



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

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



Our School Council are excited to launch their first project of the year: *Mizpah Smiles*. Over the next couple of weeks, the children are encouraging our school community to donate small **toys, games and craft items** (in good, usable condition) to support pupils at **Mizpah Primary School in Zimbabwe**. This is the school that we have supported previously through fundraising. A project like this helps our pupils develop empathy, kindness and an understanding of how they can make a positive difference to children beyond their own community.

Donations can be brought into school, where members of the School Council will be responsible for collecting and organising them, and putting them into the blue barrel pictured above. Once the barrel is full, it will be collected by Steve Crosthwaite of Hollywood Christian Life Centre and then transported to Zimbabwe. Sending the items in a sealed barrel like this is the cheapest and safest way for these items to be shipped.

Thank you in advance for supporting this meaningful initiative and helping us spread smiles further afield - your donations will truly make many children, who don't have much at all, very happy! If we manage to fill one barrel completely, we will consider taking on a second barrel so please support our wonderful School Council and children of Mizpah Primary School if you can.

A massive well done to our amazing Gymnasts!

Last Sunday, parents and carers drove to Stoke-on-Trent to take 20 Coppice Gymnasts to the West Midlands Schools' Floor and Vault Competition, with the hope that we might win a few places to the National Finals in March and May.

Once again, our Coppice gymnasts overcame nerves and pressure to show off their best skills and sportsmanship and everyone came away with medals and well deserved pride.

With six wins, we are now in the enviable position of preparing 6 teams to enter the National Finals. A special mention goes to Cian and Isobel who respectively won the highest boy and girls score of the day.

A huge well done goes to our gymnasts who represented our school perfectly. As always, they were: brave, resilient, well-mannered, respectful, highly skilled, great sportsmanship..... we could go on. You have done yourselves proud! As always we are very grateful to the visiting coaches who teach our children to such a high standard: Thank you Kirsty, Kieron, Ella, Alana, Evie, Ella and Dougie.



| Floor and Vault Competition: | | |
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| TEAM: | PLACE: | CHILDREN: |
| Under 11 Girls Team | 1st Place | Arria, Isla, Isobel, Beth & Poppy |
| Under 11 Girls' Team | 2nd Place | Emmie, Ivy, Ellimay, Raye, Alice & Sienna |
| Under 11 Boys' Team | 1st Place | Myles, Leighton, Isaac and Cian |
| Under 11 Mixed Team | 1st Place | Harley, Finley, Alice, Charlotte and Georgia |

| Milano Team Competition: | | |
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| Under 11 Girls' Team | 1st Place | Isla, Ivy, Poppy & Sienna |
| Under 11 Girls' Team | 3rd Place | Beth, Alice & Isobel |
| Under 11 Boys' Team | 1st Place | Myles, Isaac & Cian |
| Under 11 Mixed Team | 1st Place | Leighton, Emmie & Arria |



History of our school is shared by Jill and Philip:

It was an absolute delight on Tuesday to welcome local resident Philip Pearce into school in order to receive some documents from him that related to our school when it was still still two separate schools comprising of: Shawhurst Infants and Silvermead Junior School.

The documents were donated to us by well-known former Local Councillor and Governor of The Coppice: Jill Dyer. There were also documents that related to the proposed merger of the two to form The Coppice Primary School. These were a fascinating insight into the past staff of our school and events that happened there and I hugely enjoyed my hour chatting with Philip, who is also a very keen and knowledgeable local historian. We will make some of these available to view when we celebrate the 65th anniversary of the opening of our school in the academic year 2027-2028.



We will, of course share more details of this special 65th landmark in when we get nearer the time. This will be a very exciting time with a lot of events going on. A huge thank you goes to both Jill and Phillip for their generous donation of these documents.

Year 2 children are published authors!

This week, it was fantastic to be able to congratulate a group of fifteen Year 2 children who have had their poems published in a real book! In the autumn term, the children entered a competition run by the Young Writers' Association called 'Recipe Poems' where the children had to write a poem all about "A recipe for me". Obviously, as a school, we are incredibly proud of these children for their achievement in having their work published and we hope that this encourages them to want to continue their creative writing journeys.



The Year 2 children who were published on this occasion were:

Skylar N
Katie P
Emily C
Henry D
Blake D
Rivyr B
Phoebe J
Maisey O

Maisey O
Olivia W
Hattie R
Kriththick
Mable C
Roman B
Evelyn B



A huge well done goes to all of these published authors!

Celebration Time

Siena is a choir star!

Siena is the very deserving winner of last term's Star Singer trophy. Siena is overflowing with passion for singing and performing and you can't help but smile and dance along when watching her. Her commitment to performance extends beyond just choir. She is pursuing and securing roles outside of school and represents herself and fantastically in all of them. Huge congratulations go to Siena!

Theo bags Man of the Match Award!

A huge well done goes to Theo from 4B who was awarded the 'Man of The Match' Award last weekend when representing his club: Hollywood United. Obviously, Theo was delighted to receive this award which he said was given for hard work and an excellent attitude. These are fabulous qualities to show Theo and we are very proud of you!


Freya achieves Dance 'Acro' Award!

Freya, from 5GB, who is a passionate dancer, achieved an award for her 'Acro' dancing recently which is a fabulous achievement. Freya says that 'Acro' is her favourite dance style and clearly she is very good at it! A huge well done on achieving this award Freya and we look forward to more dancing success!


Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate

Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE 19th - 23rd Jan (last week)

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|  | 1T | 99.31% |
| | 5W | 99.35% |

TOP ATTENDANCE 26th - 30th Jan (this week)

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|  | RM | 100% |
| | 4B & 5GB | 100% |

Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

Woodwind

- 1) Elgar - Romance, Op.62 (1910)
- 2) Telemann - Concerto for Recorder and Flute (c.1720)
- 3) Bach - Oboe Concerto, D Minor (early 1700s)
- 4) Jimmy Hamilton - Blues for Clarinet (1956)

Next week's playlist is:

Geographical Focus: Africa

- 1) Andries Van Tonder - Siyahamba (1952)
- 2) King Sunny Adé - Ja Funmi (1982)
- 3) Enoch Sontonga - Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika (1897)
- 4) Aşa - ODO (2024)

That just leaves me to wish you all 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)

