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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

Welcome to the September edition of the Coopersale Hall School Newsletter. We have had an encouraging and positive start to the year. I have been delighted to see how well our new pupils are settling into life at Coopersale Hall so far this term. I have loved spending time with your children. They are a real asset to you!

Last year, the Parents' Association (FOCHS) bought new iPads for the school. These are already being well used in school. It is great to see the positive impact they are having on the learning. One of our school foci this year is independent learning. The iPads are already contributing to that.

I hope that you see from this newsletter that although we are living in unprecedented times, your children continue to love coming to school and enjoy their learning just as much as before! We love sharing what happens in school as often as we can.

With my best wishes

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Miss Barnard Headmistress



3C's Boggarts

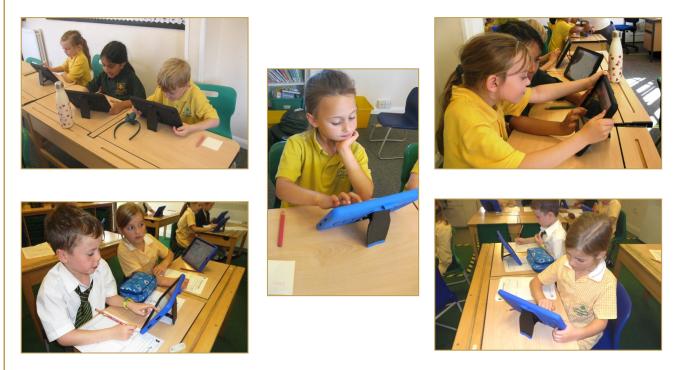


3Crick loved making their own 'boggart' characters using natural resources they found on the school grounds. They thought of adjectives to describe their boggarts and are all ready to write fantastic imaginative stories about their boggarts in lesson. Great work 3C!



iPad Fun in Geography

Pupils have been enjoying using the new iPads in their Geography lessons. Year 2 have been using Google maps to research and see what there is on Epping High Street. Whilst 3Graves used them to help with their map work. They used Google Maps and Google Earth to find and locate towns, cities and counties in and around Essex. Both year groups loved using the iPads to enhance their learning.





Miss Barnard's Assemblies

Miss Barnard has been teaching pupils about important topics such as <u>kindness</u>, <u>positivity</u> and <u>team work</u> during her morning assemblies. Each assembly is accompanied with a fun demonstration which really help the pupils engage with the topic!



Reception Celebrate Rosh Hashanah

The children in Reception Gowland enjoyed celebrating the Jewish festival Rosh Hashana, by eating apples and honey in the classroom.







Netball Club

Pupils who attend our netball club have enjoyed being back on the practice courts again this term. They worked hard on their shooting and defence skills and then had fun playing a game against each other at the end of the session.





Upper Kindergarten Activities

Upper Kindergarten pupils have settled into school life perfectly this term and have been enjoying getting to know each other by playing together in the classroom and on the terrace.

Upper Kindergarten Dawson have been doing lots of outside activities. They went fishing in their outdoor area and loved catching the ducks and working together to get as many as possible. They also loved practising their Autumn themed yoga poses, being bears in hibernation (downward dog position) and birds flying away for warmer weather (warrior 3). UKD have been practising their pencil control too, by drawing on leaves with whiteboard markers.



Upper Kindergarten Cambridge had fun in their first music session with Mrs Bragg and then went for a walk around the schools grounds to collect some leaves for their Autumn display. They enjoyed playing in the classroom and seeing who could make the highest tower with their building blocks, then winding down by taking part in a yoga session.



Upper Kindergarten Thomas were very excited to receive a letter from some fairies to say they were moving to Coopersale. They went on a walk and were thrilled to find the fairies' front garden! They have also visited the Witches Coven and had fun doing some water play. Well done Upper Kindergarten!







Year 5

5L and 5N were very excited to be returning to school and couldn't wait to get back to the classroom. We love their enthusiasm!



Year 3 Picnic



To make the most of the September sunshine, Year 3 had a delicious picnic out on the school field. They enjoyed a fun afternoon with their friends and a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit to choose from, with some crisps as a treat!



2S's Outdoor Science Lesson



2S really enjoyed their outdoor Science lesson. They had lots of fun exploring the school grounds and examining all of the flowers and trees, even spotting a few ladybirds! They then went on a hunt to find lots of materials to make their own tree greenery.

We are very lucky to have such lovely grounds at Coopersale Hall School!







Reception's New Maths Scheme

Reception enjoyed trying out the new Maths scheme this month. The hands-on activities help the children learn and to apply their learning to real-world examples. Keep up the good work Reception!



Sharing Work with Miss Barnard

All of our pupils work very hard in their lessons and there's nothing more Miss Barnard loves than getting visitors to her office to show off their brilliant work! She has already had lots of visitors this term, keep up the great work everyone!









Golf Club

Our Golf Club is back in full swing this term. Year 6 pupils are enjoying being able to play at Epping Forest Golf Course, and practise their game with our professional coach!





House Points Autumn Term	Beech	Chestnut	Oak	Willow
Points	175	112	137	132
Position	1st	4th	2nd	3rd

Well done to everyone, especially those children in Beech House.

Science Awards	W/C 31.8.20	W/C 7.9.20
Year 1B	Not Awarded	Ralph
Year 1D	Frederick	Edward
Year 2B	Ralph	Xander
Year 3C	Not Awarded	Jack
Year 3G	Not Awarded	Rauf Isla
Year 4B	James	Isabelle
Year 4L	Montgomery	Daniel
Year 5N & 5L	Nigel	Kaiser
Year 6H	Not Awarded	Jaspreet



Year 4 Stone Age Cave Art

The children in Year 4 have been looking at The Stone Age in their History lessons. They became hunter-gatherers and foraged in the school grounds for things they could use to create some cave art. They found various objects that could be used to create colour and texture – moss, petals, berries, grass, feathers and mud.

Then, during their art lesson, they used a pestle and mortar to break down and mix the various objects. They used the 'paint' they had created to make a replica of some cave art from the Stone Age period. Pupils chose to draw a variety of prehistoric animals, people



and hands, all of which have been discovered in caves around Europe and in South America and date back to at least 10,000 years BC. Great work Year 4!



Year 5 Chair Drumming



Year 5 enjoyed a very different music lesson learning how to chair drum. They were concentrating really hard to get the drum beats right and sounded great in the end. Well done Year 5!



Tennis Club

Our Tennis Club are enjoying meeting on the astro turf after school to practise their game. Pupils from Years 4,5 & 6 practice their serving skills in the sunshine and then compete against each other in a match before the session ends. Great work everyone!





Hot Chocolate Friday Awards

New to Coopersale Hall this year are Miss Barnard's Hot Chocolate Friday Awards. The award is presented to children who show excellent manners, display kindness and work particularly hard and recipients get to enjoy a hot chocolate with Miss Barnard in her office. As you can see, everyone really enjoys their hot chocolate!







Hot Chocolate Friday Awards	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Upper Kindergarten	Lily Susie	Emily George Mae	Isabella Jacob
Reception	Jesse Robyn	Harry Grace	Kairo Ayla
Year 1	Ralph	Theo Edward	Annie Frederick
Year 2	Ralph Iman	Albie Maria	Eva Florie
Year 3	Rauf	Рорру	Sophie Simran
Year 4	Delilah	Ruby-Summer Andres	Isabelle Dexter
Year 5	Rohan Sophie	Oliver Ethan	Nigel Alex
Year 6	Jaspreet Mateus	Kobi	Ralph



Year 1 Biddle

Year 1 Biddle have had a busy return to school. In Science, they have been learning about senses. Focusing on sound, they went across to the school field and had to listen very carefully to what they could hear and then write it down. They have also worked hard putting sentences together using the interactive whiteboard. To burn off their fantastic energy, they have been taking part in the morning mile around the playground and having fun during their dance lessons!



Lower Kindergarten

Lower Kindergarten pupils have settled into school life perfectly! They have enjoyed playing with their new friends, making some red rockets to match the colour of the week and practising their throwing skills in P.E.



iPad Fun in Year 4 Maths

Year 4 pupils had fun using the new school iPads in their Maths lesson. They played a game called 'Hit the Button', where they had to quickly select the correct answers to various questions on times tables, number bonds, and subtraction and division problems. They enjoyed challenging themselves to beat their own, and each others, scores. Great work Year 4!





Year 3 Smoothies

Year 3 really enjoyed making their own smoothies as part of their work on Instruction Writing in English. They used a wide range of different fruits and vegetables such as bananas, apples, tangerines, strawberries and cucumbers. There were many interesting, healthy concoctions! The children worked really hard to prepare their smoothies and then produced some excellent writing afterwards. Great work Year 3!







Year 4 Flint Hunting



The children in Year 4 went looking for pieces of flint during their history lesson recently. They discovered that it is very smooth and glass like on the inside and quite rough on the exterior.

They learned how Stone Age people became very skilled at



'flint knapping' and that they were able to shave off very sharp pieces that could be made into weapons and tools. Year 4 are really enjoying their Stone Age topic.



Merit Badges	W/E 11.09.20	W/E 18.09.20	W/E 25.09.20
Reception Gowland	Verity	Phoebe	Rocco
Reception Groman-Marks	N/A	Ava	Joseph
Reception Smith	Whole Class	Reuben Luke	Lolly Isabella
Year 1 Biddle	Reeva	Felicity	Robyn
Year 1 Daly	Harmonie-Jo	Arlo	Lilly
Year 2 Burgess	George	Richard	Ralph
Year 2 Surtees	Henry	Isavella	Albie
Year 3 Crick	Lewis	Florence	Liliana
Year 3 Graves	Simran	Evie	Alice
Year 4 Bull	Evie	Andreas	Sofia
Year 4 Lane	N/A	Alexander	Francesca
Year 5 Newbigging	Maiya	Louis	Luke
Year 5 Leeks	Leila	Aaryan	Ewan
Year 6 Howard	Ralph	Stanley	Emilierose

School Council Members

Well done to our pupils who are on the School Council this year. We look forward to all of their hard work! The members are:

Ahad	Year 6	
Oliver	Year 5	
Rohan	Year 5	
Francesca	Year 4	
Anna	Year 4	
SImran	Year 3	
Jack	Year 3	
School Council Secretary-Riya Year 6		





FOCHS Update

Hello to all new and returning parents. For those of you who are not familiar with Friends of Coopersale Hall School (FoCHS), we are the parents' association and our aim is to enrich every child's experience at school. All parents are automatically members of FoCHS and are very welcome to get involved.



AGM

Please join us on **Thursday 1 October** from **9 to 10am** for our annual general meeting, via zoom. It is an opportunity to hear about what we did last year and for us all to put forward ideas about what we can do for the children in the coming academic year. We'd love to see you there. Zoom details will be sent out from the office and via your class reps (see below).

If you can't make the meeting, but would like to find out more, please drop us an email at <u>fochs@coopersalehallschool.co.uk</u> or contact your class rep.

Autumn Term Activities

During the autumn term last year we were able to put on a Glow in the Dark disco for some of the children, complete with glow in the dark face paint and glow sticks, a brilliant DJ and Miss Leeks dancing Gangnam Style in the hall. Sadly, social distancing guidelines mean we won't be seeing a repeat performance this term, so instead we have offered funds for some resources for the children to use when the weather means playtime takes place indoors. With autumn setting in, we will no doubt be able to share some photos of these being put to good use soon. Additionally, we have been pleased to see that the iPads FoCHS funded are being used for the first time this term, providing an additional learning resource for children to use as part of a lesson.

Nearly New Uniform Hut

The sterling efforts of two parents – Victoria Moyses and Sarah Cook – means that we have been able to reopen our nearly new uniform hut for business this term. To ensure everyone's safety, we have PPE and hand sanitiser, leave donated clothes untouched for five days before processing them, and are asking parents to pay online preferably.

Many parents have used the hut so far this term – either visiting on a Wednesday afternoon between 2.30 and 4pm or by completing a request form on the school website. It offers excellent value for money, the funds raised all go to FoCHS and any uniform we cannot use will be sent to school children in Nicaragua by the Peace and Hope Trust, organised by Mrs Lane.

You are welcome to drop off any donations to the hut on Wednesday afternoons or to the office at other times.

You can find the request form and price list here: <u>https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/school-uniform/</u>



FOBS Update Continued

Easyfundraising

Sign up to easyfundraising and you can make a donation to FoCHS every time you shop online, at no extra charge. Hundreds of retailers make donations and it is a very easy way to help boost our funds: <u>easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fochs</u>

Get in Touch

If you are interested in getting involved, have some ideas, or if you simply have a question, we'd love to hear from you. Here's how you can get in touch:

Each year group has at least one FoCHS rep. Just message your year WhatsApp group or stop them at pick up/ drop off:

- LK Stacey Cummins
- UK Nickie Futter
- Reception Susanne Wiegelmann
- Yr 1 Nicola Wiley and Victoria Moyses
- Yr 2 Rachel Concadoro
- Yr 3 Sarah Cook
- Yr 4 Nickie Futter and Jess Lancaster
- Yr 5 Susan Tetherton and Linda Biggs
- Yr 6 Lisa Sharp and Linda Biggs

You can also email us at FoCHS@coopersalehallschool.co.uk or speak to any members of the committee:

Susan Tetherton (Chair) Victoria Moyses (Treasurer) Kiran Arora (Secretary) Nickie Futter Sarah Cook Linda Biggs Lisa Sharp

You can also check out our page on the school website:

https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/parents-pupils/parents-association/