



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break with your children and got a chance to spend some quality time together. It has been a joy to welcome the children back for the start of the Summer term and I'm full of excitement for the term ahead with events such as Sports' Days and the Summer Revel as well as other many exciting learning opportunities awaiting the children to look forward to! It has also been wonderful to start the term with some glorious weather and this has definitely put an extra spring in everyone's step!

Uniform:

Linked to the weather, just a quick reminder, as per my newsletter before the Easter break, that children can now wear summer uniform if they wish to. You can find a full list of the school's uniform expectations on the school website in the 'Parents' section. Here you will find a link called 'whole school information' and, from this, you will find one to 'uniform'. Please remember that all uniform expectations (both winter and summer uniform) need to be followed in full, including Physical Education (PE) kit.

Celebration Assemblies:

A real highlight of this first week back has been our Celebration Assemblies for Years 1-6 where we recognised the children's achievements over the course of the last half-term. These assemblies allow the teachers to celebrate individual children in their classes who have impressed them with their effort and progress across all of the subjects that we teach in school.



Once again, it was an absolute pleasure to front all of these assemblies and to hear the reasons why the children who became the recipients of the trophies, were awarded them. As always, what really stood out to me again was how our curriculum, and the awards that we have for the different subject disciplines, allow for all of our children's talents and abilities to be both recognised and, importantly, discovered. As you know, I am passionate about The Coppice being a school where no child's talents go undiscovered during their time with us. You can see a full breakdown of who the trophy winners and team point medal winners are later on in this newsletter.

We will be celebrating the achievements of our Nursery and Reception children over the course of next week and Mrs. Ashwell and I are very much looking forward to the the joy of presenting certificates and stickers to our youngest children. This is something that Mrs. Ashwell and I always enjoy doing as they are always really lovely occasions.

80th anniversary of VE Day celebrations next week:

Through communications from both the main school office and Year group teams, you will be aware that next week (Thursday 8th May), we will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day along with the rest of the nation. This is a hugely significant event and we are proud, as a school to be taking part in it. All of the children (and staff) are asked to come to school wearing red, white and blue attire in order to make a clear statement of our support for this celebration.

We are asking for a £1.00 donation from every child and all money raised will go towards the Royal British Legion's charity which supports both former veterans and their families.

Please do try to ensure that you make this donation if you can as every little bit of money raised helps a huge deal and goes a long way to making a real difference! I know that your support is greatly appreciated and it is a privilege to once again be supporting the RBL.

Over the course of the week in assemblies and through various different activities taking place across the school and in classrooms, we are ensuring that the children know exactly why we are taking part in this celebration and will be making sure that we remind them that our freedom to come to school and live our lives as we do in a democratic country are due to the sacrifices of previous generations. With so few veterans still alive, it is crucial that we continue to educate our children about how the past has influenced the present.

We are all really looking forward to this event and to having a fantastic time celebrating together.

Our pond is coming back!

I am delighted to announce that, thanks to our new Eco Council Leaders: Mr. Ruffles (Year 4 teacher) and Mrs. Douglas (Year 4 Teaching Assistant), the passion of the Eco Council itself and Year 4 Parents Mr. and Mrs. Morgan (mum and dad of Amelia in 4C) of Earlswood Garage, who have provided financial support, we are now able to begin reinstating our pond area, which is hugely exciting for everyone in our school community. As the pictures right illustrate, the current area is in an unloved, unused state.



The fantastic contribution of a new pond liner, bought by Earlswood Garage will be arriving before or around the 10th of May and Mr. Ruffles will be relaying the liner and filling the pond with water as soon as this arrives. Mrs Morgan is also keen to help us with pond plants and possibly a pump when the time comes to add some life to our pond.

Mrs Douglas and her husband: Andy have been an amazing help as we have begun to cut back some overgrown areas of the pond area whilst maintaining some hiding places and habitats for our mini beasts. During this initial work (**see pictures below**), we have seen bees, bugs, beetles, worms, woodlouse, birds and even a few newts! We have had to be very careful to keep their habitats safe and accessible which means we have stacked logs and kept some bushes, long grass and damp warm areas as they were. We have started to lay logs down to create a circular path that will be lined with a natural wood chipping path once Mr Douglas has chopped a few bigger dead trees down from our grounds.

We still have a long way to go but one thing that Parents and Carers may be able to help us with if they can, could be to donate any offcuts or old wooden railway sleepers that they no longer need so that we can create a safe border between the pond and the wild flowers that will surround it by making some raised planters. Please contact Mr. Ruffles at school if you think you may be able to help.

When reinstated, our pond will provide a wonderful area for all of the children in our school to experience the vast array of natural life that it will be home to. Exciting times indeed!



Huge thanks goes to everyone involved in this project!



Gymnastics Star Maeva goes from strength to strength!

On Sunday 13th April. 6C pupil Maeva competed in the West Midlands Regional Grades competition in Cannock.

The Excel pathway helps develop a strong foundation of skills, including strength, flexibility, and artistry. Excel Grades serves as a pathway for gymnasts to progress towards more advanced competitions in the future. Maeva had a good, clean competition and was over the moon to pass her Excel 2 Grade. She also placed 3rd on beam.

As the pictures show, Maeva truly is a wonderful gymnast and sportsperson in general. She is also a really lovely, humble girl with so many great personal qualities and we are extremely proud to have her here at The Coppice.

Huge congratulations on your achievements Maeva!



That just leaves me to wish you all a lovely long Bank Holiday weekend with your children and we look forward to welcoming them to school bright and early on **Tuesday** morning. Hopefully the weather stays warm!

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate

Due to this being the first week back at school, there was no Star of The Week Hot Chocolate with Mr. Hutt. This means that the first Star of The Week hot chocolate will be on Friday 9th May.

Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

[Early 20th Century \(1920 - 1950\)](#)

- 1) Prokofiev - Dance of the Knights (1935)
- 2) Grant Still - Afro-American Symphony (1930)
- 3) Louis Armstrong - Dinah (1920)
- 4) Carmen Miranda - Tico Tico (1945)

Next week's playlist is:

[Western Orchestral Strings](#)

- 1) Vittorio Monti - Csárdás (1904)
- 2) Bach - Suite 3 Gigue (1724 - 1731)
- 3) Jerry Douglas, Russ Barenberg & Edgar Meyer - From Ankara to Izmir (1993)
- 4) Bach - Cello Suite No. 1 (c 1720)

Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE 7th - 11th April (Last week of term)			TOP ATTENDANCE 28th April - 2nd May (This week)		
	1D	97.33%		1D	97.93%
	4W	97.67%		5RB 6D	98.67%

Trophy Winners for Spring 2 - 24/25

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
THE COPPICE WAY	1LR - Hero	2P - Francesca	3L - Lucas	4C - Tessa	5F - Jack	6G - Alivia
STAR MATHEMATICIAN	1B - Mysha	2W - Thomas	3B - Harry H	4W - Isaac	5RB - Edison K	6G - Josh
STAR WRITER	1LR - Phoebe	2T - George	3K - Cali	4R - Caleb M	5F - Albie	6C - Phoebe
STAR READER	1D - Esme	2P - Milo	3L - Megan	4R - Amelia	5C - Maison	6D - Rozie
STAR SCIENTIST	1B - Jacob	2P - Harley	3B - Alarna	4W - Kajeevhan	5C - Dexter	6G - Reiss
SPORTS STAR	1LR - Isla	2T - Lily	3K - Ellimay (Swimming)	4C - Katie	5F - Ruby	6D - Isaac
THE ARTS STAR	1D - Penelope	2T - Ellie	3L - Linae	4C - Beatrix	5C - Georgia	6C - Janelle
COMPUTING STAR	1LR - Katie	2W - Logan	3K - Havana	4W - Flynn	5RB - Baxter	6D - George
DT STAR	1D - Everlee	2T - Eesa	3B - Rosie B			
HUMANITIES STAR	1B - Sebby	2W - Amaya	3K - Oscar O (Spanish)	4W - Andrew (RE)	5RB - Mason	6C - Lucy

Team Point Winners for Spring 2

	3rd (Bronze)	2nd (Silver)	1st (Gold)
1B	Emily (F)	Bonnie (E)	Annabelle (O)
1LR	Elsie (O)	x	Erin (H) / Hero (E)
1D	Emma (F)	Ellie (H)	Theo (O)
2T	Ellis (O)	Jonah (F)	George (H)
2P	Orion (F)	Remi (F)	Alfie P (H)
2W	Athur (E)	Lyla (E)	Thomas (E)
3K	Oscar O (H)	Isaac (O)	Freddie (H)
3L	George (F)	x	La Miya (E) / Jamie (H)
3B	Lucas (E)	Eva (H)	Jake R (O)
4W	Charlotte (O) / Georgia (F)	Nancy (H)	Sienna (E)
4R	Jack L (O)	Jay (H)	Isabel (O)
4C	Henri S (E)	Phebe (F)	Jude (O)
5RB	William (F)	Zac (O)	Isla (O)
5C	Mason (F)	Arthur (O)	Jake (H)
5F	Poppy (H)	Sienna (O)	Harley (H)
6G	x	Betsy (H) / Ramin (E)	Eva E (O)
6C	Jayden (F)	Daisy (E)	Sienna (E)
6D	Finley (F)	Maeva (E)	Noah (F)