



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 16th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, I hope that you have all had a good week and are very much looking forward to the weekend with your children. We've had a great week in school and there is much to share:

### **Sports Days:**

What wonderful occasions our Early Years, Year 1 & 2, Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 Sports Days were! I can't tell you how much of a huge buzz it was to see Parents, Carers and visitors coming onto the school field to support the children in such large numbers! After unfortunately having to cancel Monday's Year 3 & 4 Sports Day due to the poor weather forecast (that typically didn't come to anything!) we were then blessed with three glorious days of weather that allowed all of the events to take place.

The atmospheres were superb and your children were once again amazing! We had everything: competition, sportsmanship, encouragement and support for one another, smiles and laughter, determination, courage, resilience, empathy and most importantly fun! As I said at all of the events, competition is a part of life so we don't avoid it at The Coppice but we embrace it. However, what we do in conjunction with this is to ensure that every single child's effort is valued and that 'trying your best' and not giving up are the most important qualities. In this way I believe that we get the balance just right. I hope that you all enjoy looking at the montage of photos later on in this newsletter. I have, however, included a photo below of the 'empty stadium' prior to the events to once again show how blessed we are to have such a beautiful setting for our children here at The Coppice.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful team of staff for ensuring that these events were such a success. This includes our wonderful Parents and Teachers' Association (PTA) for providing refreshments and selling raffle tickets, our wonderful site team: Mr. Mace and Mrs. Boyd for setting up the gazebos and PA system and for escorting Parents and Carers, our fantastic Teachers and Teaching Assistants for organising the children so brilliantly, Miss. Wells and Mr. Edwards for organising the events themselves and, of course, the fabulous Woodrush pupils for their 'eagle eyes' in handing out placement cards to the children as they crossed the finish line. Some of these children are ex-Coppice pupils so it is lovely to have them coming back to support their former school. A big thank you to Woodrush for allowing the children to be released so that they could carry out this task. Finally, I want to thank all of you for your fantastic support at all of the events, which contributed hugely to their success. I hope that there weren't too many aches or pains after the parent races!



### **Compliments for The Coppice and staff:**

On Monday, I was showing a visitor from the local authority around the school. As soon as we entered the playground, she said, 'Wow – what an incredible setting you have here!' She then proceeded to comment on how amazing she thought our school was generally which, obviously, filled me with pride. This then led to her saying that she wanted to bring groups of teachers from other schools here in the future to see the quality of science teaching and provision that we have here. High praise indeed and richly deserved from my point of view. Our science leadership here at The Coppice, led by Mrs. Tomkinson, with support from Miss. Dixon and Miss. Cox, is first rate and is a huge strength of our school. For this to be recognised by external visitors though is always a fantastic feeling.

### **Trips next week:**

Linking into the previous point, next week is an exciting week in terms of trips for three of our year groups with Year 1 going to Sandwell Valley on Tuesday (1B and half of 1T) and Wednesday (1D and the other half of 1T) as part of their science learning on plants and seasons; Year 2 are going to The Botanical gardens on Tuesday as part of their science learning on plants, which builds on their learning in Year 1; and Year 6 are visiting The Big Bang Fair at the NEC on Wednesday (6RC and half of 6LC) and Thursday (6W and half of 6LC) as a culmination to all of the science learning that they have completed during their time at The Coppice. All of these trips will be greatly enjoyed by the children and are a great complement to the science learning that the children will have done in class, which gives them an opportunity to apply and reinforce their learning in real-life contexts. These trips are another reason why our science learning is so strong here.

### **National Music Day and Thank a Teacher Day:**

Next Wednesday (21<sup>st</sup> June) is "National Thank a Teacher Day" and also "National Music Day". We will be marking these events with special assemblies on Wednesday afternoon (Years 3-6) and on Thursday (Reception and Years 1 and 2). Even though the day is called 'Thank a Teacher Day', we will be celebrating all of our school staff: Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Special Support Assistants, Lunchtime staff, kitchen staff, office staff and site staff for the fantastic job that they all do in service of your children every day. I will be talking to the children about how they wouldn't have such a wonderful school to come to if it wasn't for all of these people working so hard and so closely together. All of these staff are 'educators' in different ways and your children benefit from every single one of them for a whole variety of reasons. Therefore, it is right and proper that we mark this day and show our gratitude to our wonderful team here at The Coppice!

In the assemblies, because it is World Music Day as well, we will have performances from both our choir and gymnasts and children will be singing songs that they have learnt. As always, we know that these will be lovely events and I look forward to sharing some photos of them next week.

### **Nursery and Reception Celebration certificates:**

Twice this week, Mrs. Ashwell and I have had the pleasure of presenting celebration certificates to our Nursery children. These are always joyous occasions and I absolutely love seeing the looks on the faces of the children when they hear their names read out and they get to come to the front to collect their certificates. The looks of pride, combined with a touch of astonishment, are priceless! A huge well done to all of the children who received a certificate on this occasion.

Next week, we will have the pleasure of presenting certificates to our Reception children and Mrs. Ashwell and I are already greatly looking forward to when we do this.

## **Debating Success:**

Last Friday (9<sup>th</sup> June), two Year 6 children: Seth and Megan (both 6W) represented The Coppice in the second round of the Primary Debating Competition held at King Edward's Boys' School. This was the follow-on round to the one that I reported on a few weeks ago. Once again, these two children did incredibly well and we received the following feedback from Amy Bishop (Partnership Manager) at King Edward's:

**'Thank you so much for sending such talented young debaters to us on last Friday! Our senior students wanted to share the following feedback with your fantastic debaters:**

**Thank you for attending our debating session this afternoon - both of your debates were phenomenal and flowed well! You should be proud of yourselves! We loved your examples and context to support your answers as well as your fluency and supporting knowledge.**

**First of all, Megan achieved full marks in our scoring. She had a very clear speech with great clarity in outlining what she was going to talk about, and her organisation. She was able to confidently and effectively answer every POI (point of interest) while also putting forward great POIs for the opposition. Her statistics and research were incredibly thorough, thus strengthening her speech with great examples. She also effectively used emotive techniques to achieve this. Overall it was an incredible speech in which she was able to demonstrate great debating skills.**

**Seth was also a great debater today! He had incredible responses to his POIs and rebuttals, and he also successfully gave thought-provoking POIs to the other team. His organisation was very thorough, which increased his clarity and his specific information enhanced his argument. Overall his tone was also clear and great eye contact was held throughout. He also achieved a great mark- only one mark lost.'**

Unfortunately, our two debaters, despite their incredible performances, were just pipped to the post in getting into the Grand Final when the results came in. Nevertheless, as they were so amazing, they have been asked to be part of the floor on finals day where they can compete for the prize of best floor debater. This is where Seth and Megan can showcase all of their skills rather than competing in part of the debate themselves. As you might expect, we are incredibly proud of these two children and they are a credit to The Coppice. Yet again, this is an example of how we give our children many varied opportunities to show off their talents and abilities. Well done Megan and Seth!



That just leaves me wish you all a lovely weekend and to thank you all again for all of your support at this week's Sports Days – it really means a great deal to us all. As always, we look forward to welcoming the children bright and early on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher)



# Sports Day





# Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



## Support Susanna

"Susanna from class 4J is officially a proud market stall holder. She will be debuting her homemade coasters and candles at Wythall Country Market held each Saturday from 10:30-12:30 at the scout hut in Wythall park.

This Saturday 17 June, will be her first stall, so if anyone is local and wants to pop by for a coffee and cake and to check out some homemade produce, plants and crafts, it would be great if you could support her. She makes her items using a pouring paint technique, so every single design is unique, and of course they all have lots of sparkle. We wish her loads of luck and love to see her entrepreneurial spirit"

<http://www.whcountrymarket.com/>





**Frozen Fridays!**  
**Fri 23rd June**

**AFTER SCHOOL IN THE PLAYGROUND**  
**FROZEN TREATS FOR SALE**  
**PLEASE BRING CASH**



**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SUMMER REVEL**

**NURSERY – PLEASE BRING SWEETS OR BAGS/BOXES OF CHOCOLATES**

**RECEPTION – PLEASE BRING CAKES (FRIDAY 7TH JULY)**

**YEARS 1-4 – PLEASE BRING ALCOHOL\*, TOILETRIES, UNWANTED GIFTS, NEW CHILDREN'S CRAFTS AND NEW TOYS**  
**\*ALCOHOL MUST BE PROVIDED BY A PARENT**

**YEARS 5 & 6 – AS ABOVE BUT NO ALCOHOL UNLESS PROVIDED BY A PARENT**

**PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO SCHOOL HALL 8.15AM-8.45AM**  
**FRIDAY 23RD JUNE (NO CAKES PLEASE)**  
**FRIDAY 30TH JUNE (NO CAKES PLEASE)**  
**FRIDAY 7TH JULY**

**Donations are greatly Appreciated!**



## Storyteller event



**WHO?** Ian Douglas, Storyteller

**WHEN?** Sat 17th June 10.30am-11.30am, 1.30pm-2.30pm, 3.30pm-4.30pm

**WHERE?** How brave is the wren bookshop / 4 York Road / Kings Heath / B14 7RZ

Ian Douglas is a Storyteller and Theatre Maker who works extensively across the British Isles. With over 20 years of experience delivering storytelling, performance and theatre activities he has developed a practised approach which mixes sensitivity, comedic energy and wit leading to a style all of his own

If you ask nicely he may tell us Story & Truth, which is How brave is the wren was created with Ian, as a book beautifully illustrated by Ben Javens and brought to life by the generous donations of many amazing people, through a crowdfunding campaign during the lockdown days of 2021.

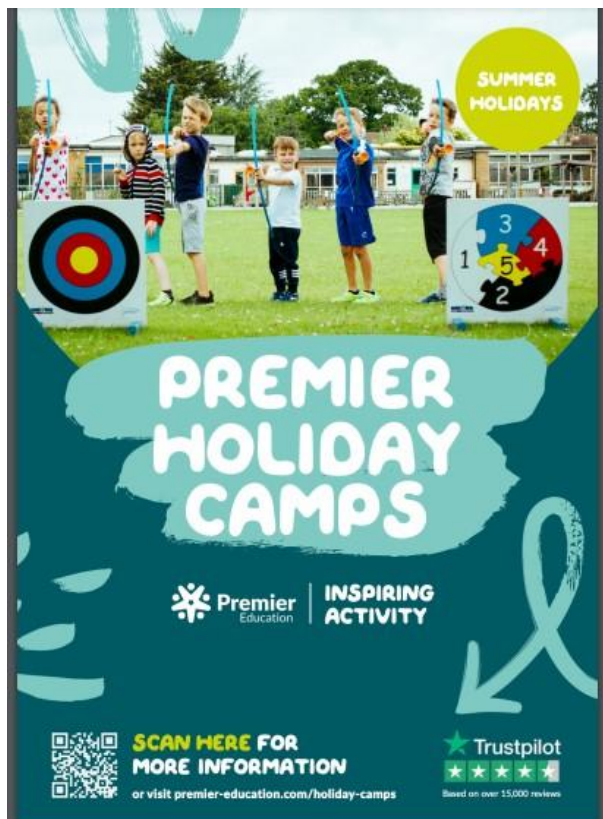
**THIS IS NOT TO BE MISSED!!**

**HOW MUCH?** Tickets are FREE but booking is advised

<https://howbraveisthewren.com/product/ian-douglas-storyteller/>



# Summer Holiday Camp



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### BENTLEY HEATH SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP!

Premier Education are pleased to announce that we will be running a Multi-Activity Holiday Camp at Bentley Heath Primary School this summer. Children will need a packed lunch, a water bottle and appropriate clothing for plenty of FUN activities!

| VENUE   | DATE  | AGE             | TIME        | DAILY PRICE |
|---|---|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bentley Heath Primary School, Widney Close, B93 9AS | Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> July - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> August | 4 -12 years old | 9am - 4pm * | £26.92      |

\*4-year-old children are welcome and can attend our camps between 9am - 1pm (£15.38)

**WHAT TO EXPECT:** There is always a wide range of new and engaging activities on our camps! From Dodgeball, Dance and Archery to Arts and Crafts, Fencing and Football. There really is something for every child, with plenty of opportunities to learn new skills, make friends and create memories!


**TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR DISCOUNTS BELOW:**  
Discounts are automatically applied at checkout.

| DISCOUNT | DISCOUNTED PRICE | START DATE | END DATE   |
|----------|------------------|------------|------------|
| 30% off  | £18.84 per day   | 22/05/2023 | 23/06/2023 |
| 20% off  | £21.53 per day   | 24/06/2023 | 07/07/2023 |
| 15% off  | £22.88 per day   | 08/07/2023 | 14/07/2023 |

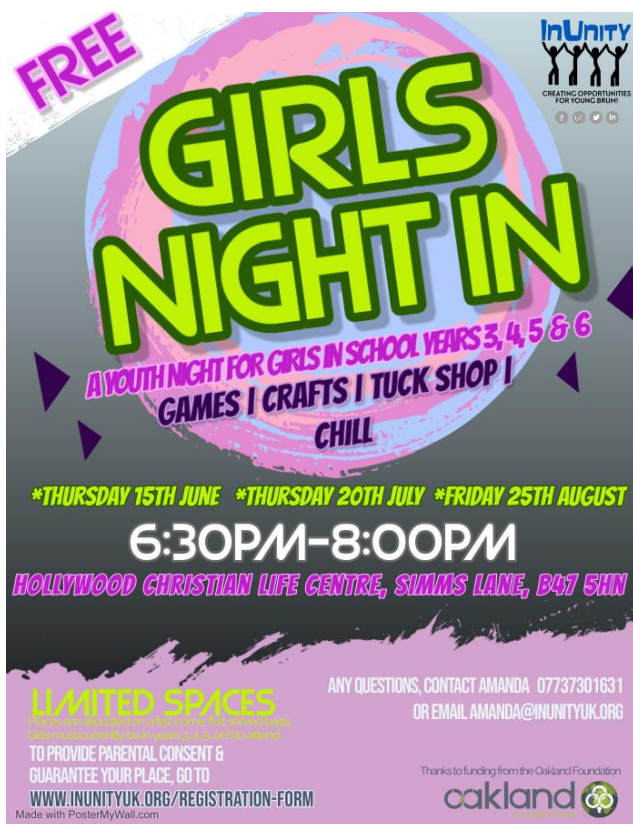
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## Youth Night For Girls



**FREE GIRLS NIGHT IN**

A YOUTH NIGHT FOR GIRLS IN SCHOOL YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6  
GAMES | CRAFTS | TUCK SHOP | CHILL

\*THURSDAY 15TH JUNE \*THURSDAY 20TH JULY \*FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST

**6:30PM-8:00PM**

HOLLYWOOD CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTRE, SIMMS LANE, B47 5HN

**LIMITED SPACES**  
Places are limited and will be on a first come first served basis.  
Once places are full, you will be notified via email.

TO PROVIDE PARENTAL CONSENT & GUARANTEE YOUR PLACE, GO TO  
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ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT AMANDA 07737301631  
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