

NEWSLETTER

December 2021



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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

We have had an extremely busy end to a very successful Autumn Term. All the children have performed in front of an audience and I have been amazed by their confidence, enthusiasm and good behaviour. Well done!

My thanks go to the wonderful staff at Coopersale Hall School, without whom none of this would be possible, and you, the parents, for your support and encouragement. It was lovely to have so many parents and friends join us at each of the events.

My thanks also go to the generosity of the FOCH, who continue to work tirelessly to ensure that all the children have a super Christmas.

As we break for the holidays, I wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas and my best wishes for the New Year.

Miss Barnard

Year 4 Visit Epping Forest Museum

Year 4 have been learning about prehistory in class, at the beginning of the term they went on a trip to Epping Forest Museum in Waltham Abbey.

The children had an amazing time and enjoyed exploring real artefacts from the Stone Age.



Florence:

"We went on a school trip to the museum. All of Year 4 went.

We did a quiz about woolly mammoths and Lizzie won. We did an activity making a woolly mammoth. Mine was orange and brown with white teeth and rainbow hair.

We felt real mammoth hair and bones.

We went in the museum garden and had a look round. It was lovely. I had a great time."

Year 2 Geography

In Geography, Year 2 have been learning all about the continents of the world, they learnt lots of fun facts and studied the huge class jigsaw, working together to complete it.



Letters To Santa

Children in Kindergarten had a lovely adventure when they went to the post box with some very special letters for Father Christmas. They had some tired little legs walking back up the lane but they thoroughly enjoyed the outing!



Fantastic Football

Well done to everyone who took part in the matches against the Epping & Ongar District School League. The pupils played some excellent matches and came out on top with a 13-3 win!



West Essex Schools Partnership U11 Tag Rugby Tournament



On Friday 26 November Coopersale Hall school took part in the West Essex Schools U11 Mixed Tag Rugby Tournament held at Davenant School Loughton.

The last game in the group ended in a draw, putting us through to the final. In the final all of our players had a brilliant game making no mistakes and tackling superbly. At the final whistle we had won 3-2.

I would like to thank all of the pupils for playing so brilliantly they were a real credit to themselves and the school.

Mr Robinson

I.S.A. London North Area Swimming Gala

On Wednesday 17 November Coopersale Hall School took part in the I.S.A. London North Area Swimming Gala, held at the Southbury Leisure Centre in Enfield.

There were races for pupils from Year's 4-6, in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly.

It was a very busy and hectic morning of races, our pupils performed brilliantly. I cannot praise them highly enough for their wonderful behaviour and amazing determination to achieve success.

Oliver did so well winning a bronze medal in the U11 boys 50m butterfly and then following this up with a silver medal in the U11 Boys 50m freestyle. This success was backed up by Elizabeth who won her heat of the Girls U9 50m Freestyle and narrowly missed out on a bronze medal.

All of our swimmers made me proud and represented our school with a wonderfully positive attitude. I am pleased to announce that both Oliver and Elizabeth have qualified to swim for the London North Area team U11 and U9 Freestyle Relay teams at the I.S.A National Swimming Gala held at Elizabeth Park Stratford in the Olympic pool. Well done to both of them. This keeps up a long running tradition of always getting Coopersale Hall pupils through to the I.S.A. National Swimming Gala Finals.

Mr Robinson.



| Science Awards | W/C 1.11.21 | W/C 8.11.21 | W/C 15.11.21 | W/C 22.11.21 | W/C 29.11.21 | W/C 6.12.21 |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Year 1 C | Robyn | Jesse | Ayla | Ranveer | Frey | Lakshmi |
| Year 1 H | Roshni | Poppy | Delila | Oliver | Luke | N/A |
| Year 2 C | Abigail | Isla | Lila | Theo | Felicity | N/A |
| Year 2 S | Charlotte | Sophie | Edward | Delilah | Freddie | N/A |
| Year 3 B | Alexander | George M | Henry | Amari | Iman | N/A |
| Year 3 G | Xander | Luca | George S | Florie | George Y | N/A |
| Year 4 B | Elizabeth | Defne | Jack | Florence | Lewis | N/A |
| Year 4 G | Isla | Simran | Rauf | Evie | Poppy | N/A |
| Year 5 N | N/A | Noah | Jessica | Ivy & Noah | Amelia | N/A |
| Year 5 B | N/A | Delilah | Jeff | Florence & | Naya | N/A |
| Year 6 H | Rohan | Ines | Joseph | Luke | Sienna | N/A |
| Year 6 L | Annabel | Honor | Gemma | Aaryan | Maxwell | N/A |

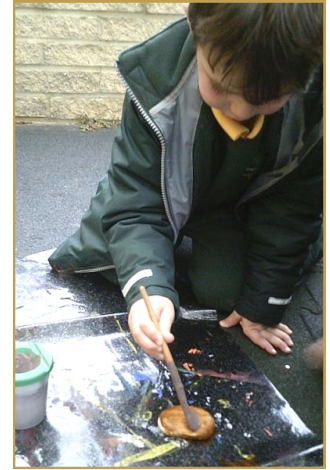
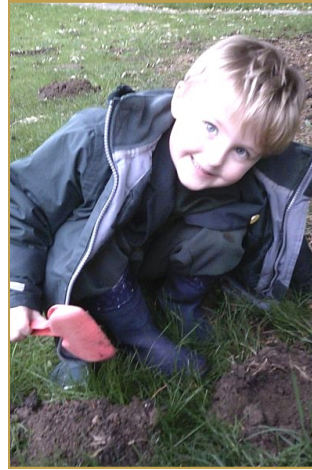
Cookery Club

Pupils in Cookery Club got to make delicious puff pastry cheese stars. Looks like we have some excellent chefs in the making!



Wellies And Woodlands Club

The children loved painting pebbles to make a creature or woodland animals to display in the school grounds. The children also loved making mud pies!



Kindergarten visit Suntrap Forest Centre

Lower Kindergarten thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Suntrap Forest Centre, meeting the animals and taking a discovery walk in the forest. They loved collecting natural materials and looking for animals under leaves and in the trees



Festive Fun Day

Reception Smith had a visit from Mrs Glasscock who shared with the class a tradition of the festive season and Mrs Dawson who spoke with the children about Hannuka and played a game of Dreidel with them all. They had a 'snowball fight' using old paper that was ready to be recycled and had a visit from Ms Barnard who shared with the class traditions about the holidays in South Africa. They also made melting snowman biscuits.

Reception Marks got very crafty making Christmas bags for all of their yummy treats and gifts as well as decorating salt dough tree ornaments. They had a go at the old tradition of Christingle, decorating their oranges with cloves and candles.



AMAZING Post Boxes

Year 6 have surprised their forms with hand made post boxes for their letters to Father Christmas!

We were absolutely blown away by the amount of effort and creativity that went into each and every one of the post boxes. They are all displayed in the hall for everyone to admire. Well done year 6!



Year 4 Ocean Clean Up

“We have a good life, make sure animals do too”

Year 4G have delighted Miss Gilbert with the posters that they have produced which represent the importance of protecting our ocean and all its creatures. These posters were inspired by a question that had been presented to the class – “What impact could you make if you were on the school council? If you got this opportunity, what you would do with it?”

Poppy made a power point, which she presented to the class, which showed the importance of cleaning up our oceans. There was a lively and thoughtful debate which inspired her class mates to produce posters to highlight their views on making a positive change and inspire people to change their behaviour to improve the lives of the animals that live in our oceans. The children have many thoughts as to how they will inspire others to engage in making a positive change and impact – we will be watching this space!



Christmas Card Competition

We had a very special visit from the Mayor of Epping to congratulate George and Maria who were runners up in their Epping Forest Christmas Card Competitions. He was so impressed with the designs and awarded the pupils with a gift and special certificate. Well done to you both!



A Nursery Rhyme Nativity

Coopersale Hall's Early Years children put on a fantastic Christmas performance for their parents and grandparents. They told the story of the Nativity through beautifully sung songs and music, including 'We Must Go To Bethlehem' and 'Sing A Song Of Shepherds' but the clear favourite was 'Go Away'.

Parents couldn't resist joining in with 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas' to close a brilliant show!



Whoops a Daisy Angel

Our Reception children put on quite a show with their brilliant performance of Whoops a Daisy Angel. They told the story of a disorganised but lovable angel, who was chosen to show the way to Bethlehem. Everyone really enjoyed the songs which included 'We're So Angelic', 'Six Little Snowflakes', and of course the favourite 'Whoops A Daisy Angel'.

Well done everyone, you all did so well and should be very proud!



Lights, Camel, Action!

Wow- what a fantastic, creative and exciting show the KS1 pupils put on for their friends and family. In a 'Strictly Come Dancing' style the children showcased an array of brilliant dance routines acting as shepherds, stars, sheep, angels and camels! How very festive! Well done to all of our children!

It is a 10/10 from us!

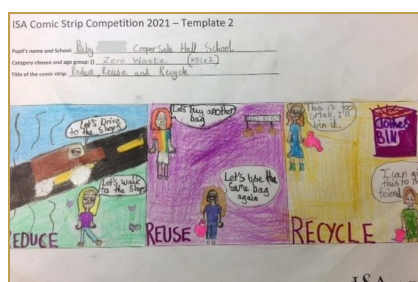
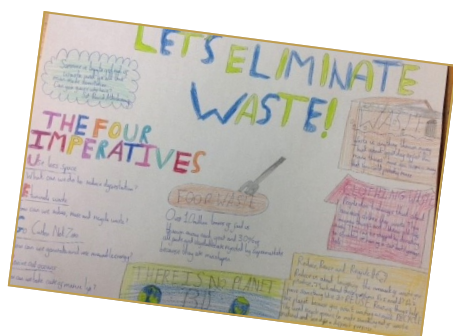


| MERIT BADGES | W/C 19.11.21 | W/C 26.11.21 | W/C 3.12.21 |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Reception G | Arthur | Blake | Beau |
| Reception G-M | Susie | Stella | Ula |
| Reception S | Whole Class | Sonny & Ariya | Golda & Leo |
| Year 1C | Verity | Frey | Phoebe |
| Year 1H | Penelope | Isabelle | Harry |
| Year 2S | Florence | Lilly | Fred |
| Year 2C | Reeva | Abigail | Nicholas |
| Year 3G | Henry | Maria | Richard |
| Year 3B | Alexander | Grayson | Saskia |
| Year 4G | Evelyn | Tommy | Poppy |
| Year 4B | Abigail | Rachel | Florence |
| Year 5N | Ruby-Summer | Alexander | Lucas |
| Year 5B | Maxwell | Evie | Florence |
| Year 6L | Aaryan & Honor | Maxwell | Oliver T & Elena |
| Year 6H | Ethan | Sienna | Louis, Chloe & Ines |

ISA Comic Strip Competition 2021

The children in Year 5 and Year 2 were asked to consider the importance of waste within the world and how we could think of ways in which we could reduce the amount of food, consumer and household waste that is created. Within their science classes the children watched a video and saw how different companies had become aware of their food waste and they also went onto to show us how they put measures into place to reduce the amount of food that was thrown away. They were amazed at the how effective just a little bit of change and thought had made.

The children were asked to create a comic strip based on “Zero Waste” across these year groups. We were only allowed to submit 6 entries in total. We were overwhelmed at the wonderful idea’s that the children put forward to illustrate the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling waste.



Christmas Feast

Thank you so much to chef Vicky and the lunch team for this year's Christmas feast! We think all those big smiles and empty plates prove just how delicious it was.



Christmas Tree Festival

The Festival of Christmas Trees was held at St. John's Church, Epping from the 3rd to 6th December.

There were over 60 Christmas trees at the church dressed by local community organisations, youth church organisations, schools/nursery and also from local businesses – the church looked magical. Some lucky pupils got the opportunity to visit the church and take in the magic that the trees and lights produced in such a beautiful setting.



Some Very Special Visitors at Coopersale Hall

We had some very special visitors at Coopersale Hall at the end of term. Despite the rain, Santa and his two reindeer came all the way down from the North Pole to visit our pupils. Each class had the opportunity to go and see the big man himself in his grotto, and tell him what they would like for Christmas. The children then went to see Dasher and Prancer, and learnt all about reindeer and how they deal with the cold weather. It was a lovely day, so thank you to everyone who made it possible!



School Carol Service 2021

We had a wonderful afternoon on Thursday 9 December at the annual Christmas Carol Service. Pupils gathered at St John's Church in Epping, ready to show their friends and family the wonderful production they've all been working so hard on. The audience were treated to a lovely performance of the Nativity Story, complete with a variety of songs, dances and costumes.

The whole school got everyone in the Christmas spirit with 'Holy Night' and 'Knock at the Door', before closing the show with a lively rendition of 'Rocking Around the Christmas Tree'.

Well done to everyone, it was a truly special way to celebrate Christmas especially after such a tough few years!



Getting Social

Click the images to visit our social media sites.



Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas Raffle! Each family got to enjoy a Christmas feast at school complete with crackers and Santa hat.

Make sure you enter next year to be in with a chance of winning!



Christingle 2021

Year 4 made wonderful Christingles out of oranges, candles, ribbons and sweets and recited the meaning in the candle light by the school Christmas tree. It really was a magical atmosphere!

By Abigail, Year 4

Christingle means 'Christ Light.'

The first recording a Christingle was in 1749. It is important to Christians because it represents all things about Jesus.

The orange symbolises the world, the candle is the light of Jesus, the red ribbon is His blood and the cocktail sticks represent Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter.

"I thought it was calming listening to Silent Night while we held our Christingles in the dark, with just a tiny glimmer of light."



"Donate a Star" St Clare's Hospice

On Friday 3 December, Mrs Green and three members of staff from Ashlar House visited Coopersale Hall School to deliver some stars and a very generous donation to our fund raising event.

The idea of involving the residents of Ashlar House was put forward by Amelia of 5N. Thank you Amelia for suggesting this. It is wonderful to be able to involve the community in our charity work.

Our Sponsor a Star charities this year are The Red Cross and St. Clare Hospice. Our aim is to raise £1000.

Luke - Head of School Council.



Paperchain Challenge

Year 5 classes challenged each other to create the longest paper chain. The total length of chain created was 170 meters. The paper chains were displayed onto the tree and the courtyard fence for everyone to enjoy.



House Point Merit Achievements

Well done to all of the pupils who were given awards for their hard work this term in the final school assembly. Keep it up!



| House Points Autumn Term | Beech | Chestnut | Oak | Willow |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------|------|--------|
| Points | 3106 | 1910 | 2785 | 2294 |
| Position | 1st | 4th | 2nd | 3rd |

Christmas Basket Winners

Congratulations to the Christmas Basket winners, Luke, Reeva, Casper and Harrison, we hope you enjoy all of your treats over the holiday!



House Point Certificate Winners

Well done to all the pupils who received certificates in the end of term assembly, keep up the good work!



Gingerbread House Winner

Miss Thomas kindly donated this gingerbread house to be raffled off, all the money will be donated to children not as fortunate as us over Christmas. Thank you, Miss Thomas, for showing us how to be kind and caring!

Congratulations Lila on winning this fantastic prize!

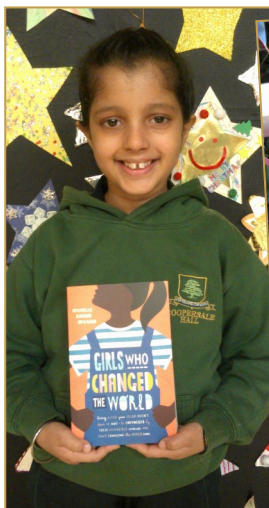


I.S.A. London North Area U11 Indoor Athletics Tournament

The London North Area U11 Indoor Athletics Tournament was held at the Redbridge Leisure Centre. We took one girls and one boys team consisting of nine pupils. Each pupil had to compete in two field events and two track events. In the field events their jumping and throwing is measured and compared with all the other competitors. The same happens with the track events. They are timed and their times compared and points awarded depending on where your school has finished in each event.

We simply had a brilliant competition with many of our pupils achieving their personal best scores in their events and winning many of the team races. When all the points had been added up we found out that the girls had achieved a brilliant second place overall and that the boys had come a superb joint first. Thank you to all the pupils who competed, they were a real credit to themselves and our school.

Mr Robinson



Thank you for
your
Birthday Book
Donations!



FoCHS Update

Christmas Events

We are so pleased that the majority of our Christmas events have been able to go ahead as planned.

Father Christmas braved the wind and rain to visit the school, accompanied by his reindeer. All the children enjoyed visiting his grotto and learnt all about how to care for the reindeer from his elves!



Years 1-2 and 3-6 had a fun-filled trip to watch “The Great Christmas Sleigh Ride” and “Robin Hood” respectively at the Harlow Playhouse. Was a good time had by all? Oh, yes it was! The remainder of the younger pupils were treated to a performance of “Jack and the Beanstalk” in the school hall.

Our FoCHS volunteers have been busy behind the scenes wrapping all the gifts that the children ordered from the online Christmas shop. They were all bagged up and ready for the children to take home.

Lastly, may we congratulate all the winners of our 3 festive raffles; we hope you enjoyed your prizes!

Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their continued support. Participation in all our events this term has been excellent and we very much appreciate it.

Thank you also to Miss Barnard and all the staff for the many ways that they have assisted us this term and, in particular, for all their time spent helping with the online gift shop.

We would love to hear your feedback about our events (good or bad!), so please do get in touch if you have any comments. Please see the “Get in touch” section on the following page. We are always keen to hear new ideas or ways in which we can improve.

We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable Christmas and we are keeping our fingers crossed for a Happy New Year and successful 2022.

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: <https://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 <http://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.

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 – Rachel Concadoro;
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
Sarah Cook
Louisa Richards
Stacey Cummins
Julia Fahri

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

