

# Coopersale Hall School NEWSLETTER

## May 2021



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### Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents,

It is wonderful to have warmer weather so that the children can enjoy far more learning outside. We even had a picnic style 'Hot Chocolate Friday'.

I wanted to say a massive 'Thank You' to all of our families who have so generously donated books for the school library. We reached the 200 mark earlier in week. Our children are enjoying all of the new books that they can read in the library.

I hope you enjoy seeing all the learning that takes place in school on our various social media platforms. I am incredibly proud of our children and staff for continuing to stay positive and working hard while having fun.

**With my best wishes**

**Miss Moreen Barnard**

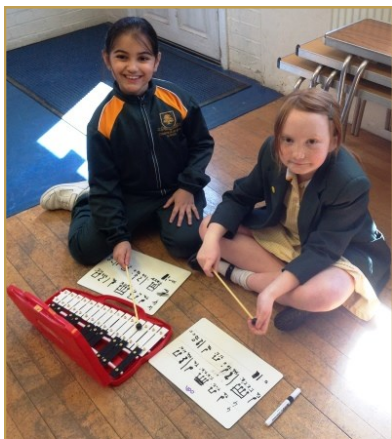
## Year 4 Learn To Weave

As part of their history topic on the Anglo-Saxons, the children in Year 4 have been learning how to weave. Using bits of card and thin thread they made simple looms. They then selected appropriate wool and coordinating colours to make an attractive placemat. The Anglo-Saxons would have made their clothes in a similar way 1500 years ago. (Although, they obviously wouldn't have had the same range of colours to choose from!)



## Creating Rhythms On A Stave

Year 4 have been having great fun learning how to create their own rhythms on a stave, using notes from the pentatonic scale. They also shared their knowledge of fractions which reminded them of the duration of notes in each bar. Well done Year 4!



## Music Time!

Music time! Upper Kindergarten have been enjoying learning 'Under the Sea' songs this week, they have also been enjoying some ring and dancing games together.





## Hoop Master!

Weather permitting, the children take their breaks on the field, a lovely change from the playground. They continue to amaze us with their imaginations. It is lovely to see them enjoying the change of scene and how they use it.

The perfect time and an ideal place for a bit of footie.

There is always time to just enjoy the field and obviously create a new game – just as long as everyone follows the rules. This terms new game is Hoop Master!



## Playground Fun!

It is lovely that the longer days have finally arrived and the children are settling back into school. We are always delighted to see how inventive they can be during their break-times. Here are some of the highlights...

**Hoopla Fun:** Hoops of fun, Hoola Hooping, Challenge to see who can keep to hoop up the longest!

**Ball Fun:** Kick about, Football, Catch, Rest on it, Share it

**Fantasy Fun:** Mine Craft Convention, Fairy House Building, Wander through the Forest, The children have such creative imaginations!

Collecting daisies with friends, Making a piece of daisy art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy!

Classic Play Ground Fun: Skipping, running and chatting together. After spending so long apart the children love any time spent together!

## Merit Badges

	W/E 30.4.21	W/E 7.5.21
6H	Jack O'Malley Harry Biggs Stanley Wilson	Benjamin Foley Maria Murphy-Zaleska Sorrel Howard Jaspreet Chahil Emiliorose Carroll Mateus Box
5L	Sophie Allan	Gemma Oliver
5N	Nigel Ihemeson	Rohan Bhardwaj-sharp
4L	Lucas Carroll	Whole Class
4B	Sofia Box	Naya Soni
3G	Evie Bawcutt	Rauf Mushtaq
3C	River Corbett	Defne Kaya
2B	Ralph Hunter	Florie Curtis-Allen
2S	Albie Stark	George Donovan
1B	Annabel Demetriou	Abigail Wallin
1D	Arlo Carroll	Fred Woolward
RS	Grace Monksfield Penelope Demetriou	Harry Ringer Isabella Wallin
RG	Phoebe-Faith Caliph	Delila Kaya
RGM	Joseph Wood	Scarlett Hansman



## Extended Sports

During Year 6's final term at Coopersale Hall School, we continue to ensure that all their learning skills are being challenged and that they are engaged with their work.

The class continues to start their day with a run around the playground which has now been increased to 15 minutes ... an excellent achievement!

When the weather permits we take our daily run on the field and take advantage of the running track and have been running together and in relay teams.

They have now resumed swimming at Waltham Abbey pool every week, and have found this activity very enjoyable, especially as they have the pool to themselves!



## Bikability

Year 6 have also enjoyed participating in a 2 day Bikeability course, delivered by qualified instructors from Essex County Council. They have very much benefitted from this course which tested their ability to ride in a straight line whilst looking behind or signalling. With a responsible attitude and good listening skills they progressed to riding on the local roads around Epping. The children wrote an evaluation of their experience on the course. Watch a video of the event [HERE](#).

### BIKEABILITY EVALUATION

I learned a lot of new skills during bikeability, even when it was hard we all kept on going and it was very enjoyable. We started in the playground going through some different things before we went on the road that afternoon, I realised I was not as familiar with the road as I thought I was. We were told about the ABCD check, the ABCD check contains checking the air in the wheels of your bike, then the brake check, and the chain check and then finally the direction check.

We learned about major and minor roads as well as some key things such as: observing, communicating, priority and position.

Overall I really enjoyed it, although I was sometimes unfamiliar with what I was doing I soon understood and managed to do it.

Sometimes I did not feel like a good biker during the bikeability, but when it came to the end I was happy with what I had done.

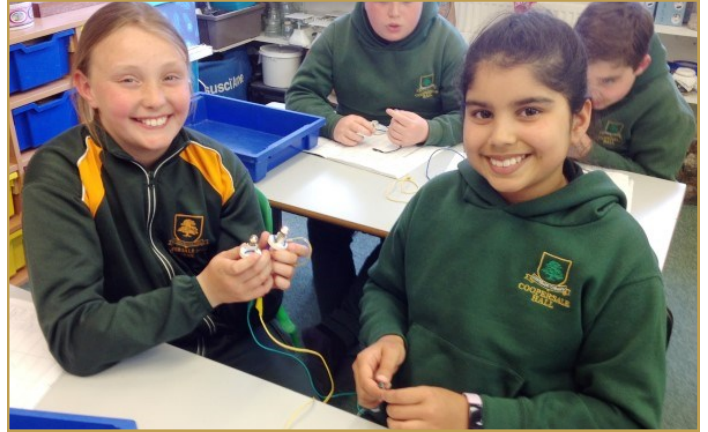
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## Year 6 Learn How To Make A Circuit

In science Year 6 are completing a unit all about electricity. Exploring how we use it and how it has changed our lives. They have also drawn circuit diagrams, identifying various electrical components. Then they constructed different circuits, using bulbs, buzzers and motors.



## The Theatre comes to Coopersale Hall



Year 3 Crick enjoy participating in guided reading daily to improve their reading and comprehension skills. The 'German Shepherd' group have loved acting out the play 'Bertha's Secret Battle'. Tommy particularly enjoys being the director of the play as he enjoys offering suggestions about what his classmates can do to improve their performance. He even considers this as a future career!

## Rivers and Waterfalls

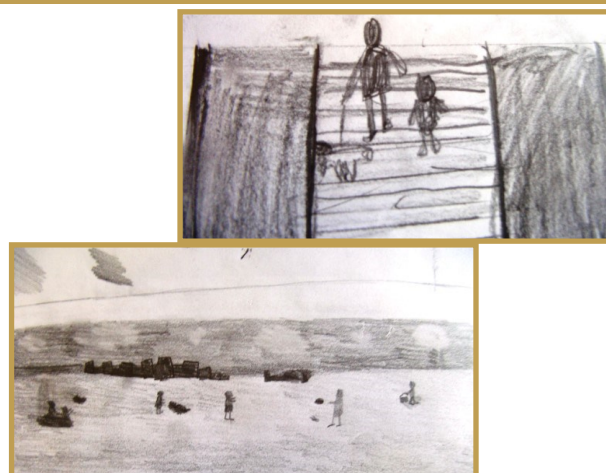
The children in Year 4 continued their learning about rivers by trying to make a waterfall. They used guttering to act as a river bed then placed twigs, rocks, sand and other debris onto the channel. The children then poured water down the guttering to replicate how sediment is carried along the river bed by a current. They then altered the gradient of the slope to see how this changed the movement of the sediment and the flow of the waterfall.





## Lowry Inspired Beach Scenes

Year 5 have been trying their hand at Monochrome art inspired by the work of Lowry in art class. Lowry is famous for his desolate beach scenes, including 'Castle On The Sands', the pupils found it difficult to not to use hard edge outlines and not include too many details to keep their work in his style. After practising shading and observational techniques the finished pieces came out great! Excellent work Year 5!



## History and Art Collide

The children have enjoyed learning about different aspects of history and from these lessons they have also created many different styles of art, some of which are proudly displayed in the library here at Coopersale Hall School.

**Portrait of Henry V111** Inspired by the work of Hans Holbein the Younger, the children in Year 2 have created their own Henry. First the children very carefully drew and outline of Henry V111. Then, inspired by pictures of him, they selected materials in rich, royal colours. Their aim was to reflect the grandeur of the Tudor costumes and culture. The children painted their pictures using fine brush strokes and then enhanced their portraits with feathers, sequins and tiny coloured jewels to create a 3-D effect.



## Spring Flowers



The beautiful spring flowers inspired Year 1 in their observational art work this term. They used a variety of mediums to achieve the colourful pictures. The finished art is proudly on display inside and outside of the classrooms!



## School Values

Throughout Coopersale Hall School we like to nurture a strong sense of family, in which there is care and respect amongst pupils, parents and staff. Our aim is to create an atmosphere which enable the children to foster a positive attitude towards themselves and others, to treat everybody equally, show tolerance and have an understanding of how people are feeling.

In Upper Kindergarten Dawson they have their very own tree, and they use it to display their lovely pieces of art. It also incorporates hanging cards with thoughtful words that reinforce the sentiments of classroom life: "We are careful with our hands and fists", "We line up nicely" and "We say pardon" are cards that reaffirm the values within the classroom.

In Reception Smith they have been discussing their feelings and emotions in PSHE. Each week they have been talking about how feelings and emotions can be represented in different ways. They are beginning to understand that not everyone feels or expresses their emotions in the same way and that is ok.

Reception Gowland shared with the class "what makes them special", as part of their PSHE lesson. The children loved sharing their thoughts and listening to their peers. Many children mentioned their family, friends and favourite things which made them special.

The children looked at the similarities and the differences with each other within the class. They put their observations into the flowers that they created.



In PSHE **Year 3 Graves** have been thinking of their achievements at home and at school. They discussed what would be the steps that they had to take in order to achieve their goals. Pupils were so proud of their achievements that they wrote them onto medals and hung them onto their display.



In **Year 3 Cricks**, pupils wanted to start the new term with a positive mental attitude. They discussed what this meant and decided to write about the things that made them feel happy. They also brought in pictures that made them feel happiness, which were included on their display.

Year 6 read "The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse" by Charlie Mackesy. They were amazed by how a book could use so few words but say so much.

The class discussions were interesting and diverse. They also created posters using a line from the book "What do you want to be when you grow up?" "Kind" said the boy....the children changed this line and in a few words put their own feelings and thoughts into their reply.



## Receptions Busy Week

Tuesday was all about sentence structure. The children worked in groups to rearrange the words to make a sentence. They know that a sentence starts with a capital letter and ends with a full stop.

Thursday was Earth Day, a day to appreciate the natural world around us and think about all the things we can do to help the environment. The children learnt all about earth day and spoke a lot about recycling and the different types of bins.

The wonderful weather meant that in Fridays Maths lessons the children were able to draw their own clocks using chalk in the playground. They spoke about where the numbers are on the clock and where the hands should go. The children then drew different times on their clocks and then had to find specific times. Well done Reception, keep up the good work!

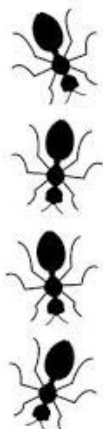
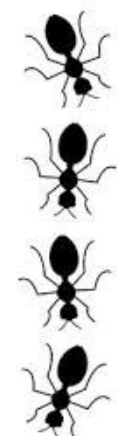
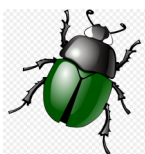
### Minibeast Hunt

The children have been learning all about minibeasts. They went on a minibeast hunt around the school grounds. They each had a clipboard and worked together in pairs to see how many different minibeasts they could find.

Then in art they were each given a piece of clay with a minibeasts imprinted on it. They were shown how to paint it carefully. The children then individually and carefully painted their mini beasts.

The children have also been learning about verbs, completing lots of different PE activities in order for them to understand what a verb is. They then wrote about their activities including verbs in their writing.

In Maths the children have been consolidating take away. They are confident to use a number line to show their working out. We created an extra large number line for the children to use which was very helpful!





# African Instruments

We have been learning how music and dance play an important role in everyday life in Africa. There are many musical styles and cultures. African instruments come in different shapes and sizes and include drums, strings and percussion instruments.

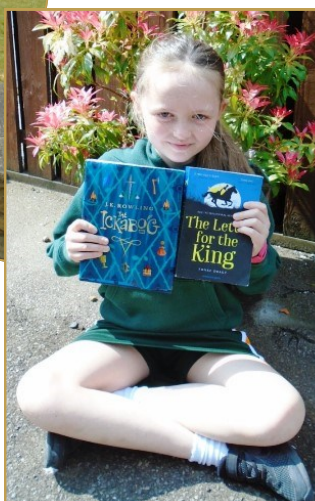
The children loved making traditional instruments using recycled materials including: metal, plastic, wood and cardboard. They filled their instruments with rice, beads and couscous.

The children researched their instrument of choice and then presented it to the class with a demonstration. We would like to form a band!



## Book Donations

We would like to thank everyone who has donated books into our library this month. It is very thoughtful of you to do this and also an excellent way to recycle books that were once much loved. The books all look like wonderful reads! We have now had an incredible 200 books donated!



## FOCHS Update

### Events

As part of our Easter programme, LK and UKC children were treated to butterfly gardens on their return to school after the holidays. They were amazed at how quickly the caterpillars grew in size!

UKD and UKT had received a clutch of incubating eggs in the Spring term and the children very much enjoyed handling the chicks once they'd hatched. Next year we hope to be back with our usual Easter events such as the visiting animals, movie nights and maybe even a teeny bop.



The summer term is usually a busy time for FoCHS, with the Picnic in the Park providing a lively and entertaining end to the year. Of course, this year, it is one of the many events that has been put on hold, but we are delighted to be able to make a contribution to the traditional celebratory day out for our Year 6 pupils to mark the end of their time at Coopersale Hall School. All being well, this will happen in early July and we very much look forward to seeing photos of the day.

### Nearly New Uniform

The Nearly New Uniform Hut is once again open on Wednesday afternoons between 2 and 3pm for you to come and buy uniform. You can also make requests via email. Please complete the uniform form here <https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/school-uniform/> and email it to [fochs@coopersalehallschool.co.uk](mailto: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. Your donations of uniform have been most generous, to the point that we are unable to accept any more, at present. If you could please hold on to it or donate it elsewhere, we would be grateful.

### 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, it is easy to sign up and the donations apply automatically: [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fochs](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fochs)

## 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. The easiest way to get in touch is to message your year or class WhatsApp:

LK – Stacey Cummins;

UK – Nickie Futter and Lydia Chklar;

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](mailto: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 Chklar

Sarah Shirley

You can also check out our page on the school website: <https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/parents-pupils/parents-association/>