



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 31st 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 Easter break with your children. As with last week, there is much to share:

Goodbye and thank you to Miss. Whiteley and Miss. Johnson and good luck Mrs. Twilley!

Miss. Johnson will be leaving us as a Year 4 Class Teacher at the end of this half-term to take up a new teaching position at a Primary School in Evesham in order to gain more teaching experience at a different school. Miss. Johnson's replacement will be Mrs. Giles, one of our permanent and very experienced members of staff, who has now returned from maternity leave and will take over from Miss. Johnson at the start of the new term on Monday 17th April. Mrs. Giles will teach the class for four days a week (Monday to Thursday) with the Friday being taught by one of our other existing and experienced members of staff: Miss. Juneman.

Miss. Whiteley will also be leaving us as a Year 4 Class Teacher at the end of this half-term to take up a new teaching position at Perdiswell Primary School which is a lot closer to her Worcester home and will therefore mean a much shorter and easier commute for her. Mrs. Whiteley's replacement will be Miss. Gatfield, another of our permanent and very experienced members of staff, who has also now returned from maternity leave and will take over from Miss. Whiteley at the start of the new term. Miss. Gatfield will teach the class for four days a week (Monday to Thursday) with the Friday being taught by one of our other existing and experienced members of staff: Mrs. Robinson.

We want to thank both Miss. Johnson and Miss. Whiteley for their time serving the children of The Coppice and want to wish them all the very best for the future.

We also say goodbye, albeit a temporary one, to one of our Nursery teachers: Mrs. Twilley, who is going to be going on maternity leave. Mrs. Twilley is expecting her third child and we are absolutely thrilled for her! We obviously wish her well and greatly look forward to receiving news of 'Baby Twilley's' safe arrival and I will, of course, share this news with you all when it happens.

Science Day:

Tuesday's Science Day, which was organised by our Science Leaders: Mrs. Tomkinson, Miss. Dixon and Miss. Cox was a really exciting day in school. The whole day was dedicated to all things scientific and involved the children throughout the school carrying out a range of practical science experiments and other science learning activities. The children from Years 1-6 also greatly enjoyed listening to astronomy author: Colin Stuart talking about the journey to Mars and potential for living on there in the future. We were incredibly proud of our children during these talks, not only for their excellent listening and conduct but also the fantastic range of excellent questions that they asked. Without doubt, we are producing some amazing, young scientists here at The Coppice!



Science Project Winners:

A huge well done to our four science project winners from the four different categories:

Nursery & Reception: Olive (RF)

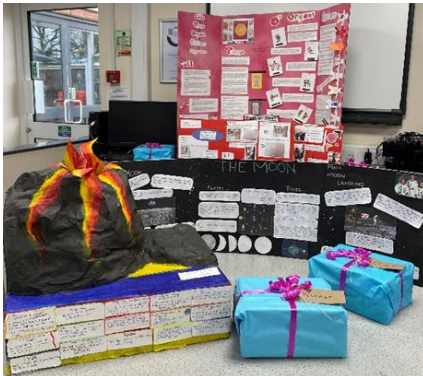
Years 1 & 2: Finley (2P)

Years 3 & 4: Holly-Ann (4MW)

Years 5 & 6: Gabe (6LC)

I said last week that judging the competition was going to be really tough and it certainly proved to be so as there were so many fantastic entries to choose from. However, as you know, it was a competition and decisions had to be made. The winning entries and the four proud winners (with their certificates and prizes) can be seen below.

Every person who entered a project received ten team points and a certificate and can be very proud of their efforts. Well done everyone – I'm already looking forward to next year's entries!



Easter Bonnets!

Nursery had a lovely time showing off their Easter bonnets to their Parents and Carers over the course of this week. The bonnet parade is a real Coppice tradition that has happened for many years now and long may it continue because the Nursery children always look fantastic and enjoy the occasion. Thank you to all of you who attended the parade to support your children and thank you also for your efforts in helping the children to make their bonnets. I have to say that they looked very impressive, as you can see from the picture.



Summer uniform:

The start of the summer term marks the start of the children being able to wear summer uniform as per the school's uniform policy. You will see the full uniform expectations further on in this newsletter. It is really important that your child meets these expectations as this is part of 'The Coppice Way'.

With regards to PE days, we will, once again, be continuing to allow children to come into school wearing their PE kit. However, although shorts are now allowed, we will still expect children to come to school wearing their joggers over their shorts or cycling shorts on PE days. This is for the reasons of warmth, especially as it still might be quite chilly when doing PE outside for a while yet. Should we get a spell of really hot weather though, we may suspend this rule for a few days and will of course notify you when this is the case.

Science Raffle winner:

Thank you to everyone, who entered the raffle at the science gadget shop, in order to try and win a hamper full of different science gadgets and experiments. James, from 6RC, was the lucky winner drawn out by me on Thursday afternoon and it was lovely to be able to present the prize to him in front of his classmates. He was thrilled (and shocked at the same time) and his classmates were equally pleased for him – great to see! Well done James!



Congratulations Sam!



As a school, we want to celebrate Sam, from Year 6LC, who recently represented the Aston Villa Academy at a tournament in Poland and Portugal. The selection process for tours such as this are not just done on footballing ability but also on behaviour and attitude throughout the season in training, matches and at school. Sam's parents feel that his achievements and progress in the academy are therefore a very good reflection of the school and of Sam himself and we certainly agree with that. As we all know, only a very small percentage of boys get selected to go into an academy in the first instance and an even smaller percentage go onto be professional footballers. We will therefore keep everything crossed that Sam's progress goes from strength to strength in the future.

Enjoy the Easter break!

That just leaves me, as always, to end by once again wishing you all a lovely Easter break with your children. We look forward to welcoming the children bright and early on Monday 17th April.

As always, thank you to all of you for your support over the course of this term.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher)

Treasurer required

URGENT APPEAL by West Midlands Schools Gymnastics Association.

Due to retirement, The WMSGA are looking to appoint a new Treasurer for their committee.

As many of you know the Coppice has a reputation for excellence in Gymnastics, which has been developed over 40 years and during this time we have always entered the annual Regional Competitions put on by the WMSGA which has in turn has allowed us to progress onto National British Schools Gymnastics Competitions.

Unfortunately, without the appointment of this role, the regional competitions will no longer take place and our Coppice gymnasts will not be able to experience the amazing opportunities that they offer.

The role does not require any specific gymnastics knowledge but a basic understanding of BACs would be preferable in order to receive competition payments and make expenses payments to judges and officials. Obviously there will be a full explanation and support given during the handover.

If there is anyone who would be able to offer a little of their time or would like further information please contact Vicki Sly by email on vicki@bsga.org

Many Thanks

SJ Carter

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Term Dates - Academic Year 2023/2024

Term/Holiday	School closes on (all usual school finishing time)	School re-opens on
Autumn Term	Not applicable	Wednesday 6th September 2023 (Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2023 are TED days)
Autumn Half-Term	Friday 27th October 2023	Monday 6th November 2023
Christmas	Friday 22nd December 2023	Tuesday 9th January 2024 (Monday 8th January 2024 is a TED day)
Spring Half-Term	Friday 9th February 2024	Monday 19th February 2024
Easter	Friday 22nd March 2024	Monday 8th April 2024
Summer Half-Term	Friday 24th May 2024	Monday 3rd June 2024
Summer Term Ends	Friday 19th July 2024	Not applicable
Other Closure Days	Monday 6th May 2024 Monday 1st July 2024 Monday 22nd July 2024	Bank Holiday TED Day TED Day

Y6 Cake Sale



Many thanks to all of you who supported the 6W cake sale last week. They sold out really quickly and made £174.00 towards their leavers event.

You may be pleased to know that the other two Year 6 classes have their own cake sales planned for after Easter (21st April and 5th May). We will send you a reminder nearer the time.



Summer Uniform Expectations Reminder



Nursery Uniform Expectations (September 2022 onwards):

Standard Uniform/Nursery	Optional Summer term and Autumn first half-term
-Dark grey tailored trousers or dark grey joggers – no leggings	
-Dark grey skirt or pinafore	-Blue and white summer gingham dress
-Yellow polo shirt with or without school logo	-White polo shirt with or without school logo
-Yellow round-neck sweatshirt with Coppice Nursery logo	
-Black or dark grey socks or tights	-White socks may be worn with a summer dress only
-Plain black polishable (including patent) footwear <i>*see pictures below for appropriate styles</i>	



Reception and Key Stage 1 (Yr 1 & Yr2) School Uniform List (September 2022 onwards):

Standard Uniform Reception & KS1:	Optional Summer term and Autumn first half-term:
-Dark grey tailored trousers – no leggings	-Dark grey, tailored shorts
-Dark grey skirt or pinafore	-Blue and white summer gingham dress
-White polo shirt with or without school logo	
-Navy blue round-neck or v-neck sweatshirt with Coppice logo or navy blue cardigan with Coppice logo.	
-Black or dark grey socks or tights	-White socks may be worn with a summer dress only
-Plain black polishable (including patent) footwear <i>*see pictures below for appropriate styles</i>	

Key Stage 2 (Yr 3, Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6) School Uniform List (September 2022 onwards):

Standard Uniform KS2:	Optional Summer term and Autumn first half-term:
-Dark grey tailored trousers – no leggings	-Dark grey, tailored shorts
-Dark grey skirt or pinafore	-Blue and white summer gingham dress
-White shirt (long or short sleeved) with standard collar	-White polo shirt with or without logo
-School tie (navy with gold stripe) available as 'tie-it-yourself' or elasticated styles for £7.50 from our uniform suppliers or the School Office	
-Navy blue v-neck sweatshirt or knitted jumper with Coppice logo or navy blue cardigan with Coppice logo.	
-Black or dark grey socks or tights	-White socks may be worn with a summer dress only
-Plain black polishable (including patent) footwear <i>*see pictures below for appropriate styles</i>	

Our uniform suppliers for the logo jumpers/cardigans are;
Monkhouse, now in Mell Sq, Solihull,
Clive Mark- Poplar Road Kings Heath
 and for R-Y6
My Clothing online (sorry Nursery uniform not available)

Preloved uniform is also available at sales within school. We will notify you when they are.

News from St Mary's

Easter Sunday Celebration

A special service as we celebrate Jesus

10am

St. Mary's Church

(just behind the Coppice School)

All Welcome

For more information contact
churchoffice@wythallchurch.net
01564 823 248

St Mary's
Wythall

Easter Trail

Wythall Park

Sat 8th April 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Great family Easter event in the local park with loads
of Easter goody bags *first come first served

St Mary's
Wythall

HOLLYWOOD
CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTRE

newlife
CHURCH CENTRE

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Games, crafts and activities
followed by a hot meal

St Mary's
Wythall
Registered Charity no. 1152792

Fun and Food for the whole family
Wednesdays during term time

All Welcome

From 3pm-5pm

All children must be accompanied by an adult

Please book a place at
[Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and
search 'Scoff'
Or use this QR code



St Mary's Church, Shawhurst Lane, B47 5JN
(to the rear of the Coppice School site)

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www.wythallchurch.net

Church, Schools & Community working together

St Mary's have just released the next three
dates for SCOFF:

19th April

26th April

3rd May

Please book your place using the
information in the poster below.

Redhill Archers

Redhill Archers have been recommended to us by a parent. Her son has had a great time joining in with the archery despite his dyspraxia. She described the coach as "very inclusive and encouraging". The activity has also been highlighted as being a sport suitable for children with additional needs such as autism and ADHD although everyone is welcome-even adults!

They run beginners groups and very popular taster sessions and meet locally at Wythall Park. Further information can be found by viewing their website or contacting them using the details below.

Venue: Redhill Archers, Wythall Park,
Silver Street, Wythall, Birmingham B47 6LZ

Contact: Sharon Medhurst

Telephone: 07773046374

Email: medhurst.redhill@gmail.com

Web: www.redhill-archers.org.uk

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