

# The Coppice Newsletter 05.02.2021



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## We Gotta Get out of This Place!

When I was young, very young (five!), I remember a song by The Animals: *We Gotta Get out of This Place*, and I think that's how we all feel about the current situation with Covid-19. There is light at the end of the tunnel, as we know, however, it's still a long way off and we need to still pull together as a community to ensure we get there as quickly as possible, retaining some sanity.

Teachers have to be very discrete. You would be surprised what children share with us, some of which raises an eyebrow (though we diplomatically forget these, unless it's a safeguarding concern). Recently, quite a few children have been inadvertently sharing how their families are breaking lockdown rules - socialising and mixing. I think everybody is fully aware of how serious this can be and the repercussions (most recently someone was fined £10,000 for organising a party).

We appreciate, as ever, that most of our families are conscientious and caring and abide by lockdown rules. It is the ignoring of such rules that extends lockdown and keeps children from our schools. Simply put, the choice is as stark as stick to the rules or don't have schools open. As a school, we do not see it as our job to police this, but such families are increasing the risk for us all.

Regarding the comment above about 'retaining sanity', we are doing what we can to ease things. Most recently, this has included our well-being Wednesday afternoon, which has been well received. Being a Thrive ftc school, I would also like to point you in the direction to our Thrive4All on our home-school learning platform, where there are suggested activities that enhance children's wellbeing.



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This week Thomas and James in Year 6 took part in the Bonus round of the Primary Maths Challenge. They both did incredibly well and we are so pleased with how hard they worked. There were some tough questions but both boys showed great resilience and made it to the end. We have taken part in the Primary Maths Challenge for many years now but this is the first year that anyone has made it through to the bonus round. What a great achievement boys!

## STAR OF THE WEEK

RF - THOMAS

RH - AVA

RL - DANIYAL

1D - LOGAN

1T - POPPY & JAKE

1RB - NANCY

2A - ESMEE

2CA - ISAAC & HONEY

2J - FLORENCE & ALIVIA

3P - CONNOR

3K - ADA

3HK - ELIZA

4W - ISLA-ROSE

4MW - GEORGE

4J - JACK

5G - ABI

5MS - MYIAA

5K - HOLLY

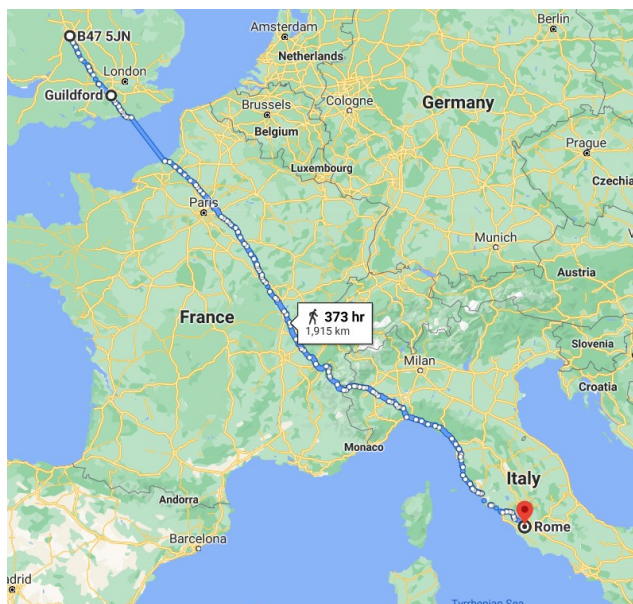
6C - LOLA

6L - SIOBHAN

6G - LOLA

Have you been following our Coppice Challenge on our official Facebook page?

We are attempting a virtual journey from school to Rome to get there in time for St Valentine's Day on February 14th. St Valentine came from Rome so we thought we would visit his birthplace. To get there in time we need to collate the distances you have travelled during your lockdown exercise sessions. That's walking, running, cycling, scooting, horse riding, skateboarding etc. You can post your distances on the Facebook page under the pinned post or you can email them to [office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk). Staff are taking part as well so I'm sure we will make the deadline. We look forward to seeing your weekend exercise.





## 25 MORE IDEAS FOR WELLBEING

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# Non-screen activities you can do at home

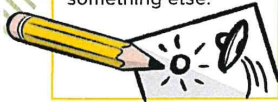
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25  
more  
ideas!

What can you do when there's no school and you're stuck at home? Here are 25 fun ideas to choose from.

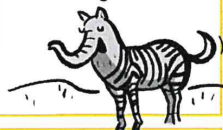
### 1 Get doodling!

Grab some paper and pens and doodle anything you like! Animals, aliens or something else.



### 2 Create your own animal.

Could you combine two of your favourites? What will you call it?



### 3 Design and draw a new musical instrument.

How would you play it and what will it sound like?



### 4 Make up your own 5 minute exercise routine.

What will you include?



### 5 Can you make up your own jokes?

Tell them to someone to make them laugh!



### 6 Make some jewellery.

Use anything you can find around the house. Strips of wrapping paper or rolled up magazines make great beads!

### 7 Paper aeroplane challenge!

Make a paper aeroplane and see how far you can fly it! Can you make a target and try to aim for it?

### 8 Fingerprint art!

Use only your fingertips and paint to create a picture.



### 9 Make a bookmark to use when you're reading.



### 10 Make some wild art using sticks, leaves, flowers and anything else you can find outdoors.



### 11 Quick draw!

Set a 1 minute timer, draw a quick doodle and see if the other person can guess what it is before the time is up.

### 12 Write a silly sentence that includes all of these words... BANANA, CURTAIN, DOLPHIN, SNOW and BALLOON.

Now think of your own words and write some more!

### 13 How many different words can you make from the letters in this sentence?

Keeping my brain busy is fun

### 14 Ping pong story telling! Write the opening sentence to a story, then someone else writes the next line. Then it's your turn again! Keep alternating until you have a full story.

### 15 Guess the character!

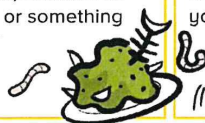
Think of a character from a book, write it down so no-one can see. Have others ask you questions to try and guess which character you chose.

### 16 Make a finger puppet!

Use a paper cone to make a body, then attach a paper head.



### 17 Describe the most disgusting meal EVER! What is in it? Spaghetti worms, toenails on toast or something else?



### 18 Create a comic strip about an animal who turns into a superhero.

Which animal will you choose?



### 19 Create a family kindness jar.

Every time someone does something kind, write it down and put it in the jar. When the jar is full you all deserve a special treat!

### 20 Find a fun place to sit and read a book.

Under the bed? Up a tree? Where will you go?



### 21 How many words can you think of that rhyme with WRITE?



### 22 Write a recipe for 'Springtime'.

What will you include? Flowers? Sunshine? What else?

### 23 Use your body to make the shape of a letter.

How many more can you make? Can you make every letter in the alphabet?

### 24 Play alphabet bingo!

Can you spot an item in your home or garden that starts with the letter a,b,c and so on?

ABC

### 25 Start a diary.

Write a short entry every day about what you do and how you feel. It will be good to look back on when you're older.

Parents and teachers – please share your success stories with us on social media:

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## SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH THEIR SPEECH, COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE NEEDS

We have access to a parent portal from Speech Link which is full of advice and useful resources to support your child with their speech, communication, understanding and their listening and attention.

Please visit, <https://speechandlanguage.info/parents>

Welcome to the Parent Portal, our new parent support site for children with speech and language difficulties. We are a team of speech and language therapists and software engineers who develop packages of assessments and interventions for schools, called Speech Link and Language Link. We have put together some of our activities and games from our award-winning packages for you to use freely at home. Use our developmental charts to help you decide which activities are for your child. Our information section explains the difference between speech and language and why they are so important and don't forget to watch our new top tip video series where our speech and language therapists will show you how to support your child at home.



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

Calendar- <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/about-us/calendar/>

Suggestions box- <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/about-us/suggestion-box/>

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

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