

# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter Friday 23rd 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 an amazing week in school and there is lots and lots to share with you all, hence a bumper edition of the newsletter!

#### Amazing Mrs. Small is recognised with 'Silver Unsung Hero National Teaching Award'!

I'm sure that many of you will remember that a couple of months ago, I wrote in this newsletter that our Thrive Practitioner: Mrs. Elaine Small was nominated in the 'Unsung Hero' category for The Pearson Publishing National Teaching Awards.



There was quite a wait to receive the result because thousands and thousands of nominations were received from all over the country. From these thousands of entries, there could only be 100 'silver' winners' from all the different categories. I am, therefore, incredibly thrilled to announce that Mrs. Small was chosen as one of those hundred winners! We had in fact known for a few weeks that she had been chosen. However, there was a strict embargo on announcing the result until the 'Thank a Teacher' day, which was on Wednesday. Once I had been informed of the result, I then, in conjunction with a small, trusted team: Mrs. Ashwell, Mrs. Blundell, Miss. Carter, Ms. Croft and Mr. Webster, set about arranging and organising two, large-scale celebration assemblies which incorporated thanking **ALL** of our staff here at The Coppice (whatever their role) for their dedication and constant hard work in ensuring that we have a fantastic school and, of course, celebrating Mrs. Small individually. On Wednesday (Key Stage 1) and Reception), these assemblies went ahead with different year groups singing songs they'd learned, our gymnasts (of all ages) showing off their incredible choreographed routines and tumbling skills and finally, our fabulous choir ending the show with their beautiful and powerful singing. These were truly memorable events and were a fitting tribute to The Coppice Staff as a whole and Mrs. Small individually.

Mrs. Small has worked at this school for twenty-five years and is a Coppice legend! Her selfless passion for what she does in school has made a huge, positive impact on the lives of hundreds of children, as well as countless members of staff and wider family and friends of the school. She is always there, always checking on everyone and always making time to ask how they. Supporting children and others is in her DNA and she really is a remarkable and special person - everyone loves her! Children, and adults, don't forget someone who truly, truly cares, which is why no-one, who has ever known her, ever forgets her!

As a school, we are extremely blessed to have so many brilliant members of staff who contribute so much every day. However, for the commitment and joy that she has brought and continues to bring to our school every day, and the difference that she has made to so many children over many years, I can't think of anyone who deserves this recognition more than Mrs. Small!



#### The Coppice achieves a silver 'School Games Mark' Award!

Awards are coming thick and fast at The Coppice and we are thrilled to also announce that The Coppice Primary School has been awarded the School Games 'Silver Mark' for the academic year 2022/2023. The School Games Mark is a Government-led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Participating in this process allows schools to evaluate their Physical Education provision and assists them in developing an action plan for future progress. In order to achieve this status, we had to successfully pass the following criteria:

-Maintain and grow our school's engagement in the School Games and the delivery of a minimum of 60 active minutes per week in school. We do over double that here at The Coppice with two Physical Education lessons and our break and lunchtime provision.

-Create positive experiences by ensuring physical activity and competition provision is designed to reflect the motivation, competence and confidence of our children and has a clear intent.

-Create positive experiences that support the character development of targeted young people.

-Advocate to key stakeholders how the School Games makes a meaningful difference to the lives of our children, including engaging and educating Parents and Carers in how they can be part of facilitating this at home and with their support for what we do here.

Linked to the above, we have had a super sporting year with our Year 5 and 6 boys winning the County indoor athletics final, winning a Year 5 and 6 tag rugby competition, winning the Year 3 and Year 4 'Quicksticks' hockey competition, competing in the 'Panathlon' and, finally, having the opportunity to compete in the outdoor athletics at Abbey Stadium, next month. Well done to all of the children for their sporting efforts this year and a huge thanks to all of our school staff for their commitment to PE and School Sport. Our Silver Mark logo will now feature on school letters and the certificate will be displayed within school. Next year, Miss Wells and Mr. Edwards will be aiming for the Gold award and I honestly believe that, with everything we do, we will achieve it. Watch this space!



#### Year 1 trip to Sandwell Valley:

The Year 1 children had a fantastic time at Sandwell Valley Nature Reserve this week. They learned about many different types of birds, looked at their nests, identified them by their song, and even went into the bird hide to spot many water birds. They also enjoyed a pond-dipping session where they collected and identified over sixteen types of pond life! There was definitely a mix of weather but a fantastic time was had by all learning outside. The Sandwell Valley Reserve staff all commented on how knowledgeable our children were and they could tell the children were very familiar with the outdoor environment. As you all know, we do value our Forest Ranger sessions each week!

A big thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who helped to make the trips such fun. The children's behaviour was exemplary and it was commented on many times during the day. Well done children!



#### Year 2 trip to The Botanical Gardens:

Year Two had a super day at Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Tuesday. Despite the unfortunate morning of weather, the children were able to explore the hot houses and grounds, looking at different types of plants and their main parts. There was a super interactive teaching session where the children learned about the different conditions plants need to grow and how bees play an important part in this process. The children thoroughly enjoyed this trip, as you can see form the photos below, and, as with Year 1, their behaviour was also exemplary and commented on. We are super proud of you children – well done for showing The Coppice Way off so well!







#### Year 6 trip to The Big Bang Fair:

Year 6 children had a fantastic time on Wednesday and Thursday exploring the Big Bang Fair at the NEC. The school staff in attendance commented on how lovely it was to see how excited and engaged the children were looking around the different stalls which were based around careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). The children were able to both observe and take part in a range of activities which included building circuits, Virtual Reality experiences based around job roles in the RAF, driving remote control cars, holding insects and much more. As well as looking around all the stalls, the children also watched a science show which had some very impressive demonstrations. One of our children: Reuben was even chosen to help out on stage (see below right) All the children said what a brilliant time they had and came back to school inspired about the careers they had learnt about, which is exactly what we hoped would happen.







#### Year 6 Business Enterprise:

Next Thursday, our Year 6 children will be holding their enterprise event after school on the Junior playground from 3pm (weather permitting). We are currently participating in a project run by Virgin called 'make £5.00 grow'. Using their £5.00, the children have created their own ideas for a stall to try and make a profit. Last year's Year 6 children managed to raise enough money to pay for a history workshop and contribute towards the cost of our Big Bang trip. It would be amazing if the children could raise enough money to do something similar to leave as their legacy for the current Year 5 children. They have been working really hard on this project and are all very excited. We would really appreciate your support so please come along next Thursday if you can make it!

#### Bethany to perform in The Wizard of Oz!

We are very pleased to let you all know that Bethany, from Year 5, has been cast in The Wizard of Oz at the Palace Theatre in July. It is the first production she has been cast in after auditioning so, as a school, we are thrilled that she has been chosen to be in the performance. Well done Bethany!

Tickets can be bought over the phone from the box office and the cast member with the most bookings also gets a prize. Therefore, if you do decide that you'd like to go and watch the production and are booking tickets, it would be great if you could please mention Bethany Scott's name as a reference.



That just leaves me to wish you all a lovely weekend – I hope you have enjoyed reading about all of the fantastic things that have happened at The Coppice this week. As always, we look forward to welcoming the children bright and early on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher)

### Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



### PTA Summer Revel 7th July

### 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

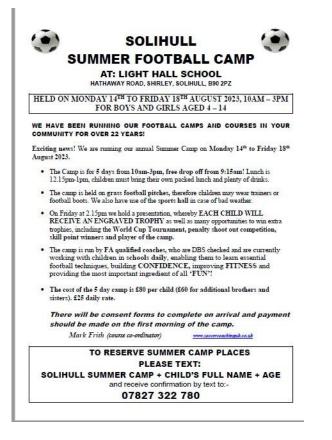
YEARS 5 & 6 - AS ABOVE BUT NO ALCOHOL UNLESS PROVIDED BY A PARENT

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



## HOMERANDA HOMERANDA HE CORPICE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS SUMMER REVEL FRIDAY 7TH JULY 5.00PM-8.30PM £2.00 PER ADULT (KIDS UNDER 16 FREE) PAY ON ENTRANCE

### Summer Camps







\*Hollywood United FC Football Camp\*

In 5 weeks we will be kicking off our summer football camp and will be running for 4 weeks over the holidays - with football pitches and equipment all on site we are ready and raring to go!!! 🛞



<u>Ages</u> For 5 to 12 years old <u>Hours</u> 8:30am - 3:30pm Price

Price £18 per day Or book all 3 days for a reduced fee of £50

We have indoor facilities for break / lunchtimes and for activities and games. Children will need to bring their own pack lunch and refreshments will be provided.

> Location – Woodrush Rugby/Football Club Icknield Street, Birmingham, B38 OEL.

All coaches are FA Qualified, Enhanced DBS and are First Aid trained!

Please contact ASAP if you are interested for your child as places are limited. Many thanks Jamie Petty 07833 085170 jay.petty38@yahoo.co.uk HUFC Head Coach & Weffare Officer

### **Community News**



Thank you for reading our Whole School Newsletter. Now click on the link below to access your Year Group Newsletters.

Click here

CONTACT US

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

Newsletter-<u>http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/</u>

PTA-<u>https://www.pta-events.co.uk/coppice/#.Wv1BYDQvypo</u>

Official Facebook page- https://www.facebook.com/coppiceps/

PTA Facebook group—<u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/320191721984039/</u>