



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 6th February 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.

Mizpah School collection - a HUGE thank you!

A huge thank you goes to all of those members of our school community who have donated items to our 'Mizpah Smiles' campaign. As you will know from your children, and from last week's newsletter, all items collected were placed in a large, blue barrel which will now be shipped to Zimbabwe for the children and families of The Mizpah School to use and enjoy. Amazingly, we completely filled this barrel in only a week!

We had a great array of different items donated from toys to toiletries and, without a doubt, they will achieve the intended aim of putting smiles on the faces of the children and families who receive them.

Once again, our special school community's generosity and empathy has shone out and we are incredibly grateful for all your support. A huge well done also goes to our School Council for the expert way in which they have organised this charity event - we are extremely proud of you children!

Next week, Pastor Steve Crosthwaite from Hollywood Christian Life Centre will be visiting our school to collect the barrel and to thank the School Council. I look forward to publishing a photo next week of this celebratory event.



Children's Mental Health Week (9th - 13th February):

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and, as with last year, we will again be marking this in school across the week through various mindfulness activities that Class Teachers will be carrying out with their children. This will include us explaining, in a child-friendly way, what mental health is and how children can learn to manage their own mental health in positive ways. We will be using some really enjoyable and child friendly resources (videos and activities) and are confident that the children will have a really positive learning experience.

The theme this year is: '**This is My Place**'. We know that our sense of belonging as individuals, in our friendships, in school and in communities plays a vital role in our mental health and wellbeing.

To know our place and really feel part of our environment is a basic human need. It can have powerful and long-lasting impacts in lots of areas of our lives, including our physical and mental health, education, employment and relationships. When we feel that we belong, it empowers us to contribute to the world and make a real difference.

This year, Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week will aim to support the groups and systems surrounding our children. We'll encourage peers, families, schools and community groups to create inclusive and nurturing environments, where children and young people feel they belong and can say '**This is my place**'

Every year, for the past 11 years, the week has been organised and run by the children's mental health charity Place2Be who are all about helping young people speak up and feel empowered to talk about mental health and wellbeing. The campaign has also partnered with Thrive, which is our school's Social and Emotional programme.

During the week, the children will complete various 'feel-good' activities which will continue to further raise awareness on how the children can help support their own mental health. This is an important component of our continuous mental-health and wellbeing programme in school and also of our 'Jigsaw' PSHE teaching and learning.

If you would like to view some of the free 'Place2be' resources that we are using with the children, please visit the link below. Please be reassured though that we will only carry out age-appropriate activities and learning with the children.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/resources/#primary>

If you would like to access the free Parent and Carer help resource pages, please go to:

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

On these pages, you will find: free webinars, articles and practical advice for families on the topics of childhood anxiety, anger, sadness, stress, family life, opening up, and confidence/self-esteem. There are also helpful music and podcast playlists.

We also have more links to organisations that support both child and adult mental health on our school website:

<https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/parent-resources/mental-health-well-being-and-support-for-families/>

Year 5 Residential Trip to Ingestre Hall:

Some of our Year 5 pupils spent Wednesday, Thursday and Friday last week at Ingestre Hall, in Stafford.

The children selected an Art Form to study, with the focus being on our upcoming topic of 'Space'.

The different art forms included: dance, acting, music, art and film animation. The children spent many hours on their masterpieces and showcased their end products to the rest of the children and staff on Friday morning, which I had the absolute pleasure of attending.

On watching our children presenting, I was, as always, bowled over by the confidence, creativity and talent of our children. What they produced was truly remarkable.

It was also a great feeling that the staff at Ingestre Hall commented on the children's fantastic listening and their excellent manners - once again The Coppice Way in full view. Coppice staff were impressed with the children's resilience, particularly as it was the first time away from home for many of them. We were very proud of how the children conducted themselves and how creative their work was; every child had their chance to shine and they did just that! Without doubt these trips bring children so many different benefits which is exactly why we do them.

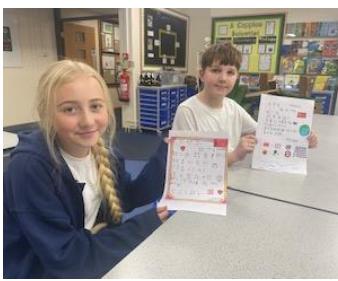
Obviously though, these residential trips are a huge commitment for the staff who organise them and, like the children they also spend time away from their own families in order to ensure that the children have a wonderful experience. I therefore want to say again a huge thank you to Mrs. Blundell, Mrs. Rowles, Mrs. Ashwell, Mr. McGarry, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Buckley, Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Giles for the part they all played in this trip and the time that they gave to it. It wouldn't have been possible without them.

Year 5 Parents and Carers will be able to view their children's amazing work next week and the videos of all of the performances will also be shared with you all next week. In the meantime though, the photos below are a fantastic snapshot of the children's time at Ingestre.



Mandarin Club:

Since Christmas, our talented pupils have been working hard on their new topic of school whilst our Chinese counterparts enjoy their extended winter break. In order to stay in touch with China, our pupils have been busy preparing letters to send to their friends.



Writing in Mandarin has not only proved to be challenging but tremendous fun. They can all be very proud of their first efforts. Pictured proudly showing off their Mandarin writing skills are Rosabella from 6D and Jake from 6C.

Celebration Time

Gymnast Finley gets celebrated!



Unfortunately, Finley from 3K was absent last week when we celebrated all of our wonderful Gymnasts. It was therefore lovely to finally be able to celebrate him when he returned. Finley was part of the mixed team that won a 1st place Gold medal in the West Midland Regional Competition and we are hugely proud of him!

Bonnie wows me with her singing!



It was an absolute joy on Monday this week when Bonnie from 2T performed a singing solo to Mrs. Tomkinson, Mr. Lampard and me in my office. Bonnie had wowed Mrs. Tomkinson by learning and performing all of the lyrics to 'This Little Light of Mine' and wanted me to hear Bonnie as well. She was incredibly brave and sang beautifully - definitely another future star for Mr. Lampard's choir!

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Attendance Figures

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

	RM	100%
4B 5GB	100%	

TOP ATTENDANCE 2nd-6th Feb (this week)

	1LR 2P	98.00%
5GB	98.71%	

Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

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)

Next week's playlist is:

Vocal Performances

- 1) Kate Bush - Wild Man (2011)
- 2) Rodgers & Hammerstein - Do-Re-Mi (1959)
- 3) Pentatonix - The Sound of Silence (2019)
- 4) Bobby McFerrin - Don't Worry, Be Happy (1988)

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)