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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

This is a bumper edition of the newsletter because we have been extremely busy in school. We've celebrated Black History Month and Remembrance Day. We had the Christmas Card competition, the Poppy competition and the very popular Lining Up competition.

Children are in the process of making lovely clay Christmas decorations, the library looks amazing with all the children's wishes for the next year written on Christmas bauble and the hall is filled with the poppy and Christmas card display, and very soon a Christmas tree. The children have enjoyed having soup in school during their picnic lunches. We are looking forward to our first ever virtual parents evening and coffee 'mornings'.

Despite everything, FOCHS have still been thinking of creative ways to still bring a little Christmas magic to school. Please support them by buying raffle tickets and supporting the virtual Christmas shop.

As ever I am thankful to all the staff who continue to make the teaching fun and interactive for the children. I love walking around school and seeing your children happy and sharing lots of special moments with their class teachers.

With my best wishes

Miss Barnard
Headmistress

Harvest Collection



Thank you to all of our families for their generous Harvest donations! The collection was made by The Manna Day Centre, where the food was distributed to those in need.



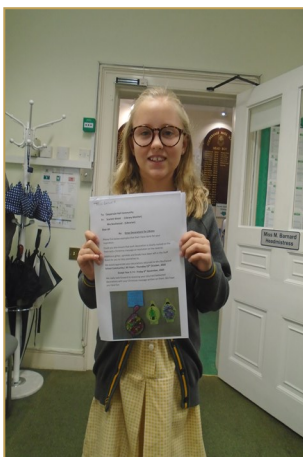
The Library's Christmas Makeover

Our library monitor, Scarlett, has had a busy few weeks planning and implementing her Christmas project idea! A few weeks ago Scarlett met with Miss Barnard to discuss budgets and timescales for her project and then went away to work on her idea of decorating the school library.

Pupils really enjoyed decorating the Christmas bauble decorations with lots of colour and glitter and, with the help of our school council secretary, Riya, Scarlett hung the baubles beautifully in the library. The girls had lots of fun being involved in the project and thanked everyone for their participation.

"Thank you for helping us with the Christmas decorations this year. We really appreciate all of your help. You have all done a great job of making the library look like a Christmas wonderland. Thank you teachers and children, and thank you Miss Barnard for arranging everything. Thank you so much Coopersale!"

Well done everyone!





Year 4 Clay Wreaths

Year 4 have been using clay during their art lessons recently. First they had to decide whether they were going to create a wreath or a plaque. They learnt many skills including rolling, plaiting and cutting using stencils. They decorated with holly, berries, trees and stars. The clay will need to dry for a week before firing in the kiln. The children will then glaze their pottery before a final firing. We can't wait to see how they turn out!



Reception Shape Hunt

Reception pupils have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes. They really enjoyed going on a shape hunt during their nature walk, especially searching in the massive pile of leaves for their shapes and then matching them to items around the playground. In class, pupils worked really hard on their cutting skills to make some 2D rockets. **Well done Reception!**



Getting Social

Click the images to visit our social media sites.



Upper Kindergarten Activities

Our Kindergarten pupils have been working hard and enjoyed a very busy term so far! In their topic 'How does your body work?' they had lots of fun playing 'Guess the smell', adding bones to their hand and footprints and loved using a heart model to see how blood pumps around the heart! Pupils also looked at how and why we brush our teeth, they had lots of fun taking it in turns to brush the giant teeth, which were very clean afterwards!



Pupils have enjoyed getting into the Autumn spirit, with lots of themed activities. They shared, counted and sorted lots of shiny conkers and even made bread for the Harvest Festival. Pupils were very proud of the two pumpkins they had managed to grow in the vegetable patch and enjoyed completing lots of different crafts to make up their Autumn display. After learning about Bonfire Night, they created their own spectacular firework display using paint and lots of glitter!



In Maths, Kindergarten have been learning about shapes. They had lots of fun searching for shapes in the school playground, finding a square table and a circle seat. In class, they took turns to play the shape monster game on the interactive whiteboard. In PE, pupils have enjoyed learning to role and catch hoops with Mr Robinson. Pupils have also been looking at books and talking about the pictures and making up their own stories. During Phonic work, the class used the interactive board to hear the sounds and match them to the correct picture. **Fantastic work Upper Kindergarten, well done!**



Remembrance Day Display

In memory of all those lost, the pupils at Coopersale Hall School collaborated on a display to mark Remembrance Day. They used lots of different mediums to create their poppies and purple poppies were included by Year 3 Crick in remembrance of all of the service animals lost.

Jaspreet and Sorrel, our Head Girl and Vice Head Girl, wrote about Remembrance Day.

"The first Remembrance Day was held on the 11/11/1919. It was not planned but became a tradition, here is what happened: on the 11/11/1919, at 11am, everything went silent, there was no gun cry nor machines. Many soldiers were struck by the beauty of the poppies that grew at their feet on the battlefield after the fighting had stopped. Later, the poppy became a symbol of remembrance of those who had served in the battles. The red part of the poppies represents the blood of the soldiers that have died in the war, the green part represents life and the black represents death. We also have red poppies to represent humans and purple poppies to represent the animals that died such as horses, since they were the main mode of transport in WW1. Remembrance day is also known as Armistice Day."



Epping Town Council Poppy Competition

During half term, local school children were invited to draw and send in their poppy artwork to Epping Town Council and four of our pupils had their designs picked out. Congratulations to Ula who was a second winner in the competition, with her design being featured on the back cover of Talk About Epping magazine and on a banner outside Epping Hall. Congratulations also goes to Neve, Abigail and Isabelle who were runners up in the competition, with their artwork also being displayed outside Epping Hall.



A fantastic achievement!

(Neve's artwork is bottom left, Abigail's 3rd image top row, Isabelle's 3rd image bottom row)

Pupil's Poppies

Pupils enjoyed making their own poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day this year. Here are Lower Kindergarten, Upper Kindergarten Cambridge and Year 1 Biddle with their designs!



Lining Up Competition



We have launched a brand new Lining Up Competition! Every week, the most beautifully lined up year group will receive the Golden Lining Up Star. Then the half termly winner will have extra Golden Time on the last Friday of the half term for a movie and treats. Well done to our first winners Year 4 Lane, who collected 5 lining up stars during the week! We can't wait to see more perfect lines in classrooms and the playground.



Planet Earth with Year 2



Before the half term, Year 2 pupils enjoyed watching Planet Earth in class.

After watching, the children were eager to discuss how important it is that we look after our planet and how we can all do our bit!





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House Points Autumn Term	Beech	Chestnut	Oak	Willow
Points	608	502	480	567
Position	1st	3rd	4th	2nd

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

Science Awards	W/C 21.9.20	W/C 5.10.20	W/C 12.10.20	W/C 2.11.20
Year 1B	Robyn	Reeva	Felicity	Theo
Year 1D	Harmonie-Jo	Zaha	Lilly	Sophie
Year 2S	Grayson	George	Amari	Albie
Year 2B	Richard	Henry	India	George
Year 3C	Liliana	Not Awarded	Not Awarded	Milo
Year 3G	Evie	Not Awarded	Donald	Simran
Year 4B	Maxwell	Not Awarded	Not Awarded	James
Year 4L	Atilla	Not Awarded	Not Awarded	Ruby & Jessica
Year 5N & 5L	Sophie	Gemma	Not Awarded	Alexander
Year 6H	Mateus	Ahad	Emily	Mateus

Maths with Reception Gowland



In Maths, Reception Gowland have been working hard on learning to recognise numbers 1-20 and numbers of personal significance.

They enjoyed making a birthday cake with modelling clay and adding the correct number of candles (straws) for their age. They also painted an engine for a train by writing the correct number and stamping out the number of blocks. To make the train they had to position themselves in the correct order based on the number they were given.



For numbers through to 20, they used activities from the Collins Maths scheme which included creating a street by ordering the houses in numerical order, and identifying numerals to 20 on cups and counting the correct numbers of cubes to match.

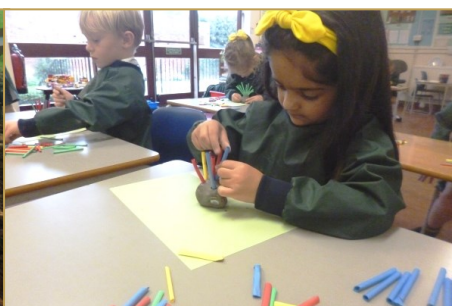
Well done Reception!



Year 1 Hedgehogs

Year 1 Daly have been learning about 'Houses and Homes' this term for their topic. They learnt all about animal habitats and went exploring the lovely school grounds for natural materials to use to make a hedgehog hibernation nest. The children made their own hedgehog from clay, and incorporated some maths work by measuring the hedgehog prickles carefully. They watched several videos of animals in their natural habitats, and learnt about the different names for animal homes. This has inspired the children to keep a look out for wildlife in their local area over half term.

We are so lucky to have Epping Forest right on our doorstep as this is the perfect place to observe many animals!



Lower Kindergarten Hats

Lower Kindergarten enjoyed making tiger hats when orange was their colour of the week. Lots of loud, scary roaring accompanied the hats as the children enjoyed pretending to be tigers in the wild!



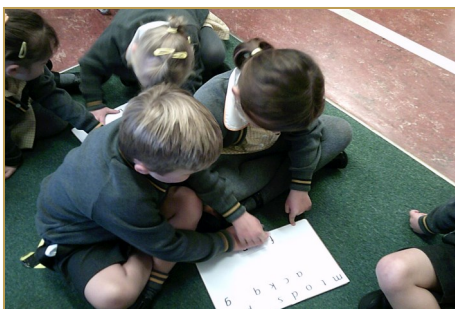
Year 1 Biddle Mud Huts



Year 1 Biddle enjoyed getting messy with clay to make African Mud huts during their art lesson this term! They all looked great, **well done Year 1.**



Reception Phonics Work



Reception children are getting on really well with their phonics work. The children are blending to read words beginning with the 'f' sound; fan, fun, fat, fig, fog. **Keep up the good work!**



Year 2 Christmas Decorations

Year 2 have really enjoyed using clay to make some Christmas decorations during their art lessons. They made lots of different designs including gingerbread men, stars, hearts and Christmas trees.



Hot Chocolate Friday Awards

The Hot Chocolate Friday Awards are still proving a hit with our pupils who are working hard to receive them for their classwork, manners and kindness. Pupils love chatting to Miss Barnard and it is the perfect way to warm up on chilly winter afternoons! **Well done everyone.**



Year 3 Pumpkin Soup Picnic



Year 3 enjoyed some tasty pumpkin soup as part of their picnic lunch recently. All the children gave the tasty soup a try and it got the thumbs up from most!

What made the soup even tastier was that the soup was made out of the pumpkins grown by the Upper Kindergarten children.





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Merit Badges	W/E 02.10.20	W/E 09.10.20	W/E 16.10.20	W/E 06.11.20
Reception Gowland	Tommy	Delilah	Reeva	Whole Class
Reception Groman-Marks	Oliver	Poppy	Scarlett	Harrison
Reception Smith	Ferdinand	Lakshmi	Jessie & Iyla	Whole Class
Year 1 Biddle	Nicholas	Annabelle	Beatrice	Abigail
Year 1 Daly	Delilah	Edward	Charlotte	Zaha
Year 2 Burgess	Xander	Florie	Maria	N/A
Year 2 Surtees	Saskia	Grayson	George	Ella
Year 3 Crick	N/A	N/A	N/A	Georgina
Year 3 Graves	N/A	N/A	Donald	Elena
Year 4 Bull	N/A	N/A	Maxwell & Jeff	Aiden
Year 4 Lane	N/A	N/A	Clara & Jessica	Amelia
Year 5 Newbigging	Nigel	Ethan	Sienna	Sienna
Year 5 Leeks	Gemma	Maxwell	Honor	Oliver
Year 6 Howard	Ahad	Benjamin	Maria	Emily
W/E 06.11.20	All of Coopersale for entering the Christmas Card competition!			

Year 4 Poetry

In English, Year 4 have been looking at rhyme and they have studied Roger McGough's poem 'The Sound Collector'. The children explored the school grounds collecting their own sounds and worked, using his model, to create their own poems. They tried to pay particular attention to onomatopoeia words to describe each of the sounds they heard. Well done Year 4 for producing some fantastic poems!



The Sound Collector
Jessica

A magician came this morning,
Dressed all in black and grey,
Put every sound in a hat,
And carried them away.

The rumbling of the thunder,
The drumming of the rain,
As the water splashes down,
The gurgling of the drain.

All the children drawing,
The grinding of the pencils,
The dropping of the pens,
The flapping of the stencils.

When it was free time,
You could hear the boys,
All happily playing,
Bashing all the toys.

A magician called this morning,
Didn't leave his name,
Left us only silence,
Life will never be the same!

The Sound Collector
Jill Egan

A stranger came this morning
Wearing black and shiny grey
Put all the sounds into a case
And carried them away.

The whistling of the wind
The rattling of the chairs
The thudding of the footstep
As they climb the creaking stairs.

The shouting of the children
The drumming of the balls
The clicking of the keyboards
The answering of calls.

The clinking of the pots
The rumble of the cars
The ticking of the clocks
Children painting stars.

The chatting of the teachers
The singing of the birds
The banging of the desks
The playing of the boys and girls.

A stranger came this morning
We don't know who it was
We don't know why he did it
I think it's sort of... fantastic.

Riya's Wet Play Report

On Monday 5 October, I walked around the school with Mrs Boulwood. We went into KS1 classrooms and I stood in the doorway taking photos while the children were playing with their games and toys.

I asked the children some questions such as "Do you enjoy playing this game?" From Year 2 Burgess some of the comments were:

India, playing Operation: "I like this game because its fun, you have to get the most money and the nose goes red if you lose."



Oliver was playing a game called Connect 4 with his friend, and he explained to us that the aim of the game was to try and make four in a row.

In Year 2 Surtees the children were doing a mixture of work and playing games.

Ella was playing with Kinetic Sand. Ella said, "I enjoy playing with the Kinetic Sand because it's

really fun and messy!"

Lots of other children commented that they had played with this toy many times, and really enjoyed it.

I also questioned Year 6 Howard's class. Some of the children commented on the games that they enjoy playing.

Neve, playing Dobble: "There are two different versions of this game, they're both really challenging and fun to play. These versions are better than the original game."



Ben, playing Marble Run: "This game is really fun, you have to try and make an obstacle course for the marble to run down. It's satisfying and creative."

Nancy, playing Googly Eyes: "You have to put on glasses that have a pattern on them, and you have to try to draw pictures with them on; your friends have to try and guess what the drawing is. It's really challenging and funny to see the picture is just a scribble when you take the glasses off."

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to FOCHS for these wonderful

wet play toys and games.

Thank you for reading my report."

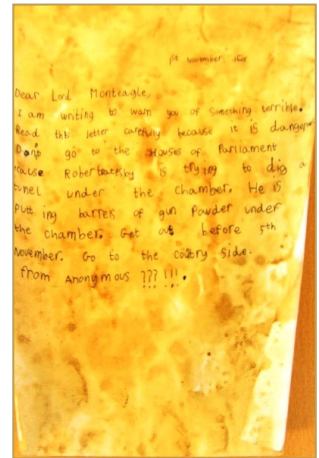
Written by Riya, School Council Secretary.





Year 2 Gunpowder Plot Letters

This week, Year 2 have continued to research the Gunpowder Plot, with a focus on letter writing. Pupils imagined they were writing an anonymous letter to Lord Monteagle, warning him against the plotters and Guy Fawkes. To make their letters look authentic they stained them with teabags and were delighted with the results. Year 2 had lots of fun reading each other's letters.



Prefect Duties

All of our Prefects are doing a fantastic job with their duties. Here is Ralph busy tidying the PE equipment for another day full of activities. Mr Robinson has commended Ralph for his excellent attitude and hard work to keep the PE resources tidy and ready for use!



FOCHS Update

The Autumn term tends to be a very busy one for FoCHS and we are delighted to say that, despite not being able to hold the Christmas Fayre, we are still organising many of our usual events, albeit in new, socially distanced and creative ways. Restrictions mean we have had to lean on school staff even more than usual for these activities, and we would like to say a big thank you to staff for making them happen.



Raffle

You may have seen one of the Christmas baskets on display next to Miss Barnard at drop off recently. We have five of these lovely baskets to give away. If your child has not already entered, it is not too late! Print and complete this [form](#), give it to the class teacher or drop it into Miss Barnard's box at drop off and make the payment online. It is £3 per ticket. Please include your child's name, class and RAFFLE in the reference (e.g. Miles, Y3C, RAFFLE). Our bank details are:

Account name: Friends of Coopersale Hall School

Sort code: 20-52-74

Account number: 30405256.

One entry per child please and it would help us tremendously with our tally job if you could do one payment per child also (not joint with siblings).

Deadline for entries is **Friday 4th December**.





FOCHS Update Continued

Christmas Gift Shop

Last week the children had great fun choosing gifts for loved ones from our gift shop catalogue. Your class reps contacted you via your WhatsApp groups last week requesting payment. Thank you to everyone who has paid already. If you have not paid, please can you do so using the bank details above and with your child's name, class and GIFT in the reference (e.g. Miles, Y3C, GIFT). It is £3 per gift and you can check the number of gifts ordered with your class reps (see the 'Get in Touch' section below). Again, if you could make one payment per child, it will help us greatly when we tally the payments. Thank you for your support.

Despite checking stock levels at the start of last week, a couple of items were out of stock when we placed the order over the weekend. Everyone will still receive the number of gifts chosen as we have bought like for like products or, in one case, a substitute along the same theme. We hope that they will still be lovely surprises, but if you have any concerns or would like to let your children know of any change, please contact us.

Other Christmas events

One of the main events of the Autumn term is usually a trip to Harlow Playhouse to see the Christmas pantomime for the older children and a live performance of a panto at school for the younger children. This year that was not possible, but we are delighted to say that we have funded an online panto that the children can enjoy in their classrooms along with a snack. That may be behind them. Oh no it's not! Oh yes it is! Ok, sorry. We hope they have fun.

We are also delighted to be able to offer the children a visit from a very special person later in the term who will be providing gifts to all of the children. (The visitor will be socially distanced and the gifts will have been delivered to school several days before the visit so as to allow for quarantine). Again, we hope it is something the children will enjoy very much.

Nearly new uniform

The Nearly New Uniform Hut is physically closed at present, but we are still able to accept donations (please drop to the office) and we continue to operate the hut remotely. Please see the request form and price list on the school website [here](#). Please email forms to fochs@coopersalehallschool.co.uk, we will let you know what is in stock and you can pay online and collect the uniform from the school office.

AGM

We held our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 1 October, via zoom. We provided an update on what we did last year and shared heard ideas for us what we could do in the coming academic year. Minutes are on the parents' association page on the school website [here](#).

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: easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fochs.



FOCHS Update Continued

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 and Lydia Chklar;
Reception – Susanne Wielgelmann;
Yr 1 – Nicola Wiley and Victoria Moyses;
Yr 2 – Rachel Concadoro;
Yr 3 – Sarah Cook and Kiran Arora;
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
Linda Biggs
Lisa Sharp
Lydia Ghklar
Sarah Shirley

You can also check out our page on the school website [here](#).