



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 20th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you've all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children. It's been another exciting and busy week at The Coppice and I honestly can't believe that there is only one more week of school until the half-term break.

Young Voices 2022:

On Monday afternoon and evening, six of our staff: Miss. Keight, Mrs. Bellamy, Ms. Croft, Mrs. Tonks, Mrs. Marks and Miss. Whitehouse accompanied forty-two of our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Choir Club children to The Young Voices 'Raise The Roof' singing event at The Resorts World Arena at the NEC where they performed alongside many other schools from around the West Midlands. This is an event that we have always attended but, unfortunately, we had not been able to do so for over two years due to the pandemic. It was therefore a joy to be back and served as a further reminder of what it means to be able to partake in these types of events again. **Please see the photos later on in this newsletter.**

The feedback from both the staff that went and the parents, carers and other relatives, who attended in the evening to watch the completed performance, was truly amazing. Everyone commented on what a magical event this was to be part of and to witness and it was noted just how fantastic The Coppice children were, both in their performance and behaviour. We are therefore extremely proud of everyone that took part and I want to extend a huge thank you to the staff for taking the children. I think it was nearly midnight when everyone got to bed, which meant some tired individuals on Tuesday morning. However, it was definitely worth it and we can't wait to be back again next year!

Parent and Carer questionnaire – thank you!

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who took time to complete the online questionnaire we sent out and for giving their feedback on the school. As I said last week, this is invaluable information that will help enormously with our school development process. What pleased me immensely is that the last time I sent this questionnaire out, when I was Acting Head during the summer of the last academic year, we received eighty-six responses. However, this time, there was a much greater level of completion and we had one hundred and sixty-two responses, which was getting on for half of our families.

Very pleasingly, the overwhelming majority of answers to the questions asked were very positive. I will be sharing the results of the survey with you after half-term when we have analysed them thoroughly.

Well done Year 2!

I want to say a massive well done to our Year 2 pupils for the fantastic attitude that they have shown towards their SAT tests over the last few weeks and we are very proud of each and every one of them! I was in their classrooms yesterday, just before they started their last test, and their smiles and fabulous attitude filled me with pride. After two years of disrupted education, they have coped incredibly well. I also want to thank the staff for their dedication and hard work in teaching the children as expertly as they have and for ensuring that the children have felt positive about their tests and were thoroughly well-prepared for the challenge. Well done everyone!

Congratulations School Council!

Big congratulations to our School Council this week after their campaigning and resilience resulted in two important changes in school being agreed. Firstly, after a petition was started by members of the Council to canvas the junior children's opinions on whether I should be approached to consider overturning my decision to not allow Pokemon cards to be traded in school at breaktimes and lunchtimes, the subsequent results showed that a large number of children wanted the Council to do this. This resulted in me having a sit-down meeting with three members of the Council: Hamzah (Chairperson and Year 6 Councillor), Seth (Year 5 Councillor) and Alfie (Year 3 Councillor) – **see picture below.**

At the meeting the boys presented their rationale and I presented my reasons for why I hadn't wanted the cards in school. However, the boys asked whether, if they could offer an agreeable solution, would I reconsider my decision. Hearing the arguments and possible solution put forward, which was to provide a safe space one lunchtime a week (supervised by an adult) where children could trade cards for fifteen minutes, made me think that I could reconsider. I asked the children to write to the staff and see if they could get any volunteers to supervise the trading session. It was therefore great news when a number of teachers came forward to offer their time. A timetable was then drawn up and the solution had been found!

A similar process was also pursued by The Council with regards to the children being allowed a small amount of ketchup with some of their lunches. After discussions with Chef Matt were held, he agreed that their proposal was a good one and therefore a healthy amount of low salt, low sugar ketchup will be allowed from now on with certain meals. **See the children with Chef Matt below.**

I think you'll agree that the above are great examples of compromise and of democracy in action. It also shows what can be achieved when children thoughtfully put their mind to issues they feel strongly about. I'm so pleased that we relaunched The School Council this year and the positives are there for all to see. You can see a very happy School Council with me below.



Year 6 entrepreneurial spirit!

Year 6 did themselves proud last weekend when they set up a street car wash in order that they could raise money towards their end-of-year leavers' celebrations – **see photos below**. The children worked extremely hard and raised an amazing £370.00! The children had a fantastic time and gave a fabulous account of themselves to all of those who helped them organise the event and all of their customers who had asked to have their cars washed – well done Year 6!

One of our parents: Mrs. Green (Amelia's mum) wrote to school and informed us:

'The children did a great job and they were all so polite and well behaved. There were so many great comments from those who witnessed the event. The children represented themselves and the school impeccably. It is clear that The Coppice Way is building them into lovely, young people.'



PE shorts and cycling shorts:

I have decided that, after the half-term break, children can come to school on their PE days wearing their PE shorts or cycling shorts rather than jogging bottoms if they'd like to. This will bring the PE kit expectations in line with the summer uniform policy of allowing children to wear smart shorts. Obviously, PE shorts or leggings must continue to be navy blue in colour. Also in line with the uniform policy, this decision will run until October half-term when we revert to the winter uniform expectations.

Jubilee celebrations, Jubilee books and commemorative badges:

If you haven't had chance to read the email communication that I sent out on Monday regarding our Jubilee celebrations in school next Wednesday (25th) then please make sure that you do so in order that you can be fully prepared. This will be an exciting day for the children and we have lots planned. At the end of the day, your child will be given a fabulous book all about the Queen and the Jubilee and they will also receive a commemorative Jubilee badge that was kindly given by Wythall Parish Council.

In addition Chef Matt has changed Thursday's menu to a British classic - Fish & Chips - be sure to visit Parent Pay to review your meal choice - thank you.

That just leaves me wish you all a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming the children bright and early on Monday morning for our last week before the half-term break.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher)

Young Voices Choir Concert

Our choir pupils, assisted by Ms Croft, Miss Keight, Mrs Tonks, Mrs Marks, Mrs Bellamy and Miss Whitehouse had a very long but fun filled and exciting day at Young Voices on Monday. They were part of a mass school choir of over 4,500 children representing 99 schools from all over the region. All the choirs have been practising the songs and actions since September and they finally came together at the Resorts World Arena on Monday after a 4 month delay due to Covid restrictions. They had a three hour rehearsal and then it was concert time. The atmosphere was amazing as they performed alongside the street dance group, Urban Strides, the group The Overtones and Ruti (from The Voice). Families and friends in the audience were invited to join in with the dancing and singing and it was a wonderful family night out. The children were, as always a credit to the school in both behaviour and attitude- which was great as they were on the front row and feature in the video which is available. The concert finished at 8.45pm and although the children were very tired they had had an unforgettable experience which they will always remember.

Thank you to all the children who committed to choir, learned their lyrics and dance moves like professionals and a huge thank you to Ms Croft and her helpers for taking the children.

Comments from the children and their parents were overwhelmingly positive. One parent explained how choir had really helped to boost their child's confidence and she was so pleased that they had been able to have been a part of the night. The children said "It was the best night ever!", "I never thought it was going to be that good!" and "It was just brilliant... noisy and enlightening!"



Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate

Last week we were unable to have our Hot Chocolate reward for our Star of The Week children so this week we celebrated twice!



School Council briefing

This week, we had a really successful School Council meeting! The Council have managed to:

- Meet with the Eco Committee to discuss their pre-loved sale, which we will help them out with next week.
- Solve the Pokemon Card issue. After a petition, a meeting and a persuasive letter, teachers have now volunteered to open their classrooms for a Pokemon swap shop! What a success for our democratic process!
- Solve the sauces issue. Chef Matt has agreed to introduce Ketchup on certain days of the week.
- Discuss our plans for the Quad's development. The PTA are happy for us to buy and plant a small section of the Quad and we can't wait to get stuck in when September rolls around.

Sports Days

The dates for our sports day will be as follows

Monday 13th June - Year 3 and Year 4

Tuesday 14th June - Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday 15th June - Year 5 and Year 6



Reception and Nursery will confirm their plans shortly.

All sports days will begin at 1.30pm. Parents/carers are invited to come and watch. They can enter the field via the to gate by the astro turf but not until all the children have left the playground after lunch. Further details giving more arrangements will be issued the week prior to the events.

Year 5 Bikeability

Some of our Year 5 pupils will be out and about in the immediate area around school next week when they take part in their cycling training. They will practice in the playground and will then be allowed out on to the local streets to use their new cycling skills. Please watch out for them!

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale



Preloved Uniform Sale

Come and support our Eco Committee, School Council and PTA event!

Tuesday 24th May 8:30am-9:00am in the Junior Hall.

Thursday 26th May 3:00pm-3:30pm on the Junior playground.

We are asking for voluntary donations for all items as our main aim is to provide homes for all preloved uniforms.

Help us to help the planet!

Did you know...

- 1.4 million wearable school uniforms are thrown away each year
- A child wears more than 500 pieces of uniform over their school life
- Parents/carers spend approximately £6,000 in total on school uniform
- 50% of families own items of clothing they have never worn

*We are currently taking donations for preloved uniform in good condition that has been washed. Please send any donations to the school office.

Class photographs arrangements

Class photographs will be taken on Monday 23rd May. Details should be in your year group newsletter but here is a reminder.

Nursery- All Nursery children are invited to attend at 8.55am on Monday. If a Monday is not your usual day to attend, please bring your Nursery child, in full uniform, to the church doors. The photo will be taken at 9.00am so please be prompt.

Reception- The photograph will take place during the morning - please remember to send your child in full uniform.

Year 1 - The photograph will be taken during the morning - please remember to send your child in full uniform.

Year 2 - Please send your child in full school uniform and send in items to be worn for India day in a bag.

Year 3 - Please remember to send your child in full uniform.

Year 4 - The photograph will be taken during the morning - please remember to send your child in full uniform.

Year 5 - 5F & children in 5W doing Bikeability on Monday - Please come to school in full uniform but bring Bikeability clothing in a bag.

5F- if not doing Bikeability on Monday please come in full school uniform.

5BG - Please send your child in full school uniform and send in PE kit in a bag.

Year 6 - 6K Please send your child in full school uniform and send in PE kit in a bag.

6C Please send your child in full school uniform and send in PE kit in a bag.

6G - Please send your child in full uniform.

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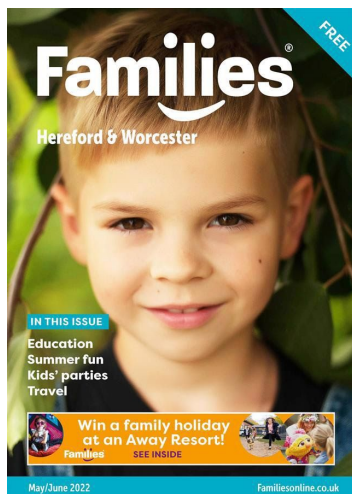
Outstanding activity day camps for 4-14
year olds this Summer at King Edward VI
High School for Girls, Edgbaston

ultimateactivity.co.uk 0330 111 7077

Link to Families magazine

Here is **the LINK to the May/June issue** of Families Hereford & Worcester digital magazine

https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/famh_wmayjune22digital?fr=sNjEzMjQ5MzY4MTQ



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