

# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter Friday 30th 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. As with last week, we've had another great week in school and there is so much to tell you all.

## **NEU teacher Strikes:**

Many of you will already be aware that the NEU (National Education Union) have announced two further strike dates. These are Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Please make sure that you have read my communication regarding this that I sent out on Tuesday 27th June so that you are all clear about what is happening and which classes are affected.

## **Summer Revel and Summer Music Concert:**

Linked to the previous point about the NEU strikes, I just want to confirm that both The Summer Music Concert on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July (6.00 pm – 8.30 pm) and The Summer Revel on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July (6.00 pm – 8.30 pm) are both going ahead as planned. We very much look forward to welcoming you all to these two fantastic events. As you all know, all monies raised at these school events will go towards your children through the playground developments that we will soon be undertaking.

#### **Kindness and School Council:**

As you can see from the photo below, I had the pleasure of The School Council's company recently when they came to present a very well-written proposal to me that they want to implement. The proposal involved asking me if I was happy to agree for all children in school to be given the opportunity to write a 'kindness' letter to someone in school once a term. This was something that I had organised a number of months back as a one-off event but the children from the School Council felt strongly that they'd like it to be a regular occurrence. We discussed the idea in-depth and I made a few suggestions for how I thought it could be implemented successfully but, with kindness being something that is so important to me in our school, I obviously agreed. The main suggestion was that children should have the opportunity to write kindness notes at any point in the school year (as kindness doesn't only happen three times a year but every day) and for these to be dropped into a 'kindness box' and delivered once a week. A wonderful idea School Council – well done!



## King Edward's Maths Success!

On Tuesday, four Year 5 children represented The Coppice at King Edward's School where they competed in the Year 5 Maths Challenge Final. Thomas, John, Orlando and Abdullah placed second overall which was a huge achievement and we are very proud of them all. The children competed in two rounds of different maths problems and challenges. Throughout the competition, they were all extremely keen and enthusiastic and have shown themselves to be very skilled mathematicians indeed. Miss Danby and Mr Mace, who attended the competition with the children, were also extremely impressed with how the children conducted themselves, with their best manners on show at all times! Again, a huge well done to each of them on a thoroughly well-deserved second place!







## Well done Gymnasts!

I want to say a huge well done to more of our gymnasts, who attended the Schools Gymnastic Competition at Fenton in Stoke-on-Trent last Friday. It was a very early start for these children who had to be at school at 7am! As you can see from the photo below though, they were bright and breezy and raring to go! It was an absolute pleasure to be here to wave them off and to see the joy and pride on their faces at representing their school. It was a long but fantastic day for the children and the children did us proud! On this occasion, we didn't win any medals but the children still gave absolutely wonderful performances and showed incredible sportsmanship – well done children!









## **Year 6 Business Enterprise:**

A huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for their fantastic display of entrepreneurial spirit after school on Thursday. This event was the culmination of a few weeks of thought and preparation as the children set about in groups of three or four deciding how they were going to turn their £5.00 budget per child into hard profit! The money raised creates a 'legacy' fund for next year's Year 6 and will help pay for events that the current Year 5 children will benefit from. For example, the current Year 6 benefitted from last year's Year 6 fundraising efforts with subsidised 'extra' trips to events like The Big Bang Fair last week and the upcoming in-school Tudor workshop experience. As you can see below, we had great weather, a great atmosphere and a lovely time was had by all!





## E from Year 6 is raising money for The Little Princess Cancer Charity!



E, from Year 6, has done an amazing thing and cut her very long hair in order to give it to The Little Princess Charity, which is an organisation that uses real hair donations to create wigs for children who are going through cancer treatment. This is a wonderful, selfless thing for E to do and we are very, very proud of her. She would be delighted if you are able to support her fundraising efforts by visiting her Just Giving page at the following link:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/teresa-leach-1687882558044?ut m\_source=copyLink&utm\_medium=one\_page&utm\_content=pag e/teresa-leach-1687882558044&utm\_campaign=pfp-share&utm\_t erm=898a26add93449b38ba5b531d4b5613b



#### **Year 6 Mandarin taster sessions:**

All classes of Year 6 pupils have greatly enjoyed their opportunity to have online Mandarin Chinese taster lessons this week. Each class had five lessons and the children have done a great job in embracing the challenge of speaking this very demanding language. Some of our children will go on to study further Mandarin when they transition to Woodrush so this was a really great experience as a forerunner to that possibility. It was great that our pupils were joined for some of the sessions by Miss. Chen and Miss. Xin from Woodrush High School's Mandarin team. A huge thank you to them for giving up their time to support our children and to Woodrush for facilitating them to be able to come.

# Future golfing stars at The Coppice play The Belfry!

On Wednesday this week, Joshua, Tayt and Joseph, all from Year 5, went to The Belfry Golf Club during the week of the British Masters tournament, where the best professionals from across Europe were competing for the title. However, not only did the boys get to see the professionals in action but they were also there because they were competing in their own 'GolfSixes' competition, representing the golf club that they play for: Olton Golf Club. This was a special, one-off tournament that was arranged to coincide with the British Masters so it was a huge honour for the boys to have been selected to play in it and an incredible experience to play an iconic golf course. The boys had an absolutely fantastic time and finished 4th out of six teams. Nevertheless, it was a very close-run thing with only 7 points between 4th and 1st place - well done boys! They were also over the moon to get an autograph and photo with top British golfer: Justin Rose (see below)!











That just leaves me wish you all a lovely weekend. 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



# Job Vacancy - Special Support Assistant

Grade 1 Special Support Assistant – within EYFS & KS1

27.5 hours (9.00am - 3.00pm: 30 min break)

Fixed Term Contract – 1 Year

Start Monday 4th September 2023

We are seeking to appoint a talented and positive Special Support Assistant who is a team player, hardworking, creative, caring, flexible and highly motivated. You must possess excellent communication skills, and have a real willingness to support both the learning, social, emotional and behavioural needs of children. In this instance we will require you to support pupils with specific needs in EYFS and/or KS1.

Opportunities to support other children in the class may also arise.

Application packs can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our school website.

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 12th July 2023 Interviews will be held on: w/c Monday 17th July 2023

Start date: Monday 4th September 2023 (or as soon as possible thereafter)

# Parking and Waiting restrictions



Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (As Amended) Worcestershire County Council (Bromsgrove District) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2013 (Variation) Order 2023 [Prohibition of Waiting on Shawhurst Lane, Falstaff Avenue, Mynors Crescent and Paddocks Road, Wythall]

On 1 June 2023 Worcestershire County Council made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit waiting at any time on the lengths and sides of roads in Wythall as shown on the map below:-

The Order came into operation on 22 June 2023.

Documents in relation to this Order can be downloaded at the Bromsgrove Public Notice Page on the Worcestershire County Council Website or copies supplied by emailing roadtrafficregs@worcestershire.gov.uk; or writing to me at County Hall or may be inspected at Worcestershire County Council, County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester, WR5 2NP during normal office hours. The validity of the Council's powers in making the Order or this exercise of them may be questioned by application to the High Court within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made.

Thomas Pollock, Head of Commercial Law, Legal and Governance, County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester WR5 2NP



# **Community News**



Our next Wythall Reminiscers is going to be very exciting! As well as our usual archive material, our special guests 'Black Adder Morris Dancers' will be performing and then talking about the history or Morris Dancing. Come along and bring your family and friends, Refreshments will be provided by our amazing Woodrush Students. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 10.45-11.45 Session is free and no need to book. For any queries please telephone 01905 822722 or pop into the library and speak to a member of the team.



# PTA Upcoming Events



THECOPPICESCHOOLPTA@GMAIL.COM, NO QUESTIONS ASKED

The PTA have organised a fantastic fun event for all children on Wednesday 12th July.

It will take place during the school day and all children from Nursery to Year 6 will be able to come along, play games, bounce on the inflatables and have an ice lolly.

The ice lollies will be the "rocket" type lollies that they had for the King's Coronation festivities. They contain traces of strawberry and orange.

We will send out a Google Form with a full list of ingredients, to complete to give consent for this.

Tickets are available from the PTA events website - as detailed on the flyer.

Goodwill tickets are also available for purchase. These are if you would like to buy an extra ticket for a child whose family may not be able to fund this.



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





# **Tutoring Services**

A couple of our parents are offering tuition services. Please contact them directly if you would like to check out how they may be able to help your child.



## **Primary and Secondary Summer Tuition**

Current parents and former primary and secondary Deputy Headteachers, Emma and Marc Johnson will be offering online tutoring sessions throughout August. Both are experienced teachers and maths specialists and will be working alongside a further two former senior leaders (a primary English and a secondary Maths specialist), to deliver sessions in primary Maths, English and 11+ preparation and secondary Maths from Year 7-9, GCSE (Foundation and Higher) and GCSE to A Level 'Bridging the Gap'.

See the flyer below for further details and contact information:



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