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## Headmistress's Message

**Dear Parents** 

We have had a busy first few weeks of term which has seen some excellent sporting events and Year 3 enjoying being back in the pool. Our younger children have enjoyed exploring the school grounds with lots of interactive learning.

Year 5 had an inspirational session with a Holocaust Survivor and learnt to knit. Year 4 made beautiful Picasso posters! Year 2 and 3 started their very own football club. Year 1 continue to impress us with their hard work in RWI. And of course Year 6 finished their 11+ exams and we couldn't be any more proud of them.

I wanted to thank every single member of staff who continues to put our children and their learning experiences first during a term where we all had to pitch in and support each other with lots of staff absences. I am thankful for the team we have in school!

Kind regards



**Miss Barnard** 

### Year 4's Mammoth Book Read

During this term Year 4 are learning about the author Roald Dahl and enjoying some of his books together as their class reader. Before the Christmas break, Year 4 watched an interesting power point about him which informed them where he wrote his books and some of the things that he found inspiring. They were then allowed to choose a Roald Dahl book to enjoy and write an informative book review on what they had read.

Pupils were also asked to choose books from a range that focused on personal wellbeing or books that are written by authors from a broad background which explore the diversity of life in different countries.

Their teachers were extremely proud of the lovely book reviews that they produced and they can now be found in a 'reviews book' in the school library.



## **Meteorologists In The Making**

Year 3 have enjoyed lots of time outside investigating the elements around the school grounds. They checked the temperature, observed cloud cover, precipitation and wind direction. We may have some future meteorologists in the class!





## Mime Time for Year 3

Year 3 worked on their Mime skills in Drama, they enjoyed getting to act out the Turkish folk story 'Open the Door'.







#### Winter Walks And Time Outdoors

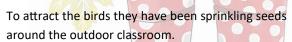


Lower Kindergarten went on a frosty winter hunt around the school grounds wrapped up in their scarves and hats. The sun was shining and it was a lovely way to get the children out in the fresh air.

Wellies and Woodlands Club enjoyed a local nature walk along the local fields. They loved squelching in the mud and watching the shadows move along the fields as the sun went down.



Upper Kindergarten have been busy building their own birds nest after seeing nests and bird boxes on a recent walk around the school grounds. They collected leaves and twigs and placed them all in a circle under tree in hopes that a bird might lay it's eggs inside it soon!





The class waited very patiently to see some birds and it was well worth it as they saw a robin, blue tit and a crow!



## **Crazy About Animals**

Lower Kindergarten love taking part in their specialist subjects! They practised their balancing in Yoga, worked on rhythm in Music and had lots of fun learning new words in French class.

This terms topic is Animals and the children have loved learning lots of new facts about animals from around the world. UKC had a great time creating a jungle inspired wall display, complete with monkeys, parrots and Elephants!







# **The Listening Ear**

Mrs Doherty has been talking to the children, in assembly, about a new school initiative, The Listening Ear. We are very lucky to have several members of staff across the school who are trained Mental Health First Aiders and they will be available at certain break and lunch times to meet with any children who may have worries or concerns they'd like to speak about. If the children would like a chat with one of our Listening Ears, they can fill in a slip in class and place it in our special new post box. If you would like any further information, please do contact Mrs Doherty and she'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

MERIT BADGES	W/C 14.1.22	W/C 21.1.22
Reception G	lvy	Harry
Reception G-M	Max	Ella
Reception S	George & Darcey	Leo
Year 1C	Tommy	Harrison
Year 1H	Joe	Joseph
Year 2S	Arlo & Sophie	Teddy & Sophie
Year 2C	Annie	Abigail
Year 3G	India	Luca & Louis
Year 3B	George M	lman
Year 4G	Donald	Isla
Year 4B	Florence	Sophie
Year 5N	Daniel	Ruby S
Year 5B	Roman	James
Year 6L	Whole Class	Oliver B
Year 6H	Whole Class	Sienna/ Nigel/ Rohan/ Noah/ Maiya

# **Headmistress Award For Ariya**

Well done to Ariya in Reception for receiving a Headmistress' award for her 'People who help us' project. Ariya chose to focus her project on Rubbish collectors, explaining how their work is vital to keeping our streets clean and helping the environment. Excellent work!





## **Pupils Show Their Amazing Karate Skills**

We have always known that we have very talented pupils at Coopersale Hall School but a recent message from World Champion Sensei Daniel Cuthbert has really shown just what our pupils can do.

You can read Daniel's full review on our website but here are a few extracts showing how impressed he is with our pupils.

"We are really proud of Ewan who competed in the Karate Junior league which is the hardest karate league in the country and his team came 2nd, with Ewan scoring some of the most important points!

His younger brother Gregor did amazingly as well in the competition and got 3rd in kata in one of the biggest sections of the day!"

"Sophie did brilliantly in her first competition bringing back two medals! She always does her best and it paid off as she got 2nd in Kata and 1st in Fighting so nearly double gold in the orange belt section and she has only just graded up, so I hope she can win some more medals this year too!"

"I'm so proud of these three kids and all of my students at the school as they work so hard each week and the next generation of champions are going to be my best students and fighters yet!"



## **Year 3 WW2 Projects**

Year 3 have been working hard to research and present their findings on how WW2 began.

The children researched to find out where and when the war began and the reasons why it all started.

They produced some very impressive projects and everyone behaved so well when listening to each other's facts!

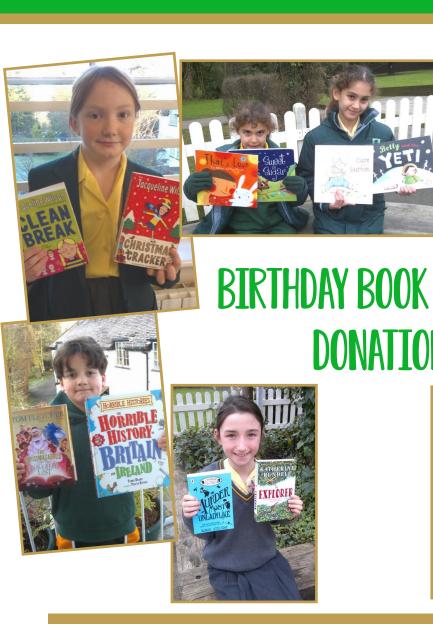




## **Taking Steps To Reach Our Goals**

Year 1 have been learning all about taking steps to achieving our goals. To represent this step-by-step process the class had to instruct Mrs Hogarth to make a delicious jam sandwich, as it doesn't just appear, it has to be made!







## **Year 5 Get Emotional In Drama Class**

In their first lesson of a series, Year 5 created a tableau in groups, focusing on body language and facial expressions. They enjoyed working together and sharing ideas.

Discussion was lively and interesting with the children responding to Mr Reich-Storer who called out emotions which the pupils then demonstrated through facial expressions and body language. We were all amazed by the statistic that 70% of communication comes from body language and 30% comes from speech.







Science Awards	W/C 14.1.22	W/C 21.1.22
Year 1 C	Tommy	Tate
Year 1 H	Marian	Rocco
Year 2 C	Annabel & Robyn	Beatrice
Year 2 Z	Alex & Florence	Margaux
Year 3 B	Emelia & Eva	Albie M
Year 3 G	India	Richard
Year 4 B	N/A	Gregor
Year 4 G	Donald	Defne
Year 5 N	Jessica	Clara
Year 5 B	Roman	James
Year 6 H	Joseph	Ethan
Year 6 L	Oliver T	Alina

<b>Hot Chocolate</b>	W/C 14.1.22
Awards	14.1.22
Reception G	Heidi
Reception S	Amelia
Reception GM	Isabella
Year 1 C	Harrison & Ayla
Year 1 H	Рорру
Year 2 C	Felicity
Year 2 Z	Fred
Year 3 B	Henry
Year 3 G	George S
Year 4 B	Abigail
Year 4 G	Georgia
Year 5 N	Clara & Jessica
Year 5 B	Isabelle

#### Year 5 Learn About The Holocaust

The children in Year 5 had a seminar organised by Holocaust Education Trust with a discussion initially and then a talk with question and answer session from Heidi Argent MBE (Holocaust survivor) who had used the Kindertransport to get to England.

The children heard all about her life as a Jewish girl in Europe and how her and other's lives as Jews had changed over time. The seminar took place over Zoom with over 20 schools joining virtually (approx.. 1000 students). There were also some MPs actively engaging in this Zoom too.

The children were able to ask questions and Year 5 were very proud to have their questions read out and answered by Heidi Argent MBE. The main message that was conveyed by Heidi and the Trust was that it was important for children to always share their stories and how small acts of kindness can really make a difference to people.





## **River Walk**

Year 4 took a walk to look at the river that flows near the school, noticing all of the features they have been learning about in class. Georgina said "I really enjoyed the walk as we saw a waterfall, the source and a meander!".





## Year 4 Get To See A Quentin Blake Original!

Some pupils from Year 4 where talking about their love of Roald Dhal books in the school playground when Mrs Radcliff overheard them, she proceeded to tell the children the story of when her husband, a black cab driver, had once driven Quentin (the illustrator of Dhal's books) all the way to Hastings! The men had a lovely journey together chatting all the way to the coast and as Quentin was leaving the cab he quickly drew a small cartoon for Mrs Radcliff's husband to recall their journey. The drawing was of a seagull

eating a fish and a little note of thanks.

This drawing is now a treasured possession in the Radcliff house!

The children were lucky enough to see the drawing for themselves and loved hearing the story of how it came to be.



#### Oak-Tree Indoor Athletics Tournament 2022

On Friday 21 January, Coopersale Hall school took part in the Oaktree Schools Year 3 & 4 Indoor Athletics Tournament, held at the Peter May Centre. All of the pupils took part in a wide variety of throwing, jumping and running events. Events such as, the standing long jump, the vertical jump, the speed bounce, the javelin and the chest push. The running races were the obstacle race, the under and over race and the sprint relay. Our pupils performed brilliantly with the A Team finishing in third place and the B Team finishing Joint first in their competition. When all of the points had been added together from both competitions we found out that Coopersale Hall had finished in second place overall. This is a superb achievement for our school.

Mr Robinson would like to thank all of our pupils who took part for all of their determination and effort in this tournament. They were a credit to themselves and the school.













# **Getting Social**

Click the images to visit our social media sites.











### **FoCHS Update: January 2022**

Firstly, may we wish everyone a Happy New Year! We hope all the children have settled back into school well after the Christmas break and are now ready to take on 2022!

#### **Events**

We are very excited for all the events that are coming up this term!

All Reception children are invited to our "Mini-Magic" show on Friday 4 February from 3:15 to 4:15pm in the School Hall, to enjoy an afternoon of magic, puppetry and lots of fun! Tickets are £6 each and include refreshments and a special gift for each child. Booking forms have been sent out to you by email.

Upper Kindergarten are also very much looking forward to their delivery of Living Eggs, in support of their Spring topic. These are live chicken eggs housed in an incubator in the classroom, so the children can watch in real time as they hatch and grow for 10 days! All the chicks are then ethically placed on free range farms at the end of their incubation.

After half-term, our ever-popular Easter baskets will be returning to go on display as prizes for the Easter Raffle. We also hope to run another Easter-themed event for Years 1 and 2 towards the end of term, subject to any COVID restrictions.

As always, we very much appreciate all your support this term. All money received by FoCHS goes back into activities, events and items for the children that enrich their daily school life and assist their learning.

#### **Nearly-New Uniform**

Please note that we will shortly be returning to the system where you hand your order form in to the school office, rather than emailing it to us. The order form is currently being updated and you will be notified when it is ready for use. In the meantime, please do not email any order forms to us as we are no longer able to process them. If you have any queries, please do speak to your class rep (shown below).

#### **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 <a href="http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk">http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk</a> 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 very much like 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: https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/parents-pupils/parentsassociation/

