



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 18th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, I hope that you've all had a good week and are looking forward to the forthcoming week's holiday. After a hard-working half-term, I know that staff, parents and children will all be looking forward to a well-earned break from routine and a chance to spend some quality time with family and friends.

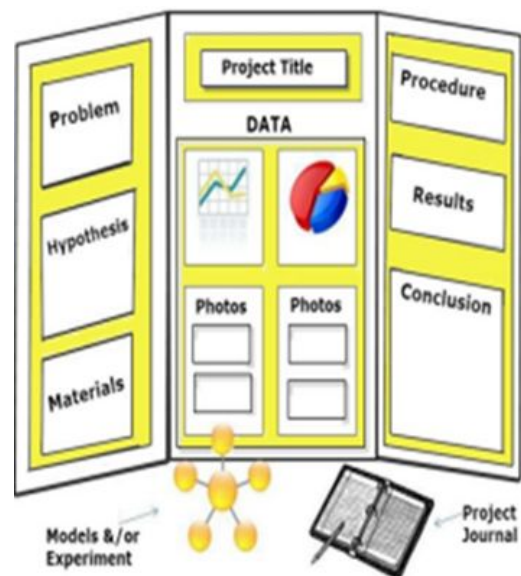
### **Science fair – exciting news!**

We are excited to announce that our Coppice Science Fair is back for 2022 and will take place during the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> March. This will be an inspiring week for the children and will be packed full of science-based assemblies, learning and stories as well as visits from some parents and carers who work in a science profession. There will also be a science gadget sale on the playground after school three times during the week and more information will follow about this in future newsletters. Once again though, our fantastic PTA have kindly offered to run these stalls. The week's events have been organised by our Year 1 and Science Leader: Mrs. Tomkinson and I'd like to thank her for all of her hard work in putting the week together. I know the children will greatly enjoy it!

In advance of the week itself, we are running a science project competition for which Mrs. Tomkinson has put together the following information if your child would like to take part:

There will be prizes for each of the categories:

- 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?', 'What would life be like if I spent a month on the international space station?' or '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.

Once 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 above).

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.

Display boards must have the child's name, class and year group clearly visible. All projects need to be in school by Friday 25th March. Judging will take place during the week of the 28th March and a panel of judges will help to choose the best projects.

For the children: We can't wait to see your projects and we wish you all the very best with them! Good luck children!

### **World Book Day:**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March is our World Book Day in school and we are very much looking forward to celebrating the joy and importance of reading throughout the day. As I've said before, reading is the 'key to the door' that unlocks so many opportunities for our children. It releases their imagination, enables them to learn more and to gain knowledge, ensures that they progress and gives them a skill that will bring them endless benefits in the future. This is why, as a school, we place so much importance on reading, not just on World Book Day but every day. However, to have a particular day in the year that is purely centred around celebrating the joy of books is a wonderful thing to have and it's going to be a great day!

Mr.Laight, our English Leader in school), has organised the day's events and, as with Mrs. Tomkinson, I'd like to thank him for his time spent doing so. Mr. Laight has included an item about the day which you can read further on in this newsletter so make sure that you keep reading!

### **Scooters on the playground:**

Just a quick reminder to all parents and carers that children are not allowed to ride scooters around the playground at the end of the day. This is for the children's safety and for the safety of others when the playground is particularly crowded. We recognise that scooters are a healthy means of getting around, which obviously we would encourage. However, I know that you will all understand that a crowded playground is not the ideal place to be doing this. Thank you in advance for your support with this message.

### **Celebration assemblies:**

I can't believe that we are once again looking forward to our next set of Celebration Assemblies for years 1-6 on the first Monday back after half-term. It will be fantastic to celebrate our children's achievements across the range of subjects and to hear the reasons for why the children, who receive awards and trophies, have gained them. Recognising our children's hard work and achievements is an integral part of everything that we do here at The Coppice, which is why the introduction of these awards, the re-launch of our house system, the increased profile of team points and the launch of recognition boards were so important to me when I became Head in September.

Celebration Assembly is for every year group from Nursery through to Year 6. We don't give trophies or medals in Early Years but we do give celebration certificates. Only today, my Deputy Mrs. Ashwell and I presented certificates to our Reception children. Once again it was an absolute joy to see how thrilled the children were to be presented with a certificate and how thrilled their classmates were for their friends who received them. Nursery children will receive certificates in the first week back after half-term – another very special time that I always look forward to!

I want to end by wishing you all a lovely weekend and half-term holiday week. We greatly look forward to welcoming the children bright and early on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February and to hearing about what they've been up to over the holiday. Thank you for your support over the course of this half-term – it is very much appreciated by all of us.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher)


# Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



## Goodbye

We are sadly saying farewell to two key staff members today. Firstly Mrs Giles (Y5 teacher) will be leaving us to go on maternity leave as she is due to have her second child in a few weeks. We wish her all the best with her new little bundle of joy. The good news is though is that Mrs Giles will return at some point in the future. Secondly we are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Emery from the school office. She has been a constant smiling face to all during her 8 years at The Coppice and we thank her for all her hard work and dedication. Good Luck in your new job Mrs Emery, we will miss you.

## School Council Bulletin

 The Coppice Primary School

**School Council Meeting Agenda**

Meeting Date and Time	15/02/22
Attendees	Full Council Miss Keogh

Each meeting, this form will be completed in advance, to ensure that the meeting follows a clear agenda. **This will be completed by the Secretary of the Council.**

Introduction- matters to be raised.	Volunteers and dates, location
Issues to be discussed	Follow up on ready.
Fundraiser	Advertising
<input type="checkbox"/> What are we raising money for?	Designing for playground / stage
<input type="checkbox"/> What date shall we choose?	Library Event 1 1/2 mainly
<input type="checkbox"/> Advertising.	Talk about meeting the reading ambassadors and Mr Lujke
<input type="checkbox"/> Getting volunteers.	Reading challenge
	Outdoor area    Badge statue    Voters from class
Issues to raise from Key Stage 1	Child interactive equipment
	Any other business?
	Pokeron Cards

This week, the full Council met with Miss Keogh to feed back on their fundraising ideas.

To the left are our meeting minutes, written by Jacob.

The Council will be hosting a fundraiser around Easter-time, where we will host an egg hunt and a bake sale. We are creating posters and eggs ready for that now.

All funds will go towards creating a sensory garden in our school. Councillors will now return to class to ask their peers for baking volunteers.

Over half term, they will be making eggs in preparation for our fundraiser.

# World Book Day at The Coppice

World Book Day is coming up on Thursday 3rd March. At Coppice, we love to read and so we're greatly looking forward to a day of celebrating and enjoying books. Here's what you need to know about World Book Day at Coppice:

As with previous years, we will not be asking for children to dress up as characters for World Book Day. We want the day to be a celebration of books rather than costumes. Instead, we invite children to come to school on the 3rd in 'cosy clothes' (e.g. pyjamas and dressing gowns) and to bring a favourite book with them to share with their friends. They can also bring slippers, a cushion and/or a teddy. This is to ensure that part of the day can be used for cosy reading for pleasure.

If children don't want to come in their pyjamas/dressing gown, they can choose to come in their school uniform. If the children do come to school wearing their cosy clothes, it is important that you ensure that they have a coat and appropriate footwear for break and lunch times.

There will be no charge for this non-uniform day: we warmly encourage parents, if you're able to, to spend any money that would've previously bought costumes on books for your child/ren. We'll be sending the £1 World Book Day vouchers home with the children as always. These can be exchanged for any of the World Book Day books or used to get a discount of £1 off any book that costs £2.99 or more. You can have a look at the books for this year (and get a preview of what's inside) by following [this link](#).

Lastly, if you're feeling creative, we invite you to participate in our 'book spud' competition. You will need a potato (or decent-sized pebble) to transform into a character from a book. You can find ideas here:

Mr Hutt, Mrs Ashwell and Mr Laight will (anonymously) choose three winners who will all be allowed to choose a book from the Scholastic shop. Mr Laight knows a lot about children's books so he will sit with them and help them to choose something they'll really enjoy.





# Vacancy at Woodrush School



## Woodrush High School

2022 Vacancies



### **Assistant Facilities Manager - Technical**

37 hours per week, full year

25 days holiday plus bank holidays

SCP 13 – 16 (£22,627 to £24,012 per annum)

Closing 9am on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022

If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested in these roles, please contact [hr@woodrush.org](mailto:hr@woodrush.org) for more information

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## 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/>

