

# The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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## Head Teacher's News

### Smartphone Virtual Reality - can you help?

As flagged up in a previous newsletter, you may well have had feedback from your children about their Google virtual reality headset session they had in school recently. It was an amazing experience that the children really enjoyed. If you do a Youtube search for 'Smartphone Virtual Reality', you'll know exactly what the children experienced.

A Google rep brought 60 headsets into school, enabling two whole classes at a time to have a go. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Laight for setting this up.

The potential for learning here is incredible, really bringing learning to life. Children were able to explore the human digestive system, see ancient Rome and visit the moon; all in a virtual world delivered by a smart-phone app.

I cannot help thinking that we are on the verge of a revolution in learning with this technology, with more such learning apps planned by Google, adding to an already extensive library of apps. It was wonderful listening to the gasps of amazement coming from the children as they were experiencing the virtual worlds through their own individual headsets.

The app is accompanied by iPad teaching software that links to each headset, directing the children's learning.

I can envisage a time when children start a new topic in Science, History or Geography and they all have an introductory session to the topic using this virtual technology. How brilliant would that be?

***The Coppice wants to make a start at building this technology. However, we need 5.5 inch smart-phones! Accordingly, we are making an appeal for any smart-phone that parents might have but not need because they have upgraded, or if anybody has a contact with a business that might be upgrading their phones that might be willing to donate old ones to us. All will be gratefully received, and make a difference to learning in school.***

### Star of the week

RA- Holly L  
RT- Ava W  
RD- Rosie S  
1K- Isabella G  
1SK- Joshua C-V  
1F- Jacob O  
2A- Mylee R  
2LP- Scarlet S  
2R- Haden M  
3M- Charlie G  
3A- Theo W-B  
3C- Max D  
4W- Olivia P  
4AP- Harry C  
5H- Tom P  
5OJ- Ashleigh D  
6L- Harvey P  
6G- Ryan A

### Team Points

1<sup>st</sup>- 135 - Hawks  
2<sup>nd</sup> -109- Owls  
3<sup>rd</sup> – 95- Eagles  
4<sup>th</sup> – 76- Falcons

## Attendance and punctuality

### Class % attendance w/b 14.11.16

RD	93.3	RT	99.3	RA	94.7
1F	93.7	1SK	87.4	1K	98.0
2R	98.0	2LP	99.3	2A	98.7
3A	99.3	3C	97.7	3M	97.3
4AP	94.7	4W	98.1	5H	98.0
5OJ	96.7	6L	98.3	6G	96.0

Well done to RT and 2LP who had the joint highest attendance in KS1 and to 3A who had the highest attendance in KS2.

**Punctuality Award:** KS1: 1SK KS2: 4W

## Meeting the astronaut Dr Michael Foale

When the Year 6 competition winners travelled to King Edwards (Five Ways) School last Thursday Emma was lucky to be chosen to ask Michael Foale her question; Who is the most important member of the crew on the space station and why? He replied that everyone had an important role and no one person was more important than another. Some members were pilots, others scientists, each had a crucial job to perform and the mission would not have succeeded if someone was missing.

She wrote later "He did an interesting presentation on his space shuttle missions to the ISS (International Space Station). He showed videos of a few of his launches and how life is in space. He also inspired us to follow our dreams and not let a setback stop you from achieving whatever you want to".

These are fantastic messages for not just astronauts but for every child.

## Next week at The Coppice

1<sup>st</sup> December- The choir will be singing at the Christian Life Centre.

1st December 7pm – Christmas Music concert – the choir and children who receive private music tuition will be performing. Anyone can attend and the item is on Parent pay if you wish to purchase tickets. If you do not wish to come the item will be removed from Parent Pay on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec and no debt will be recorded.

2nd December- Y6 will visit the Birmingham Rep Theatre to see Treasure Island.

**2nd December – The PTA will be in the Junior Hall from 8.25 to receive donations;**

**Nursery, Reception and Year 1 – Mince Pies**

**Years 2 & 3 – cakes**

**Years 4, 5 & 6 – Tombola prizes - bottles, new toiletries, unwanted gifts etc.**

**Also anyone can bring in good quality books, toys and games.**

2<sup>nd</sup> December –NO Mrs Small's Friday Club due to the fair.

**2<sup>nd</sup> December- The PTA Christmas Fair 6pm. Grotto tickets available. Meet Santa, BBQ, stalls galore.**

3<sup>rd</sup> December- 7pm- The choir will perform with the Hollywood Community Choir in St Mary's Church.

Everyone welcome to a Christmas Concert and audience sing- a- along. Tickets £5 each from

[wythallchoir@gmail.com](mailto:wythallchoir@gmail.com)

## Community events

### Christingle Service at St Mary's

A short, fun service suitable for all ages. This year we have a new date and time: Sunday 29th November at 10:30am in St Mary's Church (behind the Coppice School). All welcome.

### Wythall Community Carols

Wednesday 7th December, 7pm at The Coppice School & St Mary's Church. An evening of carols, performances and readings to celebrate Christmas. Bringing together schools, organisations and churches from across Hollywood and Wythall. Carols led by members of Blackwell Band. Featuring Wythall Community Choir, Woodrush Voices, Coppice School Choir and 177th Birmingham Brownies, with involvement from local schools, churches and community groups. Coffee and mince pies served afterwards.

## Help please!

Mrs Small would like your help please. She is collecting items for a project she is doing with the children.

**Old magazines** – ones with people's faces in! **Corks**- plastic or traditional cork. **Ribbons , metal bottle tops**

Please send any items to the office – Thank you.

**Our Website.....<http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk>**

You can find out more from our school website. You can voice an opinion on any school related issue by using our virtual suggestion box but if you wish to contact a Governor regarding any issues either email the school office ([office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk)) or send a letter in an envelope and your correspondence will be passed on in confidence.