

# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter Friday 16th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, I hope that you have all had a good week and are very much looking forward to the Christmas holidays with your children. It has been a fabulous week in school and therefore there is much to share!

#### Christmas Fayre - thank you!

I want to say a huge thank you to all of our families who attended the Christmas Fayre last Friday evening. It was a cold evening but that didn't stop us from having a great turnout and your support was hugely appreciated. Thanks to this support we took over £2,000 which was fantastic and will, once again, make a huge difference to resources that we can provide for the children across the school.

I also want to extend our gratitude to our amazing Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) who once again worked tirelessly in both the build-up to the event and on the evening itself to make it such a success. We are incredibly lucky to have such a committed PTA, which is why we are always looking for new additions to the team. If you're interested, please contact our PTA Chair: Jemma Plumb at thecoppiceschoolpta@gmail.com

A massive thank you also all of The Coppice staff who stayed to help set-up and run the event – it couldn't happen without both PTA and staff working closely together.

#### **Amazing Nativities!**

This week, we had our Year 1 and Year 2 nativities and I can't even begin to tell you the joy that they have brought everyone. These performances, held in front of parents, carers and grandparents, were magical occasions that will live long in the memory for those who attended.

The children were absolutely incredible and the pride I felt watching them perform was immense. They were a credit to the school, their teachers, their families and, most of all, themselves. The singing was beautiful, the acting expressive and the dancing graceful. What impressed me the most though was the confidence that the children showed throughout. Lines had been learnt to perfection and were delivered beautifully and the smiles on the children's faces were a joy to behold. What amazing children we have here! Huge praise must go to the staff too for guiding and directing the children so well – they did a fabulous job!

#### **Choir at Shawhurst sheltered housing:**

On Tuesday of this week, our school choir went to the Shawhurst Sheltered Housing complex on Shawhurst Lane in order to sing a range of Christmas carols to the elderly residents. This is something that our choir used to do all the time pre-pandemic and so it was fantastic to be able to do this again. We also fully intend for this to become an annual event. The visit was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by the residents, so much so that they recorded a lovely thank message to the children. I've included the link below if you'd like to see it.





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They also wrote this to us:

'I cannot thank you enough for the lovely visit we had from the school at our independent living scheme. The residents absolutely loved the singing and were so touched with the efforts the children made. All of the students were excellent and showed great affection – a true asset to the school. Thank you for your time and support! Until next year, have a great Christmas and Happy New Year!'

#### **Nursery and Reception singalongs:**

A huge well done to all of our Nursery and Reception children for their Christmas singalongs this week. Everyone was extremely proud of the children for their performances – they were amazing!

#### **School Council Elections:**

The last two weeks have seen all of the year group candidates for the School Council presenting their campaign speeches. Thanks to Miss. Franklin and Miss. Danby, the children have had a great 'real-life' election experience. Passionate speeches have been delivered to the watching voters, votes have been confidentially cast in a ballot box and results delivered after a carefully observed count.

We have been bowled over by the enthusiasm, confidence and articulate way that the children have put over their manifestos. All of the watching staff have felt such pride in seeing our children seizing the opportunity to express what is important to them and how they see our school developing further in the future.

I therefore want to say a huge thank you and well done to all of the children, both candidates and voters, for how they have engaged so positively with this process. Thank you too to parents and carers for encouraging your children and for helping them to prepare. Obviously there have been children elected and others not. However, despite this, what has really stood out has been the amazing way that all of the children have supported each other and graciously congratulated those who were voted in. What a fantastic attitude to have! **Now for the results:** 

Year 3	Daria (3K)	
	Evelyn (3L)	
	Blake (3L)	
Year 4	Florence (4J)	
	Maddison (4MW)	
	Maeva (4AW)	
Year 5	Ellie-May (5F)	
	Emilka (5F)	
	Daniel (5D)	
Year 6	Seth (6W)	
	Evie (6RC)	
	Poppy (6LC)	

#### Goodbye swimming pool...for now!!

We say farewell to our temporary swimming pool this week but, don't worry, because we have already booked its return for September 2023! We have been thrilled with how successful this initiative has been and with the growth of water confidence that we have seen in our children because of it. We can't wait for its return!

#### Kesia's piano success!

A huge well done to Kesia, from Year 4, who passed her first piano exam with a merit! She had to perform 3 pieces, play a selection of scales, sight read a previously unseen short piece and answer some aural questions. Incredibly, she only started lessons a year ago so this is a great achievement! Well done Kesia – we can't wait to hear how your musical journey continues in the future! We are very proud of you Kesia!



#### Maiya Panto performances!

Congratulations to Maiya, from Year 5, who performed in the production of Beauty and The Beast at The Solihull Theatre last Saturday night. This was her first performance and she still has eleven more to go. Maiya was chosen after a rigorous audition process and is thoroughly enjoying the experience. The last show day for Maiya is the closing show on 2nd Jan. Like Kesia, we are also very proud of you Maiya!



### Thank you to all of you!

I want to end this final newsletter of 2022 by saying a huge thank you to you all for your support of the school, your children and me personally over the course of this term. Once again, I have loved every minute of the term and, every day, I wake up and think about how lucky I am to serve this wonderful community. Working with children brings you a joy and pleasure that can't be found anywhere else in my opinion. Our nativities this week summed this up perfectly.

As I said last week though, my job is only possible because of the fantastic team of staff who I work with. The dedication, on a daily basis, that they give to the children in their care is amazing and it is a privilege to work with them.

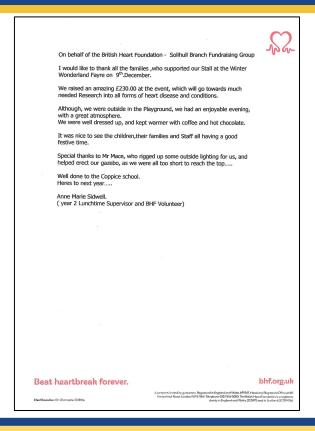
That just leaves me to say that everyone at The Coppice hopes that you all have a wonderful, festive season with your children and loved ones and we all wish you the very best for the New Year. As always, we look forward to seeing you all again on <u>Wednesday 4th January 2023</u> when school reopens.

Kind regards and take care everyone,

Mr. Hutt (Headteacher)

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