

The Coppice Whole School Newsletter Friday 17th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers.

I hope that you've all had a good week and, as always, are looking forward to the weekend with your children. We've been blessed with beautiful weather this week and it has certainly given everyone a real lift. I always love seeing the children happily playing on the school field with the sun shining and regularly think how lucky they are to have so much space in which to play especially as not all schools are fortunate enough to have this.

Future playground developments:

Talking of use of space, Mrs. Webster, our School Business Manager, and I had a lovely meeting with our School Council yesterday where we discussed with them our vision for the future development of our playground areas. This is something that I am committed to doing as some of the existing areas have grown tired and lifeless. I can't give too many specifics at this stage as we are very much at the planning stage. However, what I can say is that the developments will include extending the Junior playground a little bit to create more space for the children during the autumn and winter months when the weather is often not so good and we can't use the field. By 'pinching' a little bit of the field area (but not too much so please don't worry), the children will greatly benefit. We will also be resurfacing the Junior playground, which is desperately needed, adding creative playground markings and activities to both the junior and infant playgrounds, developing more shade areas and also adding a fenced 'Quiet Zone' where children, who aren't so keen on the busyness of the playground can sit and read or play board games etc. Finally, a further 'big project' development is that we are going to build a fenced Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) or 'cage' as some people know it, which can be used for playtimes, extra-curricular activities and Physical Education activities for use by all year groups. This will be built on the side of the field, next to the Forest School Area. The School Council have already starting feeding back to all classes so don't be surprised if your children come home and start telling you about these hugely exciting developments for our school. We will of course keep you all updated as these projects progress over the course of the next year.

Sports Days:

What wonderful occasions our Year 1 and 2, Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6 Sports Days were! I can't tell you how much of a huge buzz it was to see parents, carers and visitors coming onto the school field to support the children. After two years of not being able to do these events, it really did feel like a return to the kind of normality that we have all been craving. The atmospheres were superb and the children were amazing! We had everything: competition, sportsmanship, encouragement and support for one another, smiles and laughter, empathy and congratulations and most importantly fun! As I said at all of the events, competition is a part of life so we don't avoid it at The Coppice but we embrace it. However, what we do in conjunction with this is to ensure that every single child's effort is valued and that 'trying your best' and not giving up are the most important qualities. In this way I believe that we get the balance just right. I hope that you all enjoy looking at the montage of photos later on in this newsletter.

Mental Health and Wellbeing pages on the website:

I wrote on a previous newsletter that I wanted to create a mental health and wellbeing page on the school website, which could help direct parents and carers to organisations and resources that they could access if they ever felt they needed to. I also wanted it to be clear what the school's approach to dealing with mental health and wellbeing issues for children is and how I would like this to progress further in the future. I am therefore extremely pleased to let you all know that these pages have gone live and can be accessed via the 'About Us' and 'Parent Resources' drop-down menus of the website. You will then find a number of clearly explained links which can be used to find help and advice on a whole range of mental health and wellbeing areas, which are designed to support all members of your family. This is such an important area and we want to do everything that we can to support all of our families in staying mentally healthy.

Well done Cruz!



Well done to Cruz T from Year 5, who has been awarded coaches' player of the year for his under 10's Five Ways Rugby Club in Hopwood. He was awarded it for being a fantastic team player, always being ready to play rugby and always giving 100 % in both games and training. We are extremely proud of you for this award Cruz. To be recognised by your coaches is something special. Cruz's mum said, 'Rugby is his absolute love! He would play rugby all day every day if he could! Even when he has been knocked about tackling and being tackled he never gives up!'



Well done Hollywood United and Hollywood Panthers!

Last Saturday, on June 11th, lots of the Hollywood United football teams took part in tournaments across Birmingham. Ben Petty, who is one of the managers for Hollywood United, was delighted to let me know that, in the Under 10 age group at the Bromsgrove festival, the U10 MJPL team won the trophy by beating Hollywood United Panthers in the final. In the winning team were Coppice pupils: Reid A, Shay N, Conor O'B, Jacob J and Ethan H. Incredibly, Shay, Conor, Jacob and Ethan are all actually Year 4 pupils (Under 9's) but were chosen to play at the Under 10 level. In the Panthers' team The Coppice was also represented by Noah E, Harvey E and Billy L. Everyone here at The Coppice is extremely proud of you boys!

Well done Cody!



It's fantastic to be able to give an update on the breakdancing progress of Cody G from Year 4. Last weekend, Cody was invited to take part in the Jubilee Jam in Liverpool. At the competition, there were thirty talented breakdancers aged 16 and under. Amazingly, Cody won through all the knockout rounds to reach the final where he won the tournament with full marks from the judges – an incredible achievement in what was his first full tournament. Cody's aim is now to train harder and compete in more breakdancing battles - good luck Cody!



That just leaves me to wish you all a lovely weekend so let's hope for more sunshine! It's highly likely that you won't see me on the gates for a couple of weeks as I am about to have a period of paternity leave, which obviously I'm extremely excited about. Of course though, I greatly look forward to seeing you all on my return.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Exciting News!

On Monday 20th, the children will be having an assembly to reveal who our visiting athlete will be. Our athlete will be leading a **sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils** and follow-up with a talk and question and answer session for the school. The aim of the event is to **inspire the pupils** to be more physically active, but just as importantly to encourage them to discover and then pursue their **passion in life**.

The aim of the event is both to connect the pupils to an extraordinary athlete role model, and to **raise money to improve physical activity** for our school while also supporting GB athletes (including Paralympic athletes). A sponsorship form for your child to use has been sent home with them, to help raise money for the event. You can also sponsor your child by going to: www.sportsforschools.org and clicking on "Set up a fundraiser page". On there, you can donate money which will go towards the purchase of new sports equipment.



Appeals

Over the Summer break our quad area is going to have its long awaited refurbishment. Fundraising has been harder over the past few years so thanks go to our wonderful PTA for coming up with new ideas to raise funds and of course to all the parents who have supported us along the way. We are delighted that thanks to this joint effort that our plans can finally be completed. Our Eco Council are very keen to re use the plants and shrubs which are currently in the quad and they therefore need to be moved elsewhere. We are looking for donations of medium to large pots and soil so that we can replant them to move to their new home. If you have any that you are able to donate we would be very grateful. Donations can be dropped at the school office. Thank you.

Mrs Small as also asked if any one has any pop CDs that children can sing and dance to on the playground. Please check that none of the songs have explicit lyrics though!





Sports Days photos



















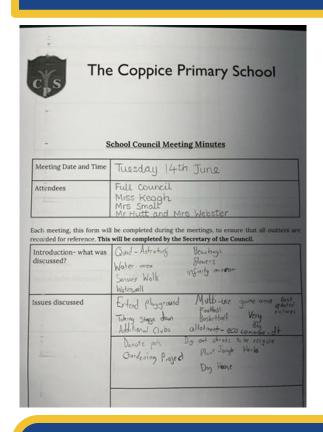








School Council Bulletin



This week, the School Council arranged to have a visit from a range of school leaders to discuss developments of school facilities.

First, Mr Hutt and Mrs Webster came to show us their plans for the quad and the school playground. We were excited to learn about the developments and to share our opinions on them. Isobel (4AW) shared some great ideas on how the changes can be communicated to our wider community.

Then, Mrs Small came in to ask for our help with the quad's development in the Summer term. We will be helping to repot the shrubbery. This will be a chance for us to review our spending from our Easter fundraiser too.

Photos from last week's trips to Upton Warren



PTA Summer Revel 1st July 2022



DONATION REQUEST

As a PTA we are very lucky to have such supportive parents. Once again, we are asking for your help to make the Summer Revel the great success that it normally is. We ask each year group to bring in somethings to give as prizes / sell at the Revel. This year, as well as the paper bags which have already been sent home, we are asking for the following:

Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 - "

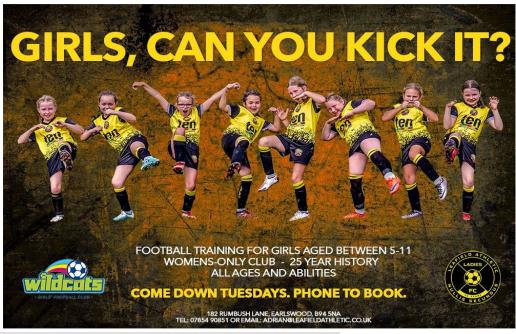
Tombola items (e.g. bottles of alcohol, new toiletries, small new toys, small gifts e.t.c.)

Year 4, 5 & Year 6 – Cakes and boxes of chocolates (if homemade please provide an ingredients list and we ask NO NUTS please)

Any year – Good condition books/ alcohol and new unwanted toys and gift sets.

Please bring all donations to the old (junior) hall at morning drop off on Friday 24th June (for non perishable items i.e bottles, unwanted gifts etc) or Friday 1st July (for everything else). You are able to donate on both days if you wish we are always grateful for anything you donate. Every donation gets a team point! THANKS!

Community News



SOLIHULL FC U11s ~ 22/23 Season

Players Wanted

We are looking for additional players to strengthen our existing squad as we move to 9v9

If you may be interested, please message for more information: 07803 330 025 / 07462 907 639



Recruiting for Before/After School and Holiday Club staff 20 hours per week - Monday to Friday

Coppice Care Club Coppice Primary School - Shawhurst Lane, Wythall. B47 5JN

Experience working with children is an advantage but if you are a fun person, who enjoys working with children, are great at crafts, or planning quizes, playing board games, or arranging outside activities then this is the perfect job for you.

To apply please email: coppicecareclubmanager@gmail.com or call 07914 825141







AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



HOLIDAY CLUB



ON SITE PARKING LOCAL STALLS



LIVE MUSIC BOUNCY CASTLE

Thank you for reading our Whole School Newsletter. Now click on the link below to access your Year Group Newsletters.

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OUR ONLINE LINKS

School website-http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/

Newsletter-<u>http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/</u>

PTA-<u>https://www.pta-events.co.uk/coppice/#.Wv1BYDQvypo</u>

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