

Coopersale Hall School NEWSLETTER



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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy few weeks back in school. But lovely to have normality in school!

Thank you all for your kind donations to the Harvest Festival. With the chillier mornings, Autumn has arrived. Winter uniform is optional until half term, after which pupils must come back wearing Winter uniform.

Our Open Morning is on Tuesday 5 October and parents are welcome to attend. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils are looking forward to being guides and showing our visitors around school.

Kind regards,

Miss Barnard

Year 6 Science

This half term Year 6 pupils have been identifying and classifying plants and animals, observing their characteristics and grouping them accordingly. They had to create their own creature from a nature scavenger. Pupils then had to describe the creature's features, how it moved, how it fed, and survived, etc. They imagined some interesting creatures and also found a newt while scavenging for items.



The Sounds Of School

During their Science lessons Year 1 pupils have been exploring, using their five senses. They focused particularly on their sense of hearing. Pupils moved around the school, and in various locations they covered their eyes with masks and listened carefully to the sounds around them. They then accurately recorded their observations.



Year 5 Investigate The Solar System

Even in our own "cosmic neighbourhood," distances in space are so vast that they are difficult to imagine. Year 5 worked together in the hall to build a scale model of the solar system using a roll of toilet paper. They were also given different sized balls to indicate the difference in sizes between the planets – the Earth was a marble, Mercury as a peppercorn and Venus was a pea. We decided that the hall stage would be the Sun. The children then worked together to put the planets in the correct order, size and position in the Solar System. They really enjoyed working together.

Our group discussions raised many interesting points:

Jeff: "The Sun is only 10 x wider than Jupiter but it is over 1000x bigger."

Francesca: "I was amazed at how small some of the planets were and also just how far some of the planets were from the Sun."



Merit Badges	W/E 24.09.21
Reception G	Olive
Reception GM	Maddox
Reception S	Whole Class
Year 1 C	Tate
Year 1 H	Scarlett
Year 2 C	Robyn
Year 2 S	Whole Class
Year 3 B	Amari
Year 3 G	George
Year 4 B	Imogen
Year 4 G	Donald
Year 5 B	Stanley
Year 5 N	Ivy
Year 6 H	Ethan
Year 6 L	Gemma

Open Morning



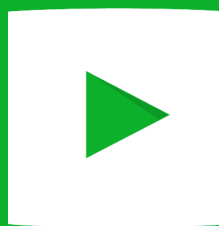
Celebration Friday

We had a busy Friday Celebration assembly with lots of certificates!

We had lots of white belt awards for Recorder Karate, Scientist of the week, and Merit winners.

Sophie achieved Grade 1 in her most recent LAMDA Exam and we had some happy hot chocolate winners.

Well done to all of our hard working pupils for another fantastic week at school!



Upper Kindergarten Get To Try Goldilocks Porridge



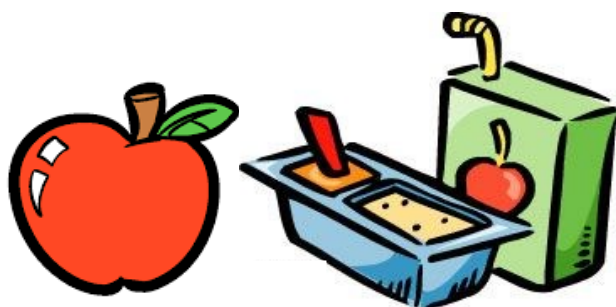
Upper Kindergarten have been working very hard on their shape recognition, the children have taken it in turns to identify each shape and match them together.

UKT have created a lovely Story Board featuring Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children tried a bowl of porridge that was made in the classroom. Yummy!



UK Fun Filled First Week Back

UKF had a lovely few days settling into their first week back at school. They got up to so much, taking part in circle time, snack time and even a yoga lesson!



Visits From The UK Doctor

The children have had fun finding different coloured and different shaped leaves in the school grounds, which they will then use to make their own display picture.

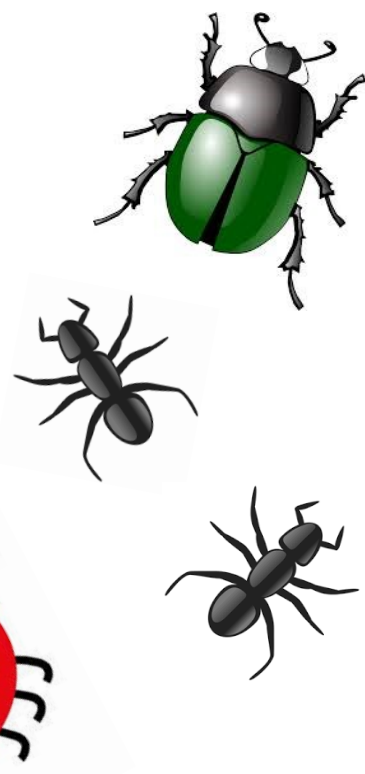
They also enjoyed playing doctors, they love using the x-ray machine!



Wellies And Woodlands Club

The Upper Kindergarten and Reception children have been having a great time at Wellies and Woodlands club, especially as the weather was staying so nice. They loved their mini beast hunt on the school field, using special bug hunting gear and an identifying sheet so they could look up their discoveries and learn more about them.

The children made Boggarts, using things found in nature on the school grounds then went pond dipping in the school's very own pond!



Year 3 Make Tasty Smoothies

Year 3 Biddle had a great time making smoothies as part of their English lessons. After making the smoothies they had to write a set of instructions to explain clearly how to make the drink, which they all managed very well!



Introducing Our Head Girl & Boy



On Monday 13 September, the whole school were delighted to be introduced to the new Head Boy, Oliver and new Head Girl, Sophie. Everyone listened as they both gave the school a speech telling us how excited they were to be taking on these roles. They also told us a little about themselves and how, if anybody saw them around the school, they would be pleased to be stopped for a chat. The Head Girl and Head Boy can also be found some mornings at the school gate, greeting children and their families. We wish them the most amazing and adventurous year ahead.

We were also introduced to the House Captains – (from the left) Gemma, Head of Oak, Sienna, Head of Willow, Annabel, Head of Beech and Leila, Head of Chestnut.

Head Girl Speech:

My name is Sophie and I am delighted to be Head Girl of Coopersale Hall School this year. I began my journey here at Coopersale Hall in reception. After finishing my first year here I was excited as I walked into my first prize giving celebration. I was amazed as the older children went up on stage to receive prizes and then they announced who the next Head Boy and Head Girl would be. After, on my way home, I asked my Dad what I had to do to become the Head Girl. Probably some of you are wondering the same thing, well, here's a few tips: just be yourself because there's only one you; be kind to your friends even when a teach is not watching; always put in as much effort as you can and try your best at everything and make sure that you are always confident in what you do. I did all of this and saw an immediate effect; the next year I won a book at prize giving; in Year 3 I was the youngest chosen to compete in the Spelling Bee and last year I won the Epping Council Poppy competition. Funny what a little hard work can accomplish.



I am very excited to be the Head Girl this year. I can't wait to meet all of you. If any of you have any questions, come and talk to us at the end block, above Lower Kindergarten near the hard playground and if you do see us around, we would love to chat. I'm so excited for the year ahead of us. Thank you all so much for listening, it has been a pleasure to meet you all.

Head Boy Speech:

Good morning, everyone, my name is Oliver and I am very proud to be your new Head Boy.

I have been at this school since lower kindergarten and from my perspective it has been amazing every step of the way. Everything I have tried here at Coopersale Hall, since I started my long and adventurous journey, has improved for the better. I used to count on my fingers but now I can nearly do most maths problems in my head. When I was younger, I struggled with spellings but now I can write a full story with barely any mistakes. Years ago, I couldn't even draw inside the lines of pictures, now I can sketch whole paintings but when it comes to the painting part it gets a little bit messy!

The reason I applied for the role of Head Boy is because I thought that I would make a great leader among my peers, I am nice to all my friends, I have great manners and I am fair to everyone. My favourite subjects are Maths and P.E. because they are, in my opinion, the things that bring the most joy and excitement. Just remember to work hard and try your best at everything you do, especially Maths and English because they will get you furthest in life.

I am very happy to be your new Head Boy and I hope everyone will have an amazing year this year.

World Rose Day

World Rose Day is celebrated every year on September 22 to bring happiness to those who are unwell. The history of World Rose Day is in memory of 12-year-old Melinda Rose. She made each day meaningful, touching the lives of those around her in a positive, unforgettable way.

The children in KS1 have spread happiness and joy to others at school and will continue at home, by sharing a smile or being friendly towards others, using kind words. Some children who had shown kindness and spread joy were chosen by their class teacher to bring a rose to add to the vase.



Harvest Time For Upper Kindergarten

The UK classes of 2020-2021 planted seeds and vegetables in the garden in April and this term UKT harvested the vegetables, some were taken home and others were served with lunch at school. We couldn't believe how much there was to harvest!



Year 5 Trip To Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge

Year 5 have been on their first school visit! They went to the Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge in Chingford on Tuesday 14 September. Their homework was to draft an e-mail to the Year 5 class at Oaklands school telling them about their trip.

Naya: My school trip to Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge was absolutely amazing. It was so interesting and I learnt so many new things like when Queen Elizabeth won the Spanish Armada there was a legend that she rode a white horse up the Hunting Lodge's stairs! Firstly, we went through the back of the lodge because Olivia, who was our tour guide made us imagine we were peasants! There we saw fake food such as a large piece of beef, vegetables and all that kind of stuff. Olivia also taught us that the Tudors didn't have very pleasant manners. Especially King Henry VIII.

Jessica: There were a lot of stairs which kept getting thinner as we walked up. They were designed to make sure Henry VIII didn't get out of breath. After we walked up the stairs we talked about flags and the symbols on them. Then we got to draw on our own on a paper shield. I made sure to involve potatoes on mine!

Alexander: After the table at the bottom floor, we missed out the middle floor and went straight to the top. In there we talked about the people who used to come to the hunting lodge. They used to bring their coat of arms with them and we had a go at making our own paper shield. As we were drawing two people from our year were chosen to dress up, down the stairs on the middle floor, as the king and queen. After a few minutes, when our coat of arms had progressed, we were taken down to the middle floor.

Maxwell: With our new king and queen chosen, Andres and Ruby, we found them dressed and sitting on their thrones. The rest of us were able to try on different hats and we had a series of fun group photographs. After thanking the guide, we exited out of the building into the pouring rain and ran desperately into the minibuses. On our long journey back to the school, we all sang cheerful tunes to keep our spirits high.

Everyone really enjoyed the experience and they all highly recommended that the Yr5 at Oaklands took some time to visit the Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge for themselves.



School Council Elected

We are delighted that our new School Councillors have been elected by their peers. They will enjoy a year where they can voice their opinions and raise concerns that their classmates have asked them to discuss at School Council meetings. They will also be voting on which charities Coopersale Hall will be sponsoring this year and different ways to fund raise plus much more.

The members of the council are:

Luke – 6H, School Council Secretary

Alex – 6L

Noah – 5N, Evie – 5B

Lewis – 4B, Jack – 4G

Ralph – 3G, Iman – 3B.

We wish them an interesting and enjoyable year.

Houses And Homes Project

Year 1 are enjoying their new topic, 'Houses and Homes' in their Art lessons. They have constructed houses from Lego, and created their own house using paint.



Epping Forest Food Bank Assembly

Miss Leeks was pleased to welcome Mrs Frances Wilson from Epping Forest Food Bank to our whole school assembly on Wednesday 15 September.

The children and Mrs Wilson engaged into a lively discussion as she asked them what types of foods they would expect to be donated. Enlisting the assistance of our Head Boy, Oliver and Head Girl, Sophie they wrote these suggestions onto the board. They then showed the whole school items that Mrs Wilson had brought with her helping to guide us with what items would be really thoughtful to donate, such as tin goods, pasta, sauces in jars and cleaning products.

We found this very valuable in helping to guide us with thinking what items would be most valuable to donated to our Harvest Festival. We would like to thank Mrs Wilson for taking the time to come into our school.



Oak-Tree Camp

Year 3 pupils from all four of the Oak-Tree Schools had a fun-filled few days taking part in the annual Oak-Tree Camp. Pupils arrived in high spirits, ready to go with their overnight bags. For some pupils, this was their first time staying away from home for the night, so there were a few nerves, but once the activities were in full swing they soon forgot about being worried.

They first had to put up their own tent for the night, which certainly was as a challenge in itself, before taking part in a range of team-building activities. The pupils loved sitting round the camp fire in the evenings and tucking into a tasty meal, and then taking part in even more activities the next day!



FoCHS Update

Annual General Meeting

We will be holding our AGM in school next month (details to follow), to which all parents and carers are invited. Please do come along if you would like to learn more about what we do, share some of your ideas or find out how you can get involved. We would love to see you there.

Second-Hand Uniform

Please note that the Second-Hand Uniform Hut will not be open in person this term. However, if you like to buy anything, please do use the online form www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/school-uniform/ and email it to fochs@coopersalehallschool.co.uk. The FoCHS volunteers will check stock and let you know what is available. You can then pay online and the uniform is delivered directly to your child's class.

We are also gratefully accepting any second-hand uniform (school-branded only please) that is in a good, saleable condition. Please leave your donations with the school office.

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 simple to sign up: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fochs.

Amazon Smile

We have also recently set up another easy way to donate to FoCHS every time you shop with Amazon, via Amazon Smile. Amazon Smile is the same Amazon you know with the same products, prices and service.

Simply log-in to your Amazon account via the website www.smile.amazon.co.uk choose Friends of Coopersale Hall School as your charitable organisation and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price of your order (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) to FoCHS. There is no additional cost to you for this donation. If you use the Amazon Shopping app, you can turn on Amazon Smile by going to "Settings" in the main menu and following the on-screen instructions.



FoCHS Update

Get in touch

If you are interested in getting involved this year, have some ideas, or if you simply have a question, we would 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 rep on WhatsApp:

LK – Susan Tetherton;

UK – Stacey Cummins;

Reception – Nickie Futter and Lydia Chklar;

Yr 1 – Susanne Wiegelmann

Yr 2 – Nicola Wiley and Victoria Moyses;

Yr 3 – Rachel Concadoro;

Yr 4 – Sarah Cook;

Yr 5 – Nickie Futter and Jess Lancaster;

Yr 6 – Susan Tetherton 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)

Nickie Futter (Secretary)

Linda Biggs

Lydia Chklar

Sarah Shirley

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