not to park in the main staff car park, which is located on the left-hand side as you come through the barrier. This parking is for school staff only. Please therefore use the car parking which is on the right-hand side i.e. near to the Woodrush Hub – thank you. Also, please remember that we do not allow any parent/carer to park on site unless they have a valid blue badge.

Science fair – exciting news to come!

Just to let you all know that there will be some exciting news on next week's newsletter regarding our forthcoming Science Fair so watch this space!

That just leaves me, as usual, to wish you all a lovely weekend. We greatly look forward to welcoming the children bright and early on Monday morning and to sharing with the children what they've been up to. We always love hearing about their weekend news!

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



St Mary's Church - Job Vacancy

Vacancy: Church Administrator

St Mary's Church Wythall is a vibrant and active church whose building is part of The Coppice School, Shawhurst Lane B47 5JN. We are seeking to appoint an Administrator to oversee the administrative life of the church, manage the church office and be a known and knowledgeable presence there. This is a part-time role of 20 hours per week, over at least 4 days reporting to the vicar. The salary is £11,960 per annum.

The role will be varied and will include the digital and written communication of the church, dealing with enquiries about funerals, weddings and baptisms, preparation for Sunday services, overseeing administration relating to safeguarding.

We are looking for someone who has good IT and administrative skills and experience, along with knowledge of church life, worship and its ministry. There is a genuine occupational requirement that the person appointed should be a practising Christian.

We welcome applications from all suitably qualified persons, particularly from those who are currently under-represented such as Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic groups.

For a copy of the role description, informal chat and an application form please contact Rev Amanda Featherstone, revamanda@wythallchurch.net or 0121 413 3287.

Closing date: Tuesday 22nd February 2022

Interviews: Monday 28th February

Lost property reminder

All lost property still in the box next Friday will be removed and donated. Therefore please do come and check for your child's lost belonging before this date. Thanks you

Nursery appeal

Nursery would really appreciate donations of plastic cars similar to those in the photograph. If you have any that your child is happy to give, please drop them at Nursery or to the school office. They are also looking for plain bean bags so that they can set up a reading area outside. Thank you.



Community News

Coming to Wythall Library this half term.!

Woodrush Rugby Club

COMING IN FEBRUARY HALF TERM



Harry Potter Activities
Tuesday 22nd February 10.30-12

For ages 6-11

Tickets are £1 per child and must be booked in advance as places are limited. Come and see us in the library to book

 **FEEL THE RUSH**



FRIENDSHIP • FUN • SKILLS • RESILIENCE

Come and join **WOODRUSH RFC**

Training for girls and boys ages 3+ Every Sunday from 10:30am

We offer **tag, touch and contact** rugby

“I love Woodrush for the encouragement, the drills, the good coaches and the great pitches.” - Luke (under 10's)

“I'm new to rugby but from what I can see there is a place on the team for anyone. So many kids (like me when I was young) feel they aren't built right to do sports. Rugby is completely inclusive, so it's not like that.” - Eva (parent)

WOODRUSH RUGBY CLUB Icknield Street, Wythall B38 0EL

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PTA event - Friday 18th February



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