



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children.

Launch of the Joshua Hillstead Foundation - a great success!

As many of you will know, it is just over a year since the tragic loss of our much-loved pupil: Joshua Hillstead. It was therefore wonderful that during the summer holidays, Joshua's mum: Becky successfully launched The Joshua Hillstead Foundation that she has set up in memory of her son. There was very strong support for this event at Wythall Park from Joshua's family and friends, the local community and staff from The Coppice. A huge thank you therefore goes to all of those who attended and contributed the incredible £2,500 raised.



If you are not aware yet, Joshua's mum: Becky, started this foundation to raise awareness of water safety in schools and to make the teaching of this a compulsory part of all schools' curriculum, which has taken her all the way to the Houses of Parliament. After what happened to Joshua, we have already shown our commitment to water safety by teaching the Royal Life Saving Society's (RLSS) Water Safety content before we broke up. This was a promise I made to Becky and we will ensure that this is a feature of our curriculum every year because I want us to try and ensure, as school, that we have done everything we can to try and prevent what happened to Joshua happening to another one of our pupils.

We will also be continuing to honour Joshua's memory with the completion of his memory garden in the quiet area over of the playground over the course of this term and work has already begun with the placing of a circular bench around one of the trees.

Becky's mum has a number of different Foundation items that can be purchased e.g. swim bags, wrist bands, t-shirts, keyrings, pens etc. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items (all monies raised will go towards promoting water safety education in schools), you can do so by contacting The Joshua Hillstead Foundation via Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/people/The-Joshua-Hillstead-Foundation/61575126920504/?_rd=1



Mental Health support for Parents and Carers with children who may display a mental health or anxiety concern:

Thankfully, as you all know, we are now far more aware as a society of the mental health challenges that can face some children in the modern world. Therefore, as a school, we are constantly looking for ways that we can support our children in this regard in school and also seeking resources that we can signpost Parents and Carers to so that they can support their children at home.

The following items have been suggested to us as being very useful and we are therefore sharing them with you:

<https://www.onside-advocacy.org.uk/melo>



The above is a service that parents and professional can self-refer into if you feel that your child is suffering with their mental health and if you are concerned. It is called Melo by Onside.

<https://luminova.app/>



The above is an App for 7-12 year olds. Your child can create and go on missions with their Parents or Carers and can practise some real world skills to overcome their fears and build resilience.

Please contact any member of teaching staff or the Thrive team if you would like more information about the above or if you choose to use these services and want to give us some feedback.

Raising Awareness of Children's Mental Health:

Linked to the above, on Friday 10th October, we will raising awareness of children's and young people's mental health by partaking in the Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' event, which coincides with World Mental Health Day.

Along with thousands of other schools, communities and companies, we will be encouraging all of our children to wear an item of yellow (or multiple yellow items) and make a voluntary £1.00 contribution in order raise money for Young Minds so that we can show young people that they're not alone with their mental health and that, with the right support, we can truly make a positive difference.

On the day, we will be holding **age-appropriate** mental health assemblies in the children's classes (delivered by their Class Teachers) and also carrying out various 'Mindfulness' activities which will help and encourage the children to learn to positively manage their feelings and emotions and to build the resilience that they will need now and in the future. Please help us to celebrate this day and raise awareness of this extremely important area - thank you! Further information about this day will follow over the coming weeks.

Security developments at The Coppice:

The sharp-eyed amongst you will have seen that we have had some additional security work carried out which has involved the erecting of a fence across the back of our school field to provide a physical divide between our field and the land that belongs to Woodrush. This has been carried out in order to provide a greater level of security to the back of our site for both the children and staff in the school. However, it will but also keep potential intruders out during weekends and holiday periods. As you all know, a few times over the last couple of years, the back of the school has had some vandalism and we want to do everything we can to prevent this. We have also had an additional set of gates installed by the St. Mary's Church entrance and will soon have another set built by the Key Stage 2 entrance. Again these will create an additional level of security. I'm sure that you will all be supportive of these changes to keep everyone safe.



Year 6 boys: Zechariah and Ethan complete Wolf run!

Two Year 6 boys: Zechariah and Ethan, both from 6D, completed the Junior 'Wolf Run' in Leamington last weekend. The course consisted of a 3km lap with many challenging (and extremely muddy) obstacles along the way e.g. mud hills, slides and water challenges. Incredibly, both of these boys completed two laps of the course! As you can see from the photograph opposite, the boys both received extremely impressive medals which they were rightly very proud of! Considering that Zechariah said to me that he hates mud, this was a particularly great achievement for him. However, he still loved completing this challenge with his mud-loving classmate Ethan! Well done boys - we are very proud of you both!



That just leaves me to wish you an enjoyable weekend with your children. We look forward to seeing all of the children, and you, bright and early on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

World Peace Day

- 1) Bob Dylan - Blowin' In The Wind (1963)
- 2) Gladys Knight & The Pips - Friendship Train (1970)
- 3) Bob Marley & the Wailers - One Love / People Get Ready (1984)
- 4) Alicia Keys - We Are Here (2014)

Next week's playlist is:


Tuned and Untuned Percussion

- 1) Evelyn Glennie - Taps in Tempo (c.1930)
- 2) The Bhujhangy Group - Bhabiye Akh Larr Gayee (1970)
- 3) Mongo Santamaria - Afro Blue (1959)
- 4) Aram Khachaturian - Sabre Dance (1942)

Attendance Figures


TOP ATTENDANCE

8th - 12th September (Last week)

	2W	98.33%
	3B & 6C	100%

TOP ATTENDANCE

15th - 19th September (This week)

	2T	98.97%
	4DR	99.03%