

Coopersale Hall School NEWSLETTER



March 2021



Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents,

With Spring clearly in the air and all the children back in their classes, life seems to be returning to some form of normal. We have loved welcoming the children back to school! Children always surprise me at how resilient they are and we saw that again, with the children confidently returning to school. When I walk around the school and I see how happy the children are to be back and the enthusiasm in lessons, it reminds me that the best place for children to be is in school.

I am also grateful to have an amazing team of teachers and support staff, who have gone above and beyond to make sure the children settle back and continue to be happy. Most of the children have eaten lunch with their teachers to catch up on all the news from home. It is lovely to see the close relationships the teachers have with their students in school.

As we come to the end of a term that might have been a challenging time for some of our families, I want to thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to the Summer Term and the normal events we will be able to have, within the guidelines. I hope you and your families rest well and enjoy spending time together.

Happy Easter.

Miss Barnard

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YEAR 4 R.E.

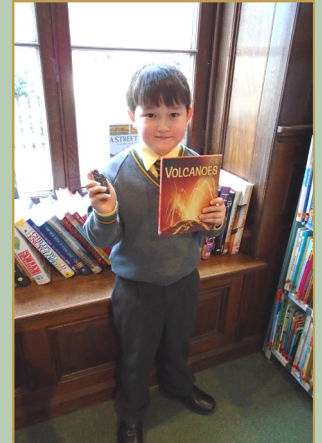
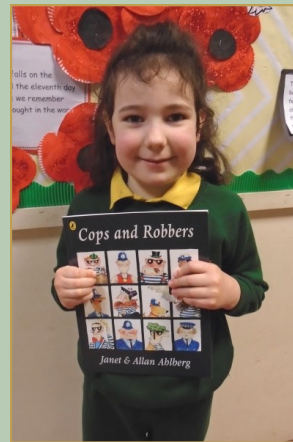
In Year 4, as part of their R.E. studies, pupils have been learning about Palm Sunday and the Last Supper. Alex brought in some palm leaves and the class learned how to create palm crosses. They made bread and drunk 'wine' (blackcurrant) and learnt about the significance of the foods Jesus shared.



BIRTHDAY BOOK SCHEME

At Coopersale Hall, when pupils are celebrating their birthday they can bring in their favourite book from home. They can share the book with their class, discuss why it's their favourite, and then donate it to the school library for others to enjoy.

Happy Birthday to these pupils!



YEAR 1 MAKE BISCUITS



Year 1 did a fantastic job following instructions and measuring out ingredients to make biscuits during their practical maths lesson. The biscuits all turned out well,

although some tasted better than others!

Well done Year 1!



WORLD BOOK DAY 2021

EXTREME READING

World Book Day is one of the highlights of our year! We love the annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading.

World Book Day was celebrated a little differently this year, as with most children across still being schooled remotely, the majority of pupils were not in school on the day. Children were still encouraged to celebrate the wonder of reading by dressing up as their favourite characters – with the teachers taking part in the fun too!

The theme for their pictures was 'Extreme Places to Read!'

Well done everyone for joining us in the celebrations! Your costumes and book choices were fantastic!



ALBRECHT DURER'S "HANDS"

Year 4 have studied Albrecht Durer's "Hands" picture and his life story. They then drew around their own hands and used mandala patterns to decorate them.



RECEPTION WRITE LETTERS

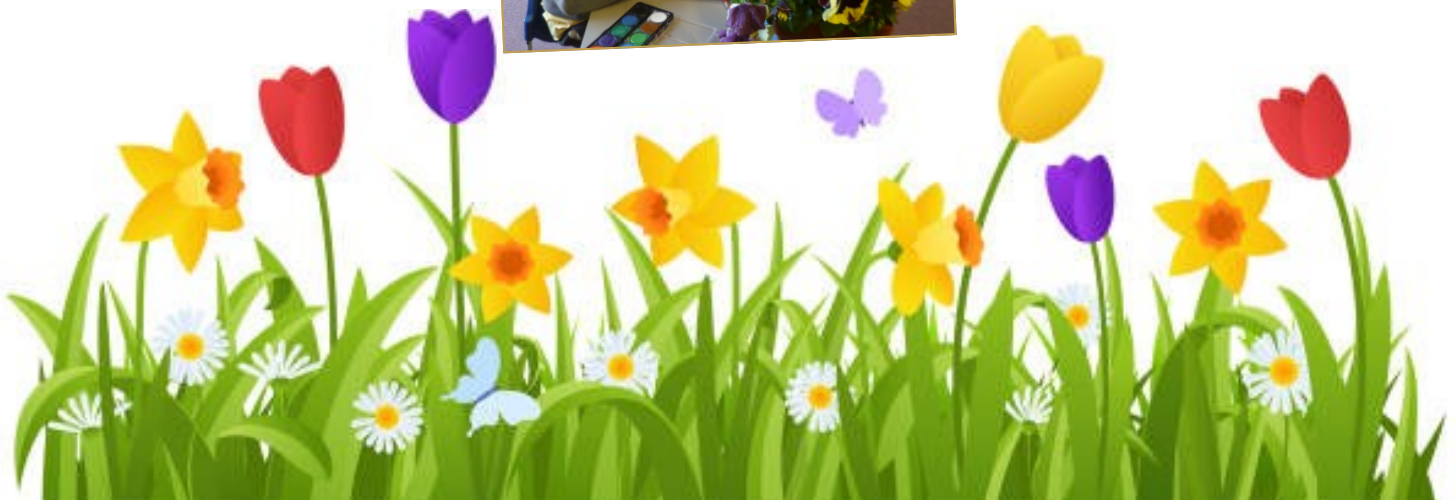
Miss Barnard had a visit from some of the Reception children to share their writing with her. The Reception children are learning to write letters.



SPRING STILL LIFE

Year 1 Daly really enjoyed their recent activity of creating water colour still life paintings of spring flowers. They really enjoyed the activity as you can see, and worked freely without drawing the image first.

They learnt to look carefully and observe the colours, shapes and sizes of the flowers and foliage which was bought in from their teacher's garden.



WELCOME BACK

On Monday 8 March our pupils returned after several months of remote learning. It has been fantastic to see so many happy faces around the school again. Pupils have settled back into their bubbles, and were so excited to be able to see their friends and teachers. The children and staff have handled the remote learning brilliantly, working together over zoom lessons and online platforms, but they are thrilled to be back and learning in person again!

Welcome back everyone!



YEAR 3 'RATION RECIPES'

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 & squeak, cheese and potato dumplings and eggless sponge.



Pupils had lots of fun making the recipes, and especially tasting them! Well done Year 3.



EASTER CARDS

Across the School we have been using many art techniques to create our lovely Easter cards ready to take home.

Here are some of the great pieces of work that the children have produced across Years 1, 5 and 6. We hope you will agree that they look delightful.

We would like to wish you all a peaceful and Happy Easter with lots of joy and Easter treats.



YEAR 4 RIVERS STUDY



For their rivers' study in geography, Year 4 took a walk down Flux's Lane to look at the stream. Due to the recent rain, the water level was quite high and pupils could see which way the stream was flowing. They followed its meander.

The class also spotted a manmade dam which causes a mini waterfall and a part of the stream that had been built up with metal banks to stop it flooding. They tracked its

path under the road and followed it to where it was joined by another tributary. Everyone discussed the fact that the stream will flow into the River Roding, then into the River Thames and eventually out to sea.



HALF TERM CHALLENGES



Miss Barnard and some of the teachers set a range of challenges over the half term for the pupils to complete. Miss Barnard challenged pupils to showcase their talents in the Coopersale Hall X-factor, Miss Leeks asked pupils to design a new book cover for their favourite books, Mrs Doherty wanted pupils to complete as many physical activities as they could, Miss Crick was in search of the Artist of the Year 2021 and finally, Miss Gowland created the Great Coopersale Bake Off with pancakes!

Our pupils rose to these many challenges! Take a look at what they got up to.



YEAR 5 CONTOUR MAPS

Year 5 have been learning about contours on OS maps. After learning about what a contour map is, they set about making their own island showing the purpose of contours.

The finished products were very impressive, and we certainly had some very hilly islands!



YEAR 4 P.E. ACTIVITIES

During PE recently Year 4 completed a fitness circuit. The children worked round a variety of exercises in their teams. They focused on working different muscles in their bodies.



MATHS IN YEAR 1 BIDDLE



Year 1 Biddle have enjoyed being back in their classrooms, and have really got stuck into their Maths work. In their lessons there has been a focus on finding halves and quarters using a range of methods and materials.

Well done Year 1 Biddle for working so hard.



UK CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR



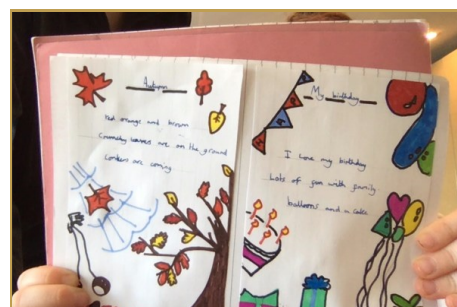
Upper Kindergarten had a great time last week celebrating Chinese New Year with a snack of rice, prawn crackers and sweet and sour sauce. The children have made lanterns, learnt the story of why each year is named after an animal and attempted to use chopsticks!



YEAR 4 HAIKU POEMS

Year 4 have been learning about traditional Japanese poems called Haiku. These are poems that are normally written on three lines, taking the syllable pattern of 5-7-5 and are often about nature, seasons or animals.

Year 4 then did a fantastic job of planning and writing their own their own Haiku poems, and drawing some pictures to go with their poems. Great work everyone!



Merit Badges	W/E 12.03.21	W/E 19.03.21	W/E 26.03.21
Reception Gowland	Whole Class	Thomas and Delila	Dustie, Verity, Delila, Phoebe Faith
Reception Groman-Marks	Woolfe	Marion	Harrison
Reception Smith	Whole Class	Isabelle	Reeva and Harry
Year 1 Biddle	Whole Class	Annie	Theo
Year 1 Daly	Whole Class	Florence	Teddy
Year 2 Burgess	George	Luca	Maria
Year 2 Surtees	Whole Class	Albie	Emilia
Year 3 Crick	Tommy	Harry	Elizabeth
Year 3 Graves	Whole Class	Simran	Donald
Year 4 Bull	Anna	Aiden	Naya
Year 4 Lane	Jessica	Clara	Daniel
Year 5 Newbigging	Sienna	Chloe	Ines
Year 5 Leeks	Oliver	Aaryan	Maxwell
Year 6 Howard	Whole Class	Benjamin	Whole Class

VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT

We held our second Virtual Open Event at the beginning of the month. Although this was not the same as opening our doors to prospective parents, we hope it gave a good insight to the happy, vibrant life at Coopersale Hall School.

We had lots of people sign up and watch the live event, where Miss Barnard gave a short speech, before parents heard from our Head Girl and Head Boy and took a pupil led virtual tour. The session finished with a live Q & A event, where Miss Barnard was joined by Miss Leeks to answer the many questions that were being asked.

A recording of the event is now available to watch on the school website. Please feel free to give it a watch.

[Click here](#) to watch the virtual open event.



Welcome to Coopersale Hall School's March Virtual Open Event

YEAR 2 GEOGRAPHY

Pupils in Year 2 have been very busy making a class map of the world during their Geography lessons. They had a specific focus in the continents, and worked hard to remember the names and locations of each continent. It was lovely to see all of the pupils working collaboratively to create such an amazing world map.



UKC CELEBRATE ST DAVID'S DAY AND SKITTLES EXPERIMENT

To celebrate St David's Day UKC took part in some fun activities such as colouring the welsh flag, painting daffodils and tasting welsh cakes!



They also conducted some class experiments for Science week. Which makes the best rainbow, Skittles or Smarties? The class said the Skittles were brighter but Smarties had more colours!

Well done UKC!



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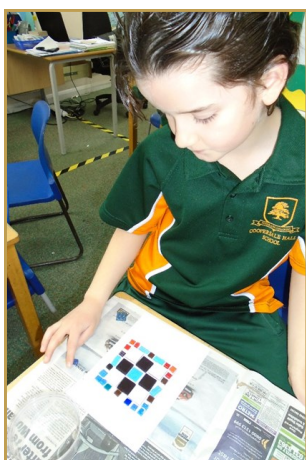


Chicks arrived in school this month as part of Upper Kindergarten's topic on Life Cycles. The class have been fascinated and kept looking carefully for the changes in the chicks after they watched them hatch!

Many thanks to FOCHS for organising the chicks' arrival!



YEAR 4 STUDY THE ROMANS



Year 4 have been studying the Romans. This month they have looked at various mosaics which show pictures of Roman history and everyday Roman life. These mosaic images provide an insight into what Roman life was like and how they lived.

Mosaic floors were a sign of wealth and importance. Using small and colourful tiles, they have had a go at making their own mosaics. Pupils first made a plan on a piece of paper. Once they were happy with their designs, they glued each tile carefully into the correct position.

This week Year 4 completed their masterpieces by grouting between their tiles. Which could be quite messy!



SNOW DAY

UKD really enjoyed putting on their waterproof suits and wellies to have fun in the snow. They loved catching snowflakes on their tongue, making snow angels and a small snowman! We loved seeing the pictures sent in from the children at home also making use of our rare snowy days!



LOWER KINDERGARTEN ACTIVITIES

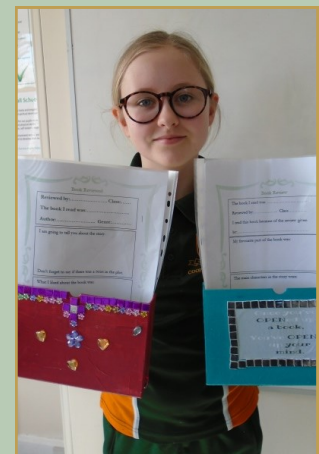
Lower Kindergarten were very busy this half term. They have focused on learning shapes, playing turn taking games, having fun outside, having pretend picnics, learning to tap in time to the rhythm, listening to stories, building together and having fun.



HARD WORK BY OUR LIBRARY MONITOR

Library Monitor Scarlett decorated Book Review boxes for the library. She selected a book from the library and will be completing a review of this once she has finished - nearly there!

Keep up the great work Scarlett.



YEAR 6 FITNESS ACTIVITIES

In year 6 we have started to challenge ourselves to increase our fitness levels together. Every morning we run around the perimeter of the playground. We started by doing this for 10 minutes and have already increased this to 15 minutes daily. Starting our day in this way has invigorated us and made us ready for learning.



RECEPTION SMITH SENTENCE SCRAMBLE

In Reception Smith, the children have had fun playing 'Sentence Scramble'. They had to use their knowledge of sentence structure to unscramble the words and put them into the correct order with the capital letters and full stop in the right place.

It was a very busy lesson with the children working together to read words and put the words into the correct order for the sentences.



EASTER GARDENS

As part of their Science lessons Year 3 pupils have been learning all about the parts of a plant, what their role is, and also what the plant needs to help it grow. In their RE lesson they have also learnt the reason for why we celebrate Easter. In science we discussed how the Easter message could be shown with symbols and plants, and for Homework pupils designed and created their own Easter Gardens.

Some children re-potted plants, picked flowers, or laid moss, Donald even managed to grow some grass to cover his garden. Some incorporated the religious symbols of the cross and open tomb, whereas others included bunnies and Easter egg hunts. All the wonderful creations were laid out for all to see on the entrance to school on Friday, which brought a festive colourful start to the Easter holiday.



YEAR 3 CRICK HAVE THE MOVES



3Crick have been enjoying their P.E lesson this term, where they have started creating their own dance routine. They have fantastic dance moves!



SCIENCE WEEK IN UK



Upper Kindergarten enjoyed making potions and doing experiments for Science Week a few weeks ago. They also planted some grass seeds in a pair of tights to make a grassy caterpillar! The children can't wait to watch the grass grow and eventually give it a haircut!



FELT BAG FUN

In Design Technology, the children in Year 4 have designed and made felt bags. They first selected buttons and created their designs. They then sewed the pieces of felt together using a running stitch. They sewed a drawstring at the top so their bags were closable.

We love that all the final designs are so fun and different!



UPPER KINDERGARTEN DAWSON ACTIVITIES



Upper Kindergarten Dawson have been busy doing lots of fun activities recently. They enjoyed having fresh bread for 'b' week! Pupils measured out the ingredients and watched how the bread is made in the bread maker.

Chinese New Year was lots of fun! UKD enjoyed playing number games to make the dragon and having some Chinese food to celebrate!

The children have also been enjoying participating in class yoga stories. They have been trying hard to do all the poses!

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



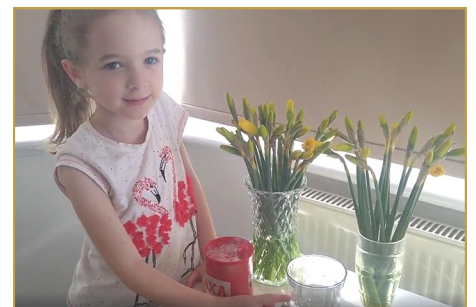
As well as celebrating the pupils being back in school, Coopersale Hall were also celebrating British Science Week, from 5th – 14th March.

Leading up to Science week pupils had been set a task in science, during home schooling, to produce a video or presentation of any scientific experiment or topic that they had an interest in. After receiving many wonderful videos,



powerpoints and presentations I was able to show all the lovely ideas and contributions to the classes during British Science Week. All year groups from Yr1 – Yr6 enjoyed contributing and watching the great variety of science being presented.

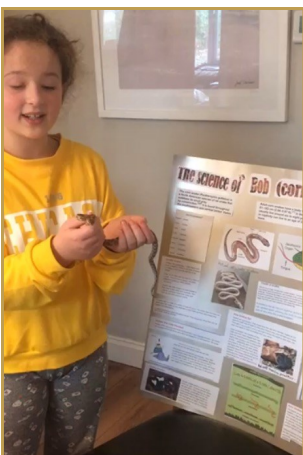
It was very difficult to choose but I selected one pupil from each class to receive a Special Science Week Award, for excellent presentation, interesting topic, clear and detailed explanation, or enthusiasm and enjoyment gained.



I really enjoyed reviewing the pupil's work, seeing how much fun and enthusiasm they had when doing their experiments. I also enjoyed seeing the classes, learn, laugh and have fun watching them during their Science lessons. It gave us lots of different topics and ideas to discuss and explain, and it gave me opportunity to show and further demonstrate some different exciting practical experiments.

Well done to all the pupils who contributed. I had a fantastic Science Week, I hope you did too.

C Carter.



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK AWARDS

Class:	Awarded to:
Yr 1B	Lila
Yr 1D	Lilly
Yr 2S	Saskia
Yr 2B	India
Yr 3C	Elizabeth
Yr 3G	Abigail
Yr 4B	James
Yr 4L	Ruby
Yr 5N	Kaiser
Yr 5L	Gemma
Yr 6H	Neve

SPRING TERM RUNNING TOTAL

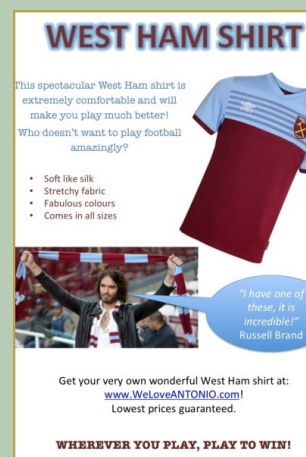
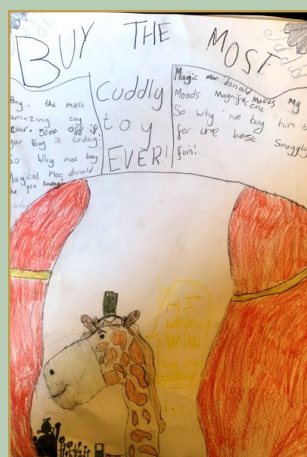
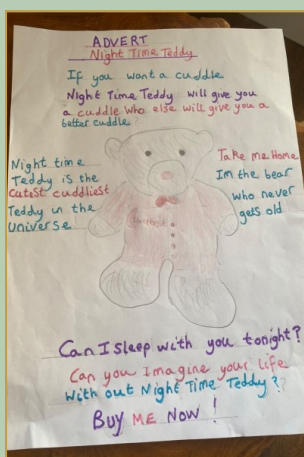
House Points Spring Term	Beech	Chestnut	Oak	Willow
Points	1247	1115	1054	1244
Position	1st	3rd	4th	2nd

YEAR 3 ADVERTS

Year 3 were recently set a challenge to create an advert for their favourite toy, object or computer game to encourage others to buy it.

They had to think about why they like their chosen object, what makes them want to keep using it and if they would recommend it to a friend. Then pupils had to design their advert, making it clear what is great about their object and why children might want to get one, whilst making it bold and colourful.

Year 3 created some very persuasive adverts, well done!



Getting Social

Click the images to visit our social media sites.



CELEBRATING OUR HOME LEARNING EXPERIENCE



Across Coopersale Hall we have noted how the work that has been produced during our time at home learning is being valued and enjoyed.

Mrs Doherty invited the children to take part in “Part of the Puzzle” project run by Picture-News. The children were asked to produce a puzzle piece with words, drawings and colours that best represented them. We have combined all the

entries and are celebrating these as part of the library display of work.



These puzzle pieces help everyone to feel connected whilst they are apart and symbolise that we are all part of a bigger picture. Mrs Doherty was delighted and pleased by the varied puzzle pieces that were created from children across all year groups.

Year 3 embraced World Book Day during their home schooling time and designed their own poster to advertise “Extreme Reading”. This is the display in their classroom. A selection of these is also on the Book Review Board in the library to enjoy.



Miss Marks (Reception) has created a display board that also celebrates the variety of work that her children produced and she is extremely proud of what they have achieved.

HALF TERM SLT CHALLENGE

During our half-term Miss Leeks and Miss Crick set everyone a challenge. Miss Leeks was delighted to receive the wonderful book covers designed by the children. She would like to thank everyone who uploaded their work. We have taken great pleasure in displaying these in the library.

Miss Crick was amazed by all the entries into her art challenge and found it difficult to select the entries that are being displayed in the library. She feels that we have very talented artists in the school.



YEAR 2 POND DIPPING



The last few weeks in Science, Year 2 pupils have been exploring mini habitats. First of all identifying various types of habitat, then exploring what animals live within it. Pupils understand how plants and animals depend on each other to survive. This week they completed the unit by exploring the pond habitat in the school grounds.

They observed the surroundings looking at the plant life, pond weed and lily pads. They then enjoyed pond dipping to find out what

creatures lived in the water. They found many water louse and pond snails, and a number different nymphs.

Both classes really enjoyed this activity and look forward to revisiting it later in the Summer term to see if there are any changes.



YEAR 1 DALY ART

Year 1 Daly have been learning new art techniques this week. They have used a mixed media approach to make an Easter card.

First they used chalks and smudged them, then they used a black pen to add detail.

Inside the card they used their DT skills to make a spring device for their rabbit to pop put with his Easter message.

As you will agree, far more appealing and individual than any bought card!



'DEAR ZOO' WITH LOWER KINDERGARTEN

This term in Lower Kindergarten we have focused on maths and literacy by learning shapes along with the Dear Zoo story. The children have looked at a different shape and a different animal each week and made their own version of the Dear Zoo book. They have thoroughly enjoyed engaging in this project.



RECEPTION'S SPRING TERM

The children in Reception have been very busy with lots of different types of learning. We painted the children's hands so they could make personalized cards for mothers day and have been working together as a group to work on their sentence structure. The class have also been looking at the days of the week. The children worked in teams to put the days into the correct order.

They were lucky enough to have the chicks come and visit them for a day. The children loved having the chicks in the classroom. Some children read some stories to them and they enjoyed holding them too. You will see some other pictures of the children enjoying a music lesson, practicing their number formation and letter formation.



SCIENCE WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

During British Science Week, as well as all the wonderful experiments, videos and presentations, there was also a poster competition running. Only 5 entrants can be submitted on behalf of Coopersale Hall School, so I have been collecting entrants from Yr1 – Yr6 over the last few weeks.

The poster theme was linked to the main focus of this year's Science Week, which was Innovation. Some pupils explored and researched famous innovators, explaining the contribution and impact their inventions or discoveries have made on our everyday life. Whereas other pupils researched an area of concern and tried to invent something or promote an idea, which would help to improve that issue.

There were so many beautiful posters, some with amazing art work and presentation, and others with important messages and helpful ideas and solutions. Lots of research and time has been taken to find out about inventors and innovators.

Miss Barnard and I had a really tricky time trying to narrow it down to 5, but the results are as follows;

Lilly – Yr1
Evie – Yr4
Maxwell – Yr4
James – Yr4
Joseph – Yr5

Those pupils will have their poster submitted into the British Science Week competition.

Thank you to all pupils who took part in this activity, I have really enjoyed receiving and reading through all your posters.

C Carter (Science teacher)



FOCHS EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to our winners!

George

Defne

Isla

Robyn

Poppy



A big thank you FOCHS for making up beautiful baskets!

FOCHS UPDATE

Easter events

We are delighted that we have been able to organise some special deliveries for the Upper Kindergarten classes that have remained in school this term. UKD and UKT received a clutch of incubating eggs and the children very much enjoyed handling the chicks once they'd hatched.



It was too chilly for butterflies this term, but we're pleased to say that, when they return to school after the Easter break, UKC and LK will receive butterfly gardens. The children will be able to see the transformation from caterpillars to pupae to butterflies.

Of course, we were not able to put on our usual Easter animal day again this year, but the children have still been able to enter the raffle to win one of our lovely Easter baskets. Congratulations to the winners!

Nearly New Uniform

The Nearly New Uniform Hut is open for email orders. Please complete the uniform form here <https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/school-uniform/> and email it to fochs@coopersalehallschool.co.uk. The FOCHS volunteers will check stock on a Wednesday and let you know what is available shortly afterwards. You then pay online and collect the uniform from the school office.

Donations of uniform are gratefully received, dropped off at the school office. Please note we can only resell uniform that is sold by Forest Casuals, the school outfitters.

Have a good Easter break and we look forward to being able to run our events for the children again as and when restrictions ease.

FOCHS Committee