

Coopersale Hall School NEWSLETTER



February 2021



Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents,

This is our first virtual newsletter showcasing the work that has been done remotely. You will get a glimpse of the learning happening across the school. I am incredibly proud of our children and how they have embraced remote learning. We are seeing excellent work returned daily and the children are showing fantastic commitment to their learning.

I know that your child's learning is a combination of the relationship the children have with their teachers and also the partnership between you, as the parent, and the class teacher. Even though you are not able to see your child's teacher, I can see how the relationships continue to develop. There is an ongoing dialogue on Seesaw between the teachers and the parents, which is incredibly valuable in your child's learning. Please continue to share your child's accomplishments and their excitement when they are enjoying participating in a task.

Lastly, I have to say a big thank you to our committed team of teachers and support staff. We have rolled out a programme that allows the younger children to continue to read with an adult in school. The teachers are setting meaningful work to move your children forward but to also keep them engaged. I am grateful that during this difficult time, our teachers are continuing to show their commitment to your child's learning, progress and well-being.

A big thank you from me to everyone!

Best wishes

Miss Barnard

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UPPER KINDERGARTEN DAWSON

Upper Kindergarten Dawson have had a very busy term filled with lots of activities. In music, they have enjoyed playing and listening to different musical instruments, as well as dancing to the music! They spent an afternoon playing games and working on puzzles together. They loved completing the puzzle and did really well sharing and helping each other. They have read some great stories for their Life Cycles topic and then took a trip to the pond to look at the lily pads and compare them to the ones they made in class. Pupils loved exploring on the adventure playground and had lots of fun going under and over the grassy hill. To wind down, they tried out some yoga poses that looked like different types of weather. Great work UKD!



UPPER KINDERGARTEN CAMBRIDGE

For their topic on Life Cycles this term, UKC have enjoyed planting and watching how a hyacinth changes and grows. In class, they also made a wonderful Winter display using lots of different materials. The children have been working very hard in class and are enjoying taking part in all of their many activities.



UPPER KINDERGARTEN THOMAS



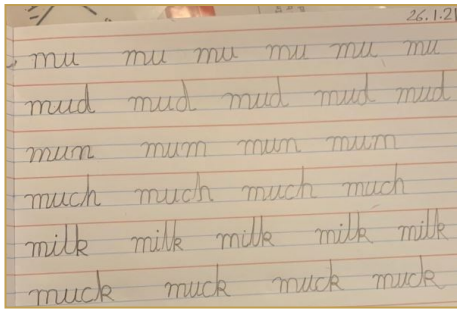
UKT have been learning about the sound 'C' recently, so decided to make chocolate chip cookies to help practice the sound. They enjoyed making them and especially tasting them—they were so good they even shared some with Miss Barnard!

The children have also been learning some valuable lessons about taking turns by playing board games and that it is the taking part not the winning that is an important. This forms part of their Personal and Social Development.



HANDWRITING EXERCISES

During remote learning, we continue to have a big focus on handwriting as we feel it is such an important part of any child's learning. We have been receiving some lovely handwriting and letter formation examples. Well done everybody, it is great to see such hard work taking place at home!



PE AT HOME

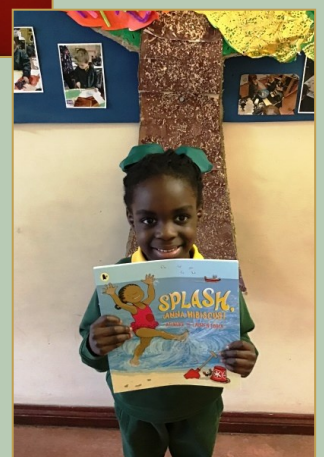
PE at home takes on various forms, which we absolutely love! The children all have a daily cardio challenge and then their weekly PE slots. Lots of our parents have been doing the daily cardio challenge with their children and can see a difference in all of their fitness levels already. We encourage all of the children to get out as much as possible during the day, as it's a great way to burn off some energy!



BIRTHDAY BOOK SCHEME

At the start of Spring Term, we introduced a new scheme called 'Gift a Birthday Book', to encourage pupils to donate their favourite book on their birthday. A bespoke book plate is placed inside the front cover to let everyone know who donated the book, the date and the reason they enjoyed it.

George in UKC was the first pupil to donate a book to the school library to celebrate his 4th birthday. He is looking forward to giving his friends the chance to read and enjoy 'One Hundred Steps'. Phoebe-Faith in Reception also kindly donated her favourite book for her 5th birthday, and Felicity and Francesca also both donated books. Thank you all for your donations!



YEAR 2 SHARKS

Across all of their learning recently, Year 2 have been looking at sharks. They found out about all the different types of sharks and especially loved following a guide to draw their own shark! Great work Year 2.



YEAR 1 ROBOTS

Year 1 were set a challenge of building a robot from 3D shapes they had around the house. They certainly rose to the challenge by creating some fantastic designs, well done Year 1!



'PART OF THE PUZZLE' PROJECT

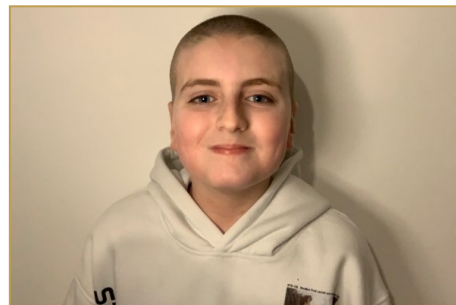


As a school, we are taking part in the 'Part of the Puzzle' project being run by Picture-News. We have been asking pupils to fill in their puzzle pieces with words, drawings and colours that represent them and then put them up in their windows for others to see they are taking part in the challenge. Picture-News hopes this will help everyone feel connected whilst they are apart and symbolise that we all have a part to play during this difficult time and that we are all part of a bigger picture. We can't wait to see more jigsaw pieces come in and to stick them up in school when we all return! Thank you to everyone taking part.



KOBI'S FUNDRAISING

A big well done to Kobi who has raised over £1,000 for The Kids Cancer Charity. After watching a documentary on children with cancer, Kobi decided that he wanted to do something to help and said he would shave his hair off if he reached a target of £500. After reaching his target within four hours, he FaceTimed his family and friends so they could watch Kobi's dad shave Kobi's hair live. Kobi has been blown away as donations keep coming in, read his reaction [here](#).



PE WITH MILO



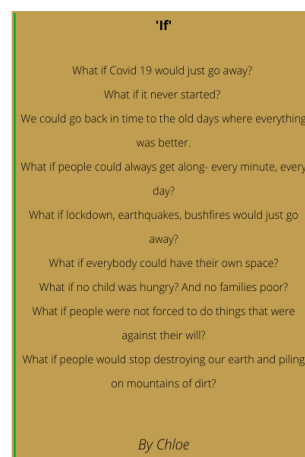
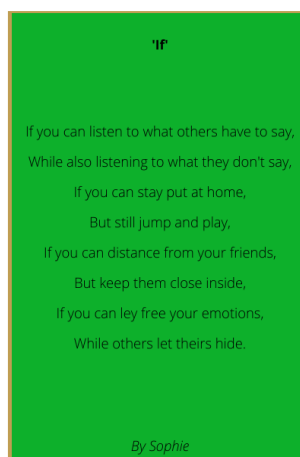
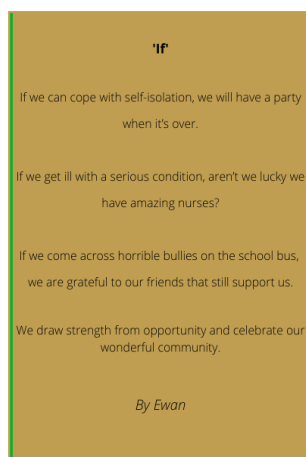
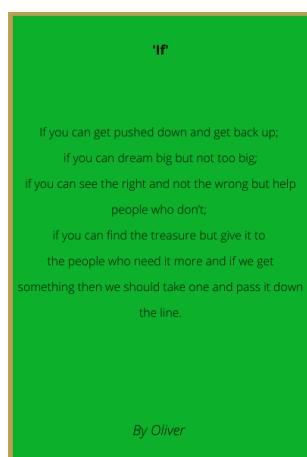
3Crick really enjoyed their PE lesson led by classmate Milo the Mini Coach. It was lovely for everyone to interact over Zoom whilst doing a fun workout.

Well done everyone, keep staying active!



YEAR 5 'IF' POEMS

In PSHE, Year 5 looked at the poem 'If' by Rudyard Kipling. They were then asked to write an additional stanza, giving some modern day advice. Pupils came up with some fantastic verses, well done!



YEAR 1 'THE NEW HOUSE'

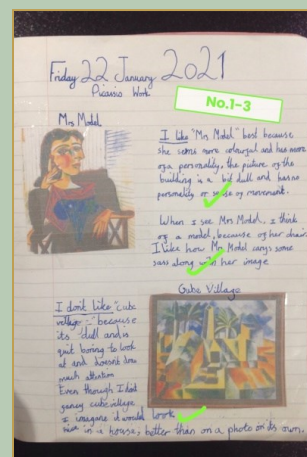
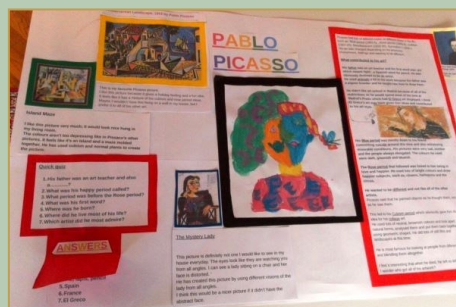
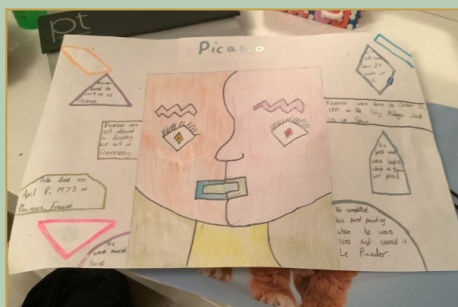


Year 1 have been practicing their reading comprehension with an activity called 'The New House'. They carefully followed instructions to draw Jenny's new house, with some pupils even colouring the house in to make a lovely picture. Well done all!



YEAR 4 STUDY PICASSO

In their English and Art lessons, Year 4 have enjoyed studying Picasso. They learned about his life and took a look at some of his famous paintings. They then produced some wonderful posters about him, wrote about their favourite painting and even had a go at drawing a picture in the style of Picasso. We are very proud of our Year 4 pupils!



FUN IN THE SNOW

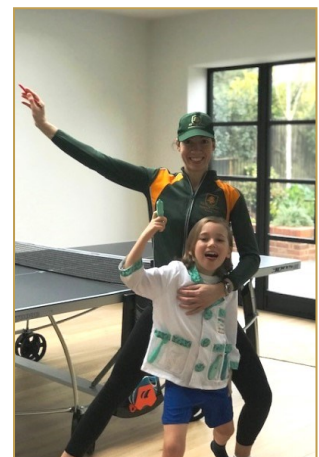


It was lovely to see our pupils out enjoying the snow over the weekend. It looks like pupils had lots of fun building snowmen and throwing lots of snowballs! Click [HERE](#) to take a look at the full gallery on our website.



PE WITH JOE

It was fantastic to see so many families rise to Miss Barnard's challenge and dress up as Superheroes for 'PE with Joe' on Friday 15th January. Pupils were especially excited to take part as they had received a [special message](#) from Joe himself! A big thank you to everyone that took part, you all looked fantastic!



HEALTHY SNACKS

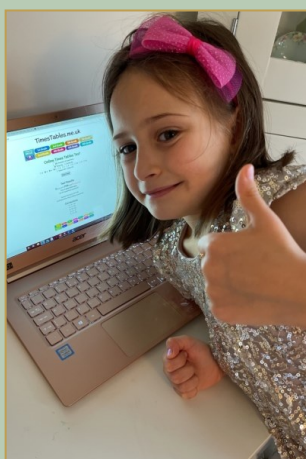


We received some fantastic photos of pupils sharing their healthy snacks with us. We were very pleased to see lots of fruit snacks and pupils getting creative by making healthy fruit juice ice lollies and flapjacks. Well done everyone!



HOME LEARNING

A big thank you to all of our pupils and families for all of your continued hard work during home learning. We are so impressed with the standard of work we are receiving from our pupils and have loved receiving your pictures. Keep up the fantastic work - and keep the photos coming!



KEYWORKER CHILDREN ACTIVITIES



Our keyworker children have enjoyed lots of activities whilst at school. They went on a scavenger hunt around the school grounds to see if they could tick all the items off their checklist, enjoyed some PE activities in the hall, made a fantastic dinosaur display for the classroom and created some wonderful pictures using natural materials.

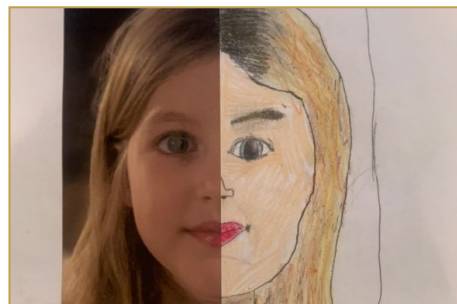
They have also been concentrating really well during their online learning lessons. Well done everyone!



YEAR 3 SELF-PORTRAITS

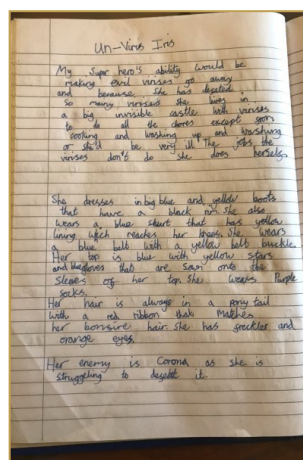
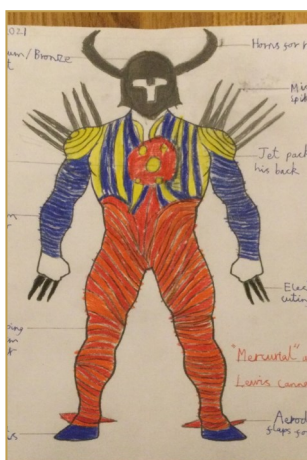


In Art, Year 3 have been creating different forms of self-portraits. Firstly, they took half a photo of themselves and did a fantastic job of drawing the other half of their face. Then they were challenged to create another self-portrait using any materials they could find around the house. There were lots of creative portraits using different food items, Lego pieces and natural resources from the garden. Fantastic work Year 3!



YEAR 4 SUPERHEROES

Following their superhero themed workout during 'PE with Joe', Year 4 were tasked with creating their own superheroes. They had to draw a picture of their Superhero and write a few paragraphs to describe their powers. Year 4 came up with some really creative ideas, including Un-Virus Iris and Rainbow Ruby, that were accompanied by some fantastic drawings. Well done!

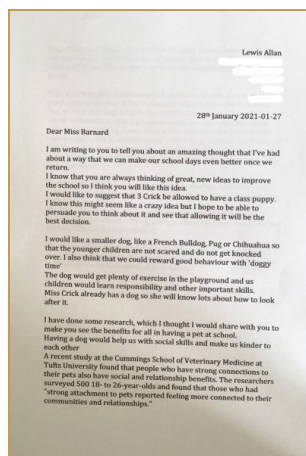


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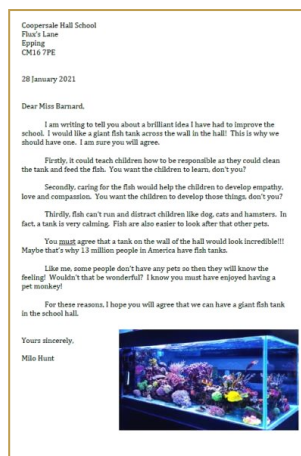


YEAR 3 PERSUASIVE WRITING



Miss Barnard had a tough job recently when Year 3 used their persuasive writing skills to try and convince her to have a school pet. The children used a range of tactics; from reminding Miss Barnard of her childhood and growing up with lots of animals, the benefits of animal therapy, and the opportunity to teach the children about responsibility.

In the end, Miss Barnard couldn't decide between a school horse, lizard, or shark! The pupils were very persuasive!



NATIONAL HOMEMADE SOUP DAY

At Coopersale Hall we enjoy a challenge, so for National Homemade Soup Day we challenged our families to create and share their favourite soup recipes. A big thank you to all the families who participated and sent in pictures! It looked like lots of yummy soup was made and eaten and it was great to see our pupils having fun helping out in the kitchen. A perfect activity for a rainy, winters day! Well done all.

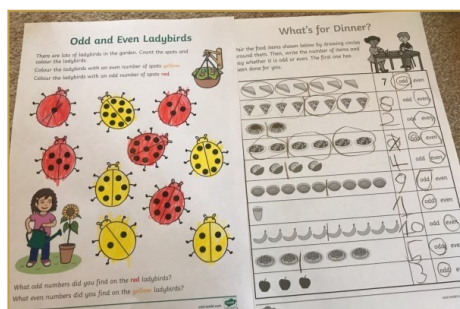


LOWER KINDERGARTEN 100 STEPS

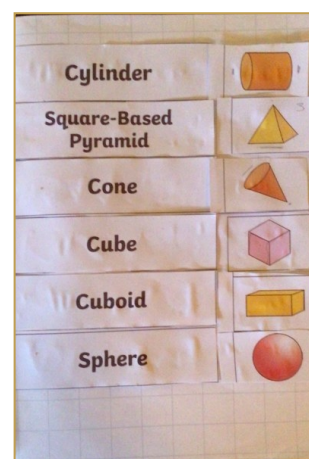
Lower Kindergarten celebrated the life of Captain Sir Tom Moore by walking 100 steps together in the playground. They also coloured in some great pictures of him to take home.



RECEPTION MATHS



Reception pupils have been working really hard during their Maths activities. They have been learning lots of new shapes, identifying odd or even numbers and making pattern sequences. Keep up the fantastic work Reception!

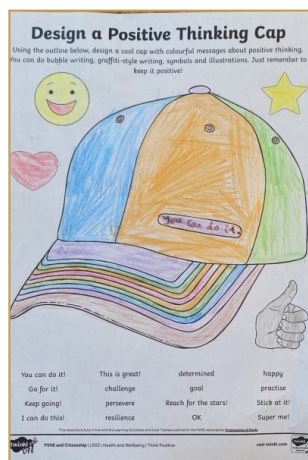
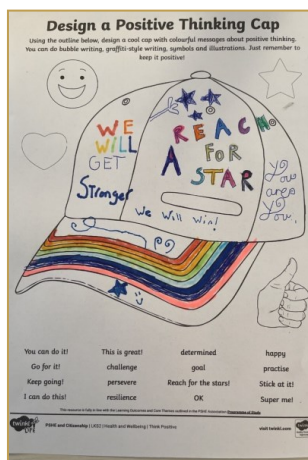


PUPILS' PRIZED POSSESSIONS

We recently asked our pupils to send in photos of their pets or prized possessions and received a wonderful response. It was lovely to see everyone's photos and to be part of a wonderful community despite being apart. Thank you everyone! Take a look at all the pictures [HERE](#).



POSITIVE THINKING CAPS



As part of their Wellness Week in PSHE, Year 3 pupils designed some 'Positive Thinking Caps'. They put lots of encouraging messages on to their designs and decorated them beautifully.

YEAR 3 HISTORY

In History, Year 3 have been learning about rationing during the War. Pupils were sent some recipes typical of the war time era for them to make themselves which included bread pudding, bubble and squeak, cheese and potato dumplings and eggless sponge. Pupils had lots of fun making the recipes, with their final results looking really good, and they especially enjoyed tasting them! Well done Year 3.



MUSIC ACHIEVEMENTS

A big well done to all of our pupils who continue to work hard learning and practicing their musical instruments whilst at home.

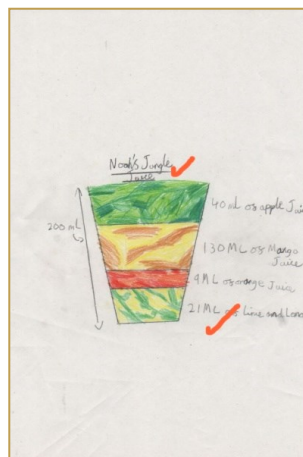
Congratulations to Alina and Iman who recently passed their Grade 1 violin exams and to Nancy and Clara who passed their Grade 2 and Grade 1 piano exams respectively. Keep up the fantastic work!

YEAR 4 MOCKTAILS

To support their Maths learning on capacity, Year 4 designed and made their own mocktails. Pupils had to measure out each ingredient they used to reach a total amount, name their mocktail and then, as an extra activity, work out the fractions of each liquid.



Great work Year 4!



YEAR 4 ART

In their Art lessons recently, Year 4 have been making Stig of the Dump inspired dioramas. They put a lot of effort into making some fantastic scenes, well done Year 4!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PUPILS

It was lovely to receive lots of messages from our pupils thanking their teachers and support staff for all of their hard work during remote learning. Everyone has been working extremely hard to make sure all of our pupils are coping with online learning and have been very pleased with the work they are receiving back. We know that this video certainly brightened their day! You can watch the pupils' video [HERE](#).

