



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend and a chance to spend some quality time with your children.

Links with Woodrush

As you all know, we are next door neighbours to The Woodrush High School and are the main feeder school for them, with the overwhelming majority of our pupils transferring to them at the end of Year 6. Since becoming Head, it has been extremely important to me that we build strong links between the schools that are in the best interests of our pupils and community. Thankfully, Woodrush have appointed a new Headteacher who feels exactly the same as I do: Mr. Barber. We had begun talking prior to his appointment and both felt that there were many exciting possibilities for future collaboration between the two schools. We had our first meeting, since his appointment, on Tuesday of this week and discussed a number of topics such as ensuring high quality transition for our Year 6 pupils, car parking and pupil safety and aspects of teaching and learning. Both schools look forward greatly to cooperating together and, as Heads, we will be having monthly meetings from now on. We have also agreed that our Assistant Head: Mr. Laight will sit on Woodrush's Board of Trustees which mirrors Mr. Monk (Woodrush Deputy Head) who already sits on our Board of Trustees. Again, this strengthens ties between the schools.

Parents' Evening

Just to let you all know that, due to a couple of factors, we have had to change our parents' meeting dates to Tuesday 29th March (face-to-face) and Thursday 31st March (online – Schoolcloud) from the dates that were published on last week's newsletter – apologies for this.

In advance of those meetings, we will be sharing a Google form with you later today which will ask you to let us know whether you would like a face-to-face meeting or an online meeting. We will send it alongside this newsletter. By having this information, we will be able to plan for how many meetings of each type will be needed and set timetables accordingly. It would therefore be extremely helpful if you ensure that you complete the form in order to indicate your preference.

As you will know from my previous newsletters, we want to be able to offer both options to parents and carers because we are fully aware that it is not always easy to attend in person due to work commitments and organising childcare etc. By offering both types of meeting, we want to try and ensure that we are able to meet with every parent and carer in order to discuss your child's progress so far this academic year. These are very important meetings and it is crucial that we are able to meet with you.

Happy retirement to a true Coppice legend and lovely human being!



This weekend marks the retirement of Pastor Malcolm Bull after nearly 37 years of ministry at New Life Church Centre, Wythall.

Mr. Bull led weekly assemblies for The Coppice until the Lockdown in 2020. Incredibly, 2020 was Mr. Bull's 30th year of coming to the school!

Mr. Bull always loved taking assemblies and felt it was a privilege to speak to so many young people over the years. Many ex-pupils still fondly share with his family their memories of how much they enjoyed his assemblies and remember singing along to his songs with great enthusiasm.

The school have purchased Mr. Bull a special retirement gift, which will be presented at a special retirement and celebration service on Saturday 12th March. We wish him all the very best for the future and thank him for everything that he did for the school over the years.

Well done Harrison – a true Coppice environmentalist!

We love to praise our children here at The Coppice when they do fantastic things. It's therefore really great to be able to say a huge well done to Harrison from 1D who has been doing great work in his own time helping to care for the environment.



When we spoke to Harrison's mum, she told us that Harrison gains great joy from looking after the world around us and he often asks to go litter picking. He helped, after the recent storms, to clear the litter from outside his neighbour's houses and wanted to pick up litter in the local woodland and fields over the half-term break. Unfortunately, some people visiting these areas had left a lot of litter and Harrison wanted to make it a nicer place to visit.

We are very proud of you Harrison and how you are helping to make our world a better, cleaner place – keep up the excellent work!

Well done Rocko - we are very proud of you!

Keeping on the environmental theme, we are delighted to celebrate one of our Year 6 pupils: Rocko who has been achieving great things in the world of farming. It's extremely important to us, here at The Coppice, that we celebrate the many and varied talents and interests of our children and Rocko is no exception. Even though his accomplishments were completed out of school, it once again demonstrates that we ensure that none of our children's talents go undiscovered in their time with us. Below you will see some lovely photos and a description provided by Rocko's mum that describe them in detail. A bright future in the great outdoors awaits him!

Rocko joined Wythall young farmers in 2021 at age 10, he patiently waited for years to be old enough to join! Rocko won Wythall junior young farmer of the year 2021 in his first year as a young farmer.

Rocko attends social meetings & events weekly and enters every competition he can. He came third in live lamb stock judging last year, it was his first time stock judging and he was by far the youngest competing.

In his most recent competition he came 2nd in the junior hedging competition at Churchfields. It was his first time hedging. If you do the fairy trail at Churchfields' Farm in Droitwich you can see his handy work and the ice cream is fabulous!



Science Fair.

Next week is our science fair in school and we are very excited by what we have planned. Further, detailed information is included further on in this newsletter.

Gymnastic National finals – good luck everyone!

Finally, on Saturday, our gymnasts will be competing in the Milano National finals in Stoke-on-Trent. We will be taking nine children to the competition who will make up three teams: a mixed team, a boys' team and a girls' team. In the competition, all three teams will complete a trio routine to music, an individual, floor routine each and two vaults.

The children who are competing are: Grace, Holly and Jack from Year 6 who make up the mixed team; Reuben, Dougie (both Year 5) and Keegan (Year 4) who make up the boys' team; and Chloe, Eliza (both Year 4) and Maeva (Year 3) who make up the girls' team.

We wish all of the children the very best of luck and look forward to reporting on how they got on in next week's newsletter. I'd like to say a huge thank you to Mrs. Witham and Miss. Carter for their dedication in preparing the children so well and for accompanying them to the competition. A special mention too to ex-pupils: Olivia, Nicole and Sophie for helping to coach the children and for also going to the competition to help support the children. It's always fantastic when ex-pupils want to come back in order to help coach the next generation.

I want to end by wishing you all a lovely weekend. As always, we look forward to welcoming the children bright and early on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Red Nose Day - Friday 18th March

Comic Relief / Red Nose day is on March 18th this year.

Children can bring in a £1 donation to dress in their own clothes (including comic relief merchandise) and of course red noses!



Year 6 Robotics Worksop



On Monday, Year 6 had the amazing opportunity to take part in a Robotics Workshop led by an expert from [Hyett Education](#) called Jack. The children worked in pairs to build and program a robot (using Lego Spike Prime Coding Language) and program it to move accurately around a track. The children needed to build upon their previous computing skills to create coding algorithms to drive the motors and make the wheels travel and turn by the correct amount. A lot of resilience and trial and error was needed and all the children were really successful. Jack and all the Copper Staff were full of praise and admiration for how well the children tackled the challenge and for their exemplary attitude and engagement.

Celebrating success

The table below details our trophy winners from the last half term. Trophies were awarded at celebration assemblies on Friday.

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
THE COPPICE WAY	Ella (1B)	Rohan (2RB)	Florence (3K)	Josh (4MW)	Tilly 5BG	Liam (6K)
STAR MATHEMATICIAN	Oscar G (1B)	Myles (2A)	Noah (3KP)	Isaac T (4AW)	Jaiden 5W	Evie (6K)
STAR WRITER	Jude (1T)	Zechariah (2A)	Florence(3P)	Cody (4MW)	Jamie 5BG	Ofelia (6C)
STAR READER	Erin (1T)	Florence (2A)	Athulan (3P)	Tayt (4J)	Gabe 5BG	Abi (6G)
STAR SCIENTIST	Isabel (1D)	Zachary S (2RB)	Isaac (3KP)	Ada (4AW)	Dylan 5F	Lucas (6G)
SPORTS STAR	Krish (1T)	Curtis (2CA)	Sienna (3K)	Connor(4MW)	Reid 5F	Austin (6G)
THE ARTS STAR	Harrison (1D)	Cassius (2RB)	Maya (3KP)	Jessica (4J)	Erin F 5W	Milla (6C)
HUMANITIES STAR	Alice F (1B)	William (2CA)	Alex (3K)	Leo (4AW)	Zoe 5W	Chan (6C)

Team Points awarded Spring 1 half term.

4086	Falcons
3935	Owls
3685	Hawks
3487	Eagles

Ms Croft presenting Lily B (Y4) with her trophy for “Most improved singer” in choir for the last half term. Well done Lily for showing resilience, learning lyrics, always listening and learning and for singing beautifully.



Team Point medal winners

SPRING 1

Team Point Champions!

Medals awarded to the top 3 in each class.

	3rd (Bronze)	2nd (Silver)	1st (Gold)
1D	Cian (F)	Jay (H)	Alfie (F)
1T	Iyla (O)	Krish (O)	Libby (O)
1B	Ivy (E)	Oscar G (E)	Lillie (E)
2CA	Mason (E)	Georgia (F)	Abigail (F)
2A	Rosabella (O)	Georgia (F)	Abigail (F)
2RB	x	Emilia (E) Rhianna (O)	Albie (F)
3KP	Finley (F)	Henry (F)	Noah (F)
3K	Megan (E) Alex (F) Sienna (E)	Jacob (O)	Seine (H)
3P	Eliana (F)	Florence (H)	Holly-Ann (H)
4AW	Harley (H)	Isobel (F)	Evie (O)
4MW	Mercedes (E)	Lily (H)	Zayn (F)
4J	Abdullah (O)	John (E)	Thomas (F)
5BG	Dylan (H)	Poppy (O)	Leila (F)
5W	Lilly (H)	Zoe (O)	Hollie (E)
5F	Frankie (H)	Leia Rose (E)	Will (F)
6G	Lexi (F)	Isla (H)	Akalini (H)
6K	x	James A (E) Freddie (F)	James F (O)
6C	Nethish (E) Cierra (F)	Ofelia (O)	Jack (F)

Science Week 14th- 18th March

We are celebrating National Science Week on Wednesday 16th March. All classes will have science activities all day. There will be visits from real scientists - a surveyor, a doctor, a beekeeper, a soil scientist, a pharmacist, a dad working in forensic science, a speech and language therapist and hopefully more.

There will be science stories and a "Guess The Scientist" activity which your child can participate in. Children (on science day) can bring in a bag / box of items that link them to a significant scientist / or science based job. Teachers will then give them some time to share them with their class. There will be lots of team points awarded throughout the day.

Example:

I am bringing in items as my significant scientist

The Person is... Mary Annning.

So I am bringing in a 'fossil' / a dinosaur / a map of the Jurassic coast / a book about dinosaurs / a palaeontology brush / a picture of her / the rhyme she shells sea shell etc...

Don't forget to enter our Science Fair before 25th March!

We are excited to announce our Coppice Science Fair is back for 2022! There will be prizes for each category: • EYFS (Nursery & Reception) • Years 1 & 2 • Years 3 & 4 • Years 5 & 6 • A whole school winner!

The project can be an age appropriate experiment to answer a question or a problem, along with a solution, or it could be a research project. It can be on any area of science that interests your child, for example 'How many stars can we see?', 'How does a hovercraft work?' or 'What would life be like if I spent a month in the international space station?', 'What happens when I mix.....and..... etc. Alternatively, the project could be researching a significant scientist who has made a difference to our everyday lives.

When your child has carried out their investigation or research, they then have to make a display board to communicate their learning to others. This can be made from a large cardboard box opened out and then painted or covered in wrapping paper and held together with tape. It needs to have three panels of information (as shown). This display board should show the project title/question/problem, what your child thinks the answer is, what they did to investigate their question, what they found out and a conclusion. If they wish, they may also include a small model or experiment with their project. They must have name, class and year group clearly visible.

All projects need to be in school by Friday 25th March. Our School Science Fair will take place during the week of 28th March and a panel of judges will help to choose the best projects. We can't wait to see your projects



Coppice Primary School & Coppice PTA Presents

Science Week

GADGET

POP-UP SHOP

Everyday after school during Science Week.

14th - 18th March.

We'll be in the playground with a selection of science themed items for sale.

Important reminders

From time to time we like to put out reminders of our procedures, especially for parents of children in the younger years who may not have the need to use these procedures up to now or who are new to the school.

Medication - Any kind of medication which you need us to administer MUST be accompanied by a fully completed green medication form. This form can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website.
<https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/parent-resources/whole-school-information/> (medicine consent form) .

Absence - All absence (illness) should be reported to the school office, DAILY, first thing in the morning. You can do this in several ways -

Call 01564 826709 and leave a message on the answerphone (option 1) or speak to a team member (option 2)

Text - 07984 441 282 - please note this number does not accept voice messages or picture texts.

Email - office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk

In the event of vomiting and/or diarrhoea - The child MUST stay off school for 48 hours after the last episode to ensure that they are fully recovered before returning to school.. Thank you for your cooperation.

Request for absence (holiday, funerals etc) Please complete an absence request from 6 weeks in advance where possible. This form can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website.

<https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/parent-resources/whole-school-information/> (Absence request form)

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School office –01564 826 709

School email—office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk

Text service - 07984441282 - Use this number to text a child's absence

OUR ONLINE LINKS

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

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/>