

The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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Well Prepared for Life

Star of the week

RB- Alivia C
RT- Charlotte H
RD- Ayla W
1A- Rabia A
1H- Riley H
1J- Riana J
2CA- Sienna H
2A- Indigo B
2K- Kieran W
3M- Katreena D
3P- Isabella G
3C-Freya C
4AW- Kate H
4VW- Millie
4B- Sienna H
5AD- Alfie W
6G- Ewan T

Assembly theme

The theme for next week will be:
"Courtesy".

Team Points

Week ending 22.03.09
First- Eagles 99
Second- Hawks 70
Third- Owls 61
Fourth - Falcons 48

Head Teacher's News

School Funding - please be aware

There seems to be a misconception amongst some parents that The Coppice is well-funded and has substantial reserves of money. For the records, this is certainly not the case. The Coppice, like all other schools, has not been immune from spending cuts. There has been enough in the national press about this. More recently, the local press has run headline news on this (<https://redditchstandard.co.uk/news/schools-at-breaking-point-as-cash-crisis-hits-says-redditch-headteacher/>), making the point that schools are at breaking point regarding funding; also making it clear that Worcestershire schools are particularly poorly funded. This certainly is not 'fake news' as we, as a school, do suffer from a substantial funding shortfall ourselves.

I think that the confusion has come about because, as an academy, our audited accounts are available online, which show a balance of £6 million! However, dig deeper and you will find this is because they value the land and buildings at this worth (i.e. we do not have this money in the bank)!

Last year, after a year of substantial belt-tightening, we only just managed to break even.

Accordingly, given the above, we are grateful for parents' continuing support with PTA fundraising and trips/visits etc.

Please note that the government runs a scheme which enables parents to "salary sacrifice" to pay for childcare (nursery, holiday clubs) and school related activities (school trips, after school clubs etc.). This is beneficial to the parent as you then don't pay tax. You can also set up direct payments monthly, termly or annually as well as one off payments.

Providers include Computershare, Sodexo, Kiddivouchers, Eden Red and Fidelity - your employer should be able to give you more information.

Job Vacancy

GRADE 2 NURSERY TEACHING ASSISTANT

The job advert, job description, personal specification and application form are available by following the link below.

Closing date for applications Monday 29th April. Interviews and observations will be carried out at The Coppice on Wednesday 8th May.

Start date: As soon as possible after the interview date.

<https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/current-vacancies/>

Attendance and Punctuality

% attendance 1.9.18-15.3.19					
RD	96.9	RT	94.9	RB	96.1
1H	95.1	1A	96.8	1J	97.6
2K	97.7	2CA	96.7	2A	97.7
3C	96.1	3M	96.9	3P	95.6
4VW	97.3	4B	95.8	4AW	98.1
5J	97.9	5AD	95.8	5L	95.8
6L	97.5	6G	95.1	Whole school 96.6%	

Highest Weekly Attendance w/b 11.3.19

Congratulations to 1H and 6L (both with a brilliant 100%) for having the highest weekly attendance in KS1 and KS2 respectively.

Punctuality Award: KS1: 1J KS2: 5J

Cross Country Competition

On Thursday the Coppice Cross Country team travelled to Holywell Primary for a cross country competition against Holywell, Beaconside and Lickey Primary schools.

The races were run in age groups, so first up were Year 4, Mason A and Oliver W for the boys, Naomi H and Eva T for the girls. With both boys and girls running together there were quite a few competitors for the first lap, but on the second lap the race settled down, with Coppice running really well. Mason A was edged out into 2nd place in a tight finish.

Naomi H finished overall 4th but 1st out of all the girls, Eva T finished 5th overall, 2nd out of the girls. Oliver W finished 6th.

Overall winners for Year 4 - Coppice

For Year 5 there was Fin F, Joe H and Penny P. This race followed a similar pattern to the first, the second lap saw Fin and Joe dominate, coming home 1st and 2nd respectively. Penny came 7th overall but was the first girl to finish.

Overall winners for Year 5- Coppice

Year 6 runners were Dylan P, Jack S and Lily S. From the start all three headed the race and were never caught. Dylan secured 1st place, celebrating with a forward roll over the line, Jack S was 2nd and Lily S was 3rd.

Overall winners for Year 6- Coppice

It was a fantastic display from our long distance runners, well done to everybody.

Thank you to Mrs Lovett for coming along to help.

Mr Edwards

Next week at The Coppice

Parents' Evening booking forms will be in the Junior hall on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings next week. They will be available from 7.30 am for Care Club Parents and will remain in the hall until 8.45am. If you are unable to come and book your appointment in person please ask someone to do it on your behalf. The deadline for booking appointments is Wednesday 27th March.

Reminder: PTA "I love you" event – Friday 29th March, Infant hall, 3pm-4pm. Tickets £3 per child to include drink, cake and wrapping a present for a loved one. Tickets from www.pta-events.co.uk/coppice

Thank you

A huge thank you to Mr Sean Taylor and the people who attended the Wythall Comedy Club event last week for their kind donations of £150 for Comic Relief and £150 for The Coppice PTA.

Gymnastics stars!

Over the weekend, eight of our fantastic gymnasts took part in the National Championships in Stoke on Trent.

The boys' team was James P, Lucas R, Zac C and Jack W and mixed team was Dylan S-S, Bella W, Nicole R and Olivia W.

All the gymnasts performed brilliantly which was reflected in the results. The Boys' Under 11s (combined with the Uplands team) placed the West Midlands teams as third place in the whole of the country.

In the mixed under 11s teams The Coppice was placed third in the country and combined with Meadow Green, the West Midlands team was second in the whole country!

The children were competing against the best in the country, including private schools with state of the art facilities. The results really show what talent, determination and dedication both the children and our gym coaches have. Well done and thank you to the coaching team.

Goodbye to Mrs Howarth

Mrs Jennie Howarth has been a part of The Coppice support team since 2005 when she joined us as a Special Support Assistant working with an individual pupil with additional needs. Since then she has worked as a Teaching Assistant in various year groups but since 2012 she has been working in our Nursery, supporting Mrs Flynn.

At the end of term she will be leaving to start a new venture in the Cotwolds. She will be running the Leaf and Bean coffee shop in Broadway from 1st May so if you are ever in the area do pop in and have a coffee and cake and support her new business.



Mrs Wicking will be taking her place in Nursery, continuing to support Mrs Flynn and taking over as the key worker for Mrs Howarth's children.

She will be very much missed at The Coppice and we would like to take this opportunity to wish her well in the next phase of her life.

Hair cut for charity

Penny P from Year 5 had her beautiful, long hair cut off for charity last weekend. She donated her locks to The Princess Trust, who have the hair made into wigs for children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment. We are proud to have such caring thoughtful children at The Coppice. Well done Penny.

Break the Rules for April Fools!



This is no April Fool,
Monday 1st April you can break the rules!!

Every student and teacher will be able to break rules from the list below, for each rule broken, we ask for a donation of 50p.

1. You must not wear your pyjamas to school.
2. You must wear matching socks to school.
3. You must not have any crazy hair styles/hair accessories.
4. No Hats allowed.
5. You must not wear football shirts to school.
6. No Temporary Tattoos.
7. You must wear school uniform.
8. Teachers must wear smart clothes.



This is a special occasion, only the above rules are allowed to be broken.

Thank you for supporting the Coppice PTA, all monies raised are donated back into school.