



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 23rd March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend and half-term break with your children. The children have worked really hard this last half-term and are certainly deserving of the break. It's been another busy week at The Coppice and there is much to tell you and to celebrate!

'Mile for Mizpah' Fun Run A School Council Fundraiser

As I wrote in this newsletter a couple of weeks ago, our wonderful School Council approached me a while back regarding their desire to hold a 'Fun Run' in order to raise money for children in Zimbabwe. This idea came about following an assembly by Pastor Steve Crosthwaite of Hollywood Christian Life Centre and his Zimbabwean friend: Tapiwa. After lots of hard work, support from Steve and his son: ex-pupil Joshua, the Council are now able to communicate their plan with you:

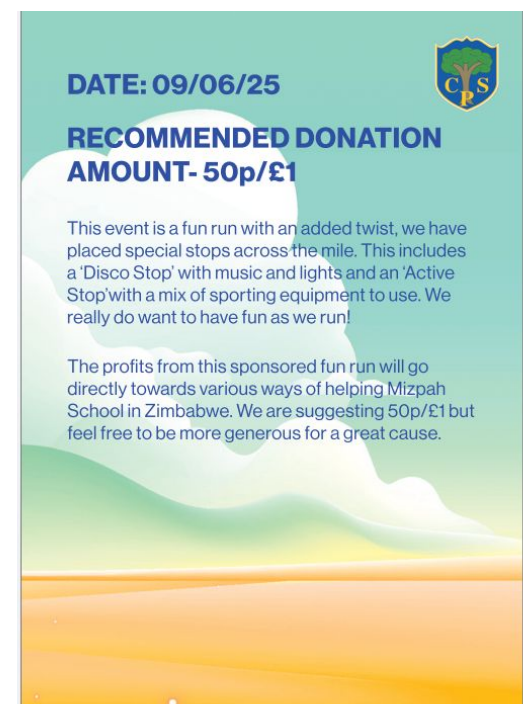
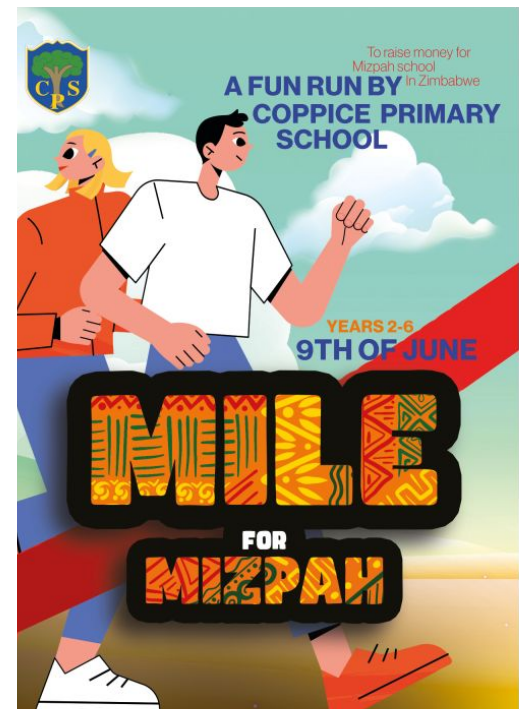
Did you know that children thousands of miles away in Zimbabwe wear the Coppice uniform? In a special assembly, we learned about Mizpah Primary School—the school we're connected to in Zimbabwe. We found out about some of the challenges the pupils face, like walking long distances to school, sharing porridge with their families so they don't go hungry, and sometimes having lessons outside. They don't always have the resources we use every day at school.

Hearing about their lives made us feel really grateful for what we have, and it inspired us to help make a difference.

As the School Council, we decided to do something meaningful to support the education of our 'Coppice' friends. That's why we've organised the 'Mile for Mizpah' fun run—to raise money for Mizpah Primary School. We believe every child deserves a great education with teachers who care and inspire them, just like we have.

With your help, we hope to raise enough to fund a teacher for their school. The fun run will take place on Monday 9th June on the school field, with the aim of each class running approximately one mile! We'd love as many people as possible to donate - you can give through the Parent Pay, or children can bring in 50p to £1 for their class teacher on the day. Your child can also wear clothing of their choice for the fun run e.g. sportswear or even fancy dress!

Thank you in advance for your support - it truly will make a difference!
—The School Council



The Coppice retains its Sportsmark Gold award!

We are thrilled to announce that The Coppice has achieved the School Games Gold Award for the second consecutive year! This award celebrates our ongoing commitment to physical education, school sport and the promotion of healthy, active lifestyles. A huge well done to all our children for their enthusiastic participation. Here's to another fantastic year of teamwork, determination, and achievement!



Bookwagon pop-up shop success!

On Monday, we hosted a pop-up bookshop with Bookwagon. Bronnie and Bob from Bookwagon have been friends of our school for many years and help us in many ways, including organising author visits and supplying books for our writing lessons.

They led three assemblies in which they read stories to the children in Years 1 - 6 and told them about some exciting new books from the collection they had curated for us. After school, we hosted the bookshop in our junior hall and we were delighted with the turnout and the 'book buzz' in the room. Bronnie from Bookwagon spoke incredibly highly of our Coppice children for their conduct, listening and enthusiasm during the assemblies, and were very complimentary of our reading culture in school.



Every purchase that was made generated commission that Mr Laight can use to purchase new books for our library, so thank you so much for your support. We look forward to welcoming our friends at Bookwagon back to Coppice in the future!



Golf tournament success for The Coppice!

On Monday, we took ten children to a tri-golf tournament at Arrow Vale where they competed against seven other primary schools. The event focused on accuracy, speed, and teamwork, with each team made up of five boys and five girls rotating around eight golf-based skill challenges. Our team showed fantastic teamwork, determination, and excellent sportspersonship throughout all the activities. Their efforts paid off, as they finished in first place, winning the competition by an impressive 70 points! We are incredibly proud of their achievement and are delighted to announce that the team: Jack, Leighton, Leo, Erin, Merryn, Jude, Ryan, Charlotte, Alice and Emily will now go on to represent Redditch at the Summer School Games Final on 1st July at Bromsgrove School which they are very excited about. Huge congratulations children - we wish you all the best for the final and can't wait to hear how you get on!



Year 6 Debating Competition - our children do us proud!

Two Fridays ago, four of our Year 6 pupils represented The Coppice at the second round of the Primary Debating Competition organised by King Edwards School in Edgbaston. The standard of the competition was really high and our pupils debated brilliantly. We were debating in favour of the proposition that public transport should be free.

Bethany and Jessica received the following feedback from the judges: *'We were really impressed by their POIs (points of information), which developed over the course of the debate. Their points were well-evidenced, and their signposting was the best in their debate - they linked their speeches together really well!'* Jessie was praised for how well she articulated her arguments and for her high quality and relevant responses to the opposition's POIs.

The judges thought that Finley's speech was excellent and that he used the PEE structure very well. They noted how he began his speech with a well-constructed rebuttal thereby demonstrating that he was able to think on his feet. He was also praised for how well he countered the POIs made against him. We are really proud of all four children!

Year 6 have a fantastic post-SATS treat!

Year 6 had a fabulous day in school on Wednesday when they treated to some fun activities provided by our Sports Coaches from SH Active. This was a very well-deserved treat for all of the hard work and focus that the children had put into their SATS tests last week and all of the preparation that went into getting ready for them.

The children got to take part in extended sessions of zorbing, nerf wars and Laser Tag. It is an understatement to say that they had an absolutely amazing time, as the pictures below make clear!

Huge thanks go to SH Active and the whole of the Year 6 staff team for organising this brilliant day.



We are so proud of you Beau!

Earlier in the year, Beau, from 6D, had some time off for filming for a new BBC 3 series called 'Just Act Normal'. The series was released at the end of April and Beau has some lovely scenes in it that she's really proud of. Through this experience, Beau learned a lot about being on set and has an even bigger love for acting to the extent she is now taking acting classes.

Left are some photos of Beau's scenes and one of her with the director and fellow actors. There is also one in front of her very own dressing room! Well done Beau - we are very proud of you and can't wait to see what you do next!



After again sharing some lovely news, that just leaves me to say that I hope you all have a lovely half-term break and we look forward to seeing you all bright and early on the morning of Monday 2nd June.

Kind regards and take care everyone,

Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

Alternative Strings

- 1) Anoushka Shankar - Boat to Nowhere (2016)
- 2) Nickel Creek - Ode to a Butterfly (2000)
- 3) Israel Kamakawiwo'ole - Over the Rainbow (1993)
- 4) Alice Coltrane - Oceanic Beloved (1968)

For the week after half term the playlist is:

1950s

- 1) Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong - Dream a Little Dream of Me (1950)
- 2) Bobby Darin - Mack the Knife (1959)
- 3) Rosemary Clooney - This Ole House (1954)
- 4) Buddy Holly - Everyday (1957)

Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE

12th-16th May (Last week)



1D

99.57%

6G

100%

TOP ATTENDANCE

19th -23rd May (This week)



1D

97.93%

4W

99.00%