



# Coopersale Hall School

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## NEWSLETTER No. 11

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### Introduction

What a busy week – Christmas has officially started with our Lower and Upper Kindergarten concerts, beautifully performed by our very seasonally dressed young pupils. Please see the photos in this newsletter.

Wednesday was a very exciting day with the official opening of our new building comprising a spacious and colourful Lower Kindergarten Department with Year 2 classrooms above. Mr and Mrs Rod Stewart kindly opened the building. Many of you attended and heard our choir perform two songs. Well done to everyone, even the weather was kind to us.

It's been National Tree Week, so here are a few fun facts involving trees. Go to [www.sherwoodforest.org.uk](http://www.sherwoodforest.org.uk) to find out more about Robin Fitzooth, better known as Robin Hood. Learn more about tree planting at <http://bit.ly/vfTJfb> Read about a very valuable tree whose branches act as limbs to attack anyone within its reach – The Whomping Willow can be found in the Harry Potter series of books. Finally, every December since 1947 a giant Norwegian Spruce has been placed in Trafalgar Square. The tree is a gift from the people of Norway and a symbol of friendship offered to the country by Britain during the Second World War.

You can see our sparkling array of slightly smaller Christmas Trees, accompanied by some festive singing, at the Christmas Tree Festival in St. John's Church, Epping on Saturday at 11.00 am. Coopersale Hall has chosen 'Red' as their decorative theme and pupils will be performing. Enjoy!

I shall be away from school on Monday and Tuesday next week. Having been at Coopersale Hall since January I have, at last, managed to both sell and buy a property at the same time! I shall be moving to Epping and look forward to bumping into many of you in Costas!

Best wishes,

Kaye Lovejoy



### Drop Off Zone

Please note that the Drop Off Zone is for pupils who are able to make their own way, unaccompanied, into school. It should not be used by parents who need to park and escort their children to the classrooms. Thank you.



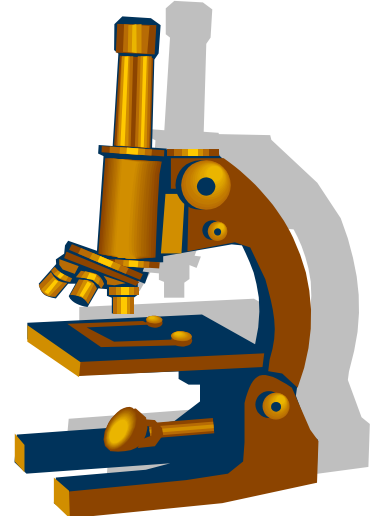
### Update – Coopersale Hall School CD

We are currently awaiting delivery of the CD's your children recently recorded but we have been assured that they will be with us in time for Christmas. However, it is still not too late to order some more copies. This CD is sure to be something to treasure as your child grows up and it will make fantastic Christmas presents for your friends and family. Grannies are sure to be delighted! Please apply to the school office to place further orders which we can still supply before the end of term.



## Scientist of the Week

Year 1 Allen	All Year 1 children received a Special certificate for bravery in the cellar.
Year 1 Daly	
Year 1 Davis	
Year 2 Bragg	George Clark Evans
Year 2 Leeks	Ruby Khan/Avni Shah/Matthew Wells
Year 3 Watson	Lilli Trotman
Year 4 Wheeler	Annabelle Irvine
Year 5 Lane	Jay Pandhal
Year 6 Watson	Matthew Betts



Well done to these children.



## Update from FOCHS

### Christmas Party at Woolston Manor

We're looking forward to seeing everyone who has bought tickets for Saturday night's party! Please remember that it is a 7.00pm arrival for a 7.30pm sit down in the Tailor's Suite at Woolston Manor. The evening will end at 1.00am. We would advise that you pre-book a taxi.

### Committee Meeting

The final FOCHS meeting for this term will be held on Tuesday evening, 6th December, at 7.30pm in the Tea Time Club Room. For your information the agenda will be as follows:-

1. Apologies
2. Permission for Adventure Playground.
3. Treasurer's Report.
4. Pond Conservation Project – Discussion.
5. Actions from last meeting.
6. Spring Events – Car Boot Sale and Zumba Night.
7. Summer Ball – To be or not to be?
8. Christmas Party/Events Update.
9. Lower Playground Update.
10. Date for next meeting.
11. AOB.

**Please do join us! All are welcome.**

### Santa's Helpers

Once again, thank you SO MUCH to all those parents who have kindly volunteered their time to help us next week. You will by now have been contacted with the specific times that we'd like your help. Please remember to park your cars in the far car park and to sign in at the office when you arrive.

### Christmas Raffle

Hopefully you have all received your raffle tickets this week. Please return your tickets and money by the end of next week (9th December). The prizes will be on display outside the office all next week so do please take a look. A big thank you to Siobhan Elvins and Debbie Kayani for making them.

### Easyfundraising

We have raised £118.78 so far and now have 36 supporters. Thanks again to everyone that has been using it. A reminder of the link is as follows:

<<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fochs>>.



# Maths Challenge – Week 11



Congratulations to George Pigram who won last week's maths challenge.








Can you complete the puzzle by drawing the missing Christmas pictures so that each row, column and 4 X 4 square has one stocking, one sprig of holly, one star and one set of bells?



Name: .....

## Christmas Sudoku Puzzle 1

Class: .....

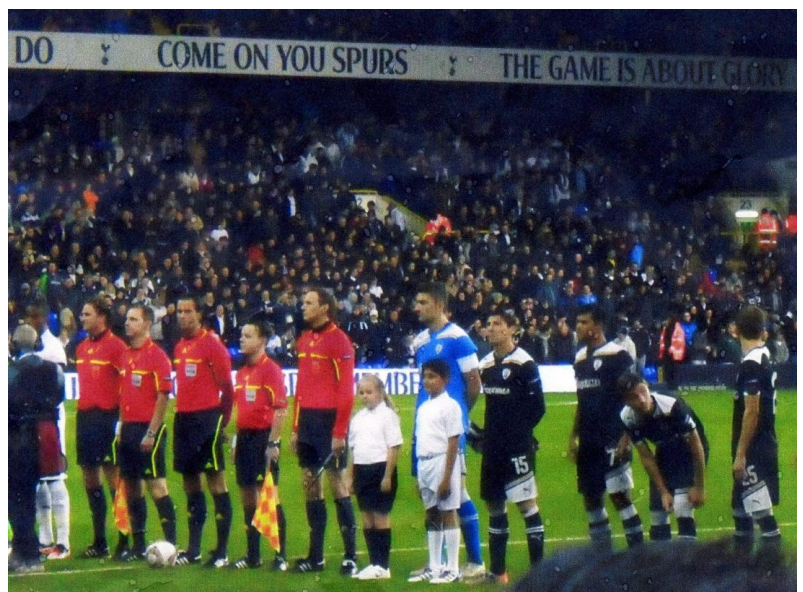


# Oh What A Night!

Jay Phandal told us about a very special day in his life this week when he was a mascot at Tottenham Hotspur when they played a Europa league match. He explained the event as follows :-

*When I got there it was scary because I didn't know where we were going but we made it up to the box where we sat until we were called down to the pitch. It was two hours before the match started and all the players were walking back from having a meal. The players came to sign our T shirts that we had brought with us. When we were changed we went to the tunnel and a bell rang. The players came out of the dressing room and lined up in a straight line. Then they ran out onto the pitch and I walked out next to the captain of the opposing team who were Greek. After that, we went to the VIP area and watched the match.*

*I had a fantastic evening. Unfortunately, Spurs lost the match but I will remember that evening forever.*





## House Points

	Beech (Blue)	Chestnut (Red)	Oak (Green)	Willow (Yellow)
Weekly Total	32	31	34	34
Running Total	375	299	428	293
Current Position	2nd	3rd	1st	4th

Well done to Oak house who are in the lead at the moment.



## Merit Badges

Trans Cambridge	Sophia Knight	Trans Goddard	Allegra Friedel
Trans M. Gash	Taylor Woolcott	Year 1 Allen	Hannah Maskell
Year 1 Daly	Ishika Rattan	Year 1 Davis	Harrison Pigney
Year 2 Bragg	Summer Spendlove	Year 2 Leeks	Imogen Pohl
Year 3 Watson	Oliver Kelley	Year 4 Wheeler	Anya Lewonowki
Year 5 Lane	Sam McCarthy	Year 6 Watson	Olivia Elvins

Well done to these children named above. Keep up the good work.



## My Grandad – The World’s Strongest Man by Sophie Judge Year 4

Year 4 were asked to write about an interesting old person they knew detailing all the unusual and special things about them. The following is an excellent report written by Sophie Judge :

*My Grandad is called Ronald he is seventy four years old. He was born in London. He was a twin but sadly his twin brother died when he was born. His family were very poor. He was the youngest child in a family with fourteen children. When he was eighteen he joined the army and spent two years in Africa. He did not like it there. When he left the army he started weight training. He was very good at it and he started to enter competitions. He kept winning. In fact he won every competition he entered. In one competition he beat everyone in his group and everyone in the other groups. He broke the world record for weight lifting. He was in the world record book.*

*He opened gyms and he made his own weights and trained famous people like Suzanne Dando. She was a gymnast. The most famous person he has trained is Arnold Schwarzenegger. He trained Arnold before he was famous when Arnold was entering a body building contest.*

*He has been married twice and had four children. My Dad is the eldest of the children. He lives with his girlfriend called Jane and he brings me sweets every time he visits.*



## Chess Club & Football Club

Please note that both Chess Club and Football Club (With Steve Grenfell – Tuesdays) have finished for this term. They will both resume again on Tuesday 10 January 2012. Thank you.



## Christmas Trivia

Here is a little bit of festive fun for your family to ponder over together. A Christmas word search will help your children get the festive feeling and a Christmas quiz follows below. Answers are at the end of this newsletter.

# Christmas



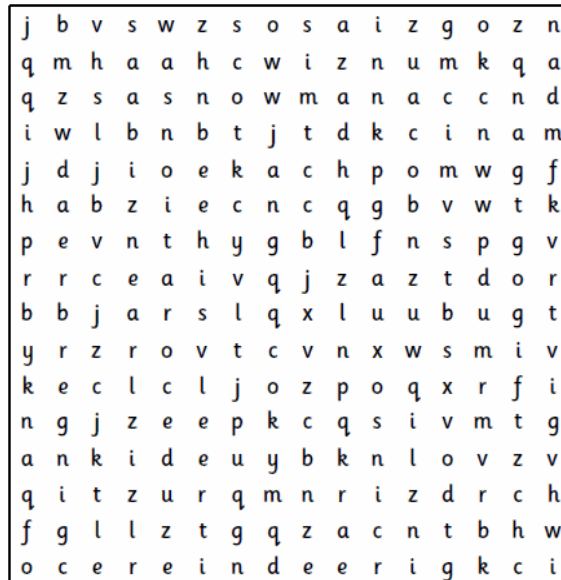
stocking

Santa Claus



snowman

gift



gingerbread



reindeer



tree



cake



decorations



## Christmas Quiz

1. Who beats his chest and swings from Christmas cake to Christmas cake?
2. What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
3. What is Santa Claus' dog called?
4. What happens if you eat the Christmas decorations?
5. Why are Christmas trees like bad knitters?
6. What do you get if you cross an apple with a Christmas tree?
7. How long should a reindeer's legs be?
8. What do snowmen ride?



## Netball Team 'A' Report (By Olivia Elvins Year 6)

On Friday 25 November the netball team had a tournament at New hall School. We came fourth out of 14 schools so we did extremely well! We had great fun and worked so well as a team I am very proud of everyone. Thanks to Mrs Lane, Tracy and the parents for supporting us! Well done team!



## Every Picture Tells A Story

Coopersale Hall School were very privileged to have Mr & Mrs Rod Stewart officially open our new classroom block this week. We are very proud that, 21 years after its conception, Coopersale Hall School continues to thrive within our local community. The sun shone and our choir sang with Mr & Mrs Stewart unveiling a plaque to commemorate the event. We are most grateful for their participation helping to make it a most enjoyable occasion with many of our parents attending to share the day with our staff and children.



## Headmistress Awards

Congratulations to Ben Kelsey and Charlie Ward in Upper Kindergarten Baker who have been given a Headmistress award for super colouring on their worksheets. Well done to both of you.



## Christmas Concerts

Our Christmas concerts got under way this week with performances to our parents by the Kindergarten and Infant children. The children in Lower and Upper Kindergarten sang a selection of Christmas songs and then repeated the performance to the children and staff. It was a delight to see the children perform with such confidence at this very early age. Our thanks to all the Kindergarten staff who nurture these little one and who are helping them to develop so well.



The infant children performed a delightful concert called "Prickly Hay" to their parents and impressed everyone with their confident manner and just how much they were able to learn. They seemed to thoroughly enjoy the performance and so did the audience! Our thanks to all the infant staff who have worked so hard to produce this concert, especially Miss Leeks and Mrs. Bragg.





## Christmas Quiz Answers!

1. Tarzipan!
2. Snowflakes!
3. Santa Paws!
4. You get tinsel-itus!
5. They both drop their needles!
6. A pineapple!
7. Just long enough to reach the ground!
8. Icecycles!



## Epping Forest Field Centre Seasonal Celebrations

You may be interested to know that the Epping Forest Field Centre in High Beach is providing free fun and inspiring seasonal activities on 3 and 4 December. Among other things, children can create their own Christmas cards and decorations at the centre which offers superb opportunities for field study in the heart of Epping Forest. Please drop in any time between 10.30 and 4.00 pm on those days.

The children are sure to enjoy themselves and please remember to bring appropriate clothing/footwear. (Please telephone 020 8502 8500 if you have any queries)



## And Finally ... Out of the Mouth of Babes!

Following on from the opening of our new block, one child in year 3 has been heard to say "I wish Coopersale Hall had a senior school, and then a college and then an old people's home because then I would never have to leave here!"