



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 24th March 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:

### **Parents' Evening:**

Thank you again to all of you who attended this week's Parents' Meetings. As I said last week, your support for your children is very much appreciated. I have spoken to lots of the teaching staff over the last couple of days and they have been really pleased and happy with how these meetings have gone and the feedback that they have received from you regarding the children and the progress that they are making.

Both during and after the meetings, I received some really lovely feedback from Parents and Carers that made me feel extremely proud about the work that we do as a school and the standards that we achieve with our pupils across the breadth of the curriculum. There were also many numerous examples of praise for our staff. Many of you commented on the fact that you couldn't believe the high level of work and content that the children are accessing in a primary school. It is great that this has been recognised and we are extremely grateful that it has been.

We have worked incredibly hard as a school on our curriculum to ensure that our children get a broad and balanced education through high-quality teaching and learning across all subject disciplines. It is vitally important to us here that 'No talent goes undiscovered' at The Coppice and this can only be achieved by ensuring that our curriculum enables this to happen. This is why **every** subject is incredibly important. We want to discover who our geographers, historians, musicians, mathematicians, writers, readers, artists, sports people, linguists, designers and scientists are.

As a school, we also want to thank you for your on-going support of your children at home. Once again, it is all about working in partnership together and this is something that we truly value at The Coppice. We are now looking forward to seeing more of you at next week's meetings.

### **Amazing feedback on some of Year 6 Parents' Meeting guides:**

As well as the fantastic comments that we had about our curriculum and standards, we also had some glowing praise for some of our Year 6 pupils who acted as guides at the Parents' meetings. Their role was to 'meet and greet' Parents and Carers and guide them to the halls where they could meet their children and look at work with them. Obviously, we expect our pupils to exhibit 'The Coppice Way' when doing roles like this but it is a great feeling when Parents and Carers recognise how amazing our children are. I'd therefore like to share an email I received yesterday which illustrates this perfectly:

**'Dear Mr. Hutt,**

**We felt the need to write and advise what a wonderful experience Parents Evening was at school today. We were a little worried about having our appointment at 3.10 as this was finish time for school.**

**We needn't have worried as we were greeted by two very polite Year Six pupils. One was named Megan and the other was her best friend Isla-Rose. What fantastic ambassadors for the school - so polite, informative and courteous making such mature conversation on our walk through the school.'**

Well done Megan and Isla-Rose (both 6W) – we are extremely proud of you!

A big thank you and well done too to all of the other Year 6 guides who helped on the evening.

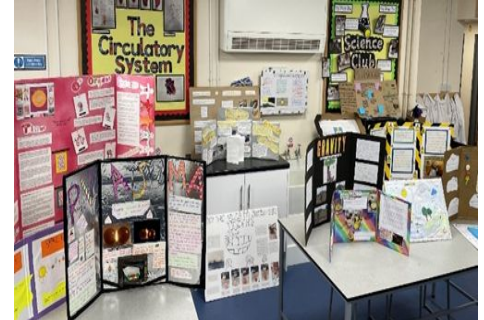
### **Maths Day:**

We had a fantastic day in school yesterday with our maths day, which was organised to coincide with World Maths Day. This was a day of celebration for all things mathematical and a great opportunity to reinforce just how much maths is used in the real world. Therefore, there was a real focus on the application of maths as well as looking at how maths can be strongly linked to other curriculum subjects such as art. The day started with our two Maths Leaders: Mrs. Ashwell and Miss. Gatfield delivering maths-themed assemblies to all of the children, which explained what World Maths Day is all about as well as giving some really fun mathematical facts. There were even a few mathematical jokes thrown in! The children certainly gained a huge amount from this day, had a great time and were super-enthusiastic which was great to see. I'd therefore like to extend my thanks to Miss. Gatfield, Mrs. Ashwell and all of the staff for their efforts in organising this day.



### **Science projects**

A massive thank you to all of the children who have sent in a science project over the last couple of weeks. The amount of projects submitted plus the quality and variety of them has been absolutely fantastic as you can see from the photographs below. All of the projects are proudly displayed in our science Phiz Lab where the whole school community can view them. Next week, I will be part of the team that is going to judge the projects in order to find the winners from the different age categories. This will not be an easy task by any means but will still be a very enjoyable experience. I will update you on the winning entries next week.



### **Science Day next week:**

Just a quick reminder that our rearranged Science day, which includes the talks from Astronomy author: Colin Stuart will take place on Tuesday of next week (28<sup>th</sup>). As with the maths day, we are very excited about this event and know that the children will have another great day! **DON'T FORGET THE POP UP GADGET SHOP AFTER SCHOOL!** (See poster)



#### Year 4 river trip to Sarehole mill:

A huge well done to 4AW and 4MW (4J are going next week) for the praise that they received after their trip to Sarehole Mill this week, which was organised as part of their 'How have rivers shaped the World' topic. On the trip, the children conducted their own fieldwork to measure the speed of the current in different parts of the river, used maps to navigate their way around the park and also used these to find the nearest ford where cars could cross the river and stepping stones where they could cross safely. The guides, who led the trip commented that they had never had such knowledgeable and well-behaved groups of children before! Our curriculum and Coppice Way exhibited perfectly!



After so much lovely news to share, it just leaves me, as always, to end by wishing you all a lovely weekend. We look forward to welcoming the children bright and early on Monday morning for our last week before the Easter break. I can't believe we will soon be into the summer term – where has the time gone?!

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher)



# Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



## World Book Day paper plate competition



Thank you for all your fantastic entries into this year's World Book Day competition. We had dozens of plates from every year group and we really saw the children's imagination and artistic talents displayed.

It was incredibly hard to choose the winners but we finally decided upon designs inspired by the following books.....

The Snail and the Whale written by Julia Donaldson - plate by Austin from RR  
Aliens love Underpants written by Clare Freedman - plate by Darcey from 2RL  
The Chronicles of Narnia written by C S Lewis - plate by Alivia from 4MW  
The Diary of a Wimpy Kid written by Jeff Kinney - plate by Tom from 5BR

Some of the entries.

The winners!



## Bikeability in Year 5 and Year 6



Over the last three weeks, you may have seen some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils out and about on bikes in their helmets and high-visibility jackets. These children have been participating in Level 2 Bikeability training; a national cycle training programme for school children across England, which provides children with the skills to begin cycling confidently and competently on today's roads.



We would like to extend our congratulations to all 63 of our training participants as every single one of them has passed their Level 2 assessment. This has been no mean feat given the snow, sleet, hail, rain and strong winds that have hit us at various points over the three weeks! We would also like to thank the instructors, Simon and Andy, who also faced these weather conditions and worked tirelessly to make sure all of the children were kept safe at all times in the training. Well done, everyone, and make sure you keep practising those safe riding skills!

### A message from Clive Mark Uniform supplier

As a member of the Schoolwear Association, we are working alongside other retailers and suppliers to put together a petition to support the abolition of VAT on school uniform purchases. Currently, some sizes are subject to VAT costs, which increases the costs for parents as pupils get older- our aim is to have this removed to make it more affordable.

We are sharing this QR code with you in the hope that you will sign, to help us build support and reduce the costs of school uniform for all.



### PTA Gadget shop

Coppice Primary School &  
Coppice PTA Presents

# Science Day GADGET

## POP-UP SHOP

Returning for one  
day only on

Tuesday 28th  
March

We'll be in the playground with a  
selection of science themed  
items for sale.

# Job Vacancies at Woodrush

## Exam Invigilator

**Contract: Casual (During academic School year)**

**Salary: SCP1 (£10.50 per hour plus holiday enhancement)**

We are seeking to appoint experienced or non-experienced (as full training will be given) and committed exam invigilators to work on a casual basis during the school academic year to ensure the smooth running of examinations in accordance with publicised guidelines.

For more information and application process please visit [www.woodrush.org/Vacancies](http://www.woodrush.org/Vacancies)

## Lead Exam Invigilator

**Contract: Casual**

**Salary: SCP3 (£10.80 per hour plus holiday enhancement)**

We are looking for an enthusiastic and hardworking individual to join our fantastic team, helping to create a great working environment. A person who is an experienced and committed exam invigilator to work on a casual basis during the school academic year to ensure the smooth running of examinations in accordance with publicised guidelines.

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