

NEWSLETTER



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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents,

As you will see from this newsletter, October was another busy month at Coopersale Hall School, with sporting achievements, visits, trips and School Council feedback. We held a very successful Open Morning in October and welcomed a large number of new families visiting us to see the school in action for the first time. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils were great ambassadors for the school and were highly complimented on their smart appearance, outstanding behaviour and confident, knowledgeable conversation. Well done Year 5 and 6!

I hope you enjoy reading about all our activities and events in this newsletter and do please remember to check the website for forthcoming events. The count-down to Christmas is incredibly busy for you and your children!

Kind regards

Miss Barnard

Year 4 Visit The Epping Forest District Museum

On the 6 October Year 4 took an exciting trip to the Epping Forest District Museum for a day of hands-on learning. They were able to handle real life artefacts gathered from the Stone Age, such as mammoth hair, a mammoth tooth, and a toe bone.

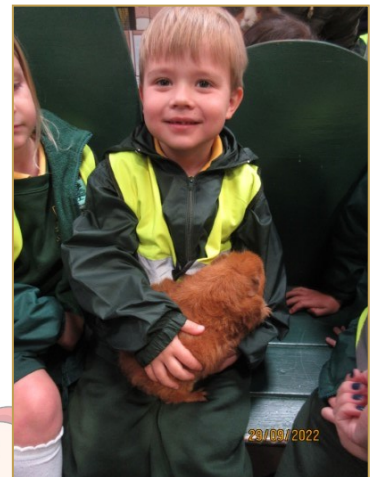
The pupils explored the museum thoroughly, gathering research as they went and learning about the Mesolithic, Palaeolithic and Neolithic periods of the Stone Age in more detail.

They ended the day by decorating their own woolly mammoth and were even lucky enough to have a look around the museum's new Egyptian exhibition!



Willows Farm Trip

Reception had so much fun at Willows Activity Farm. After meeting the animal residents, the children got to hold, stroke and feed some of them. They also enjoyed a tractor ride and digging for potatoes in the potato patch.



Harvest Festival

Where did Harvest Celebrations originate? What have people always done at Harvest time? How are we doing the same things in a modern world?

These questions were answered in a wonderful variety of themed presentations by Coopersale Hall pupils in their special Harvest Festival Assemblies.

Celtic and Saxon history, spiritual history, gratitude and thanksgiving to God, songs and prayers, poems, providing for others – they covered it all.

Miss Barnard showed everyone how thinking positively, through gratitude and good thoughts, can really help deal with difficult times.

The children in Early Years performed songs such as Bean Harvest, The Sun Came Shining Down, and Big Red Combine Harvester, followed by a prayer from Roman and Amelia.

As part of the celebrations, the children took up the theme of providing for the needs of others by collecting for the Loughton/Epping Food Bank. Families showed their compassion and generosity in helping the local community through their donations.



Science Awards	W/C 03.10.22	W/C 10.10.22	W/C 17.10.22	W/C 07.11.22
Reception GM	Leo	Reeva	Jasper	Giorgio
Reception S	Kenzo	Eliot	Noah	Arthur
Reception G	Anne	Parker	Robert	Millie
Year 1 C	Olive	Violet	Amelia	Ella
Year 1 H	Jacob	Maddox	Ula	Sonny
Year 2 B	Harry	Roma	Reeva	Scarlett and Martin
Year 2 V	Lakshmi	Jesse	Phoebe	Evelyn and Eloise
Year 3 B	Alexander	Nicholas	Carter	Annabelle
Year 3 C	Ralph	Teddy	Theo	Reeva
Year 4 G	N/A	Maria	India	Amelia
Year 4 H				
Year 5 G	Evie & Emre	Skye	Rauf	Poppy
Year 5 N				
Year 6 B	Lucas & James	Amelia	Jessica & Naya	Noah and Stanley
Year 6 Z				

Pudsey Bear Finds A New Home

Last month a table was set up outside the school selling raffle tickets to pupils and their parents for the chance to win a giant Pudsey Bear toy.

The total amount raised was an amazing £256.50!

Coopersale Hall are proud to have been a part of raising money for this wonderful charity and would like to thank everyone who participated and bought a ticket.

Congratulations to Eloise, who had the winning ticket and is now the proud owner of Pudsey Bear.



Upper Kindergarten Have Fun In Nature

Upper Kindergarten visited the Suntrap centre in High Beech for a day of fun in nature. In the morning the children went looking for different shaped leaves and found small bugs to collect in petri dishes. The children loved using their magnifying glasses to count all of the bug legs and have a closer look at their amazing miniature bodies. Their time in the forest consisted of listening to sounds such as bird song and the wind in the trees, finding different textures in the natural environment and taking in the beautiful nature around them.

After lunch, they were lucky enough to handle several larger creatures. The children enjoyed feeling the different textures of African land snails, salamanders, giant cockroaches, a millipede and then for the bravest of the bunch, some corn snakes that were placed on their shoulders.



Year 6 Orchestral Programme

Year 6 have been given the chance to learn a melody instrument in our orchestral programme. They have spent some time learning about and trying instruments from each orchestral family. They were then given the choice of what instrument they would like to learn.

The pupils were very excited to see the music room set up like an orchestra and to learn the first few notes on their chosen instrument. By the end of the lesson, they had even mastered their first piece! Year 6 will be able to take the instruments home to practice and will be given the opportunity to join orchestra rehearsals on Tuesdays.

We hope this will give our pupils the chance to learn an instrument they might not have considered before or to try an instrument they have always wanted to.

At Coopersale Hall we offer lessons in all instruments, please come and speak to us in the Music Department if you are interested in learning one!



Remembrance Day

Within our school every child made a poppy within their class, which we gathered together to make a whole school display of poppies to mark Remembrance Day. The Year 6 Art Prefects created their centre pieces for this whole school display as part of their Prefect role.

Here's what the children thought:

Ruby in 6B – Art Prefect – I was delighted to create my pieces for this whole school monument. Before starting I thought about the colours and symbols that people associated with Remembrance Day. Therefore, I used red as the main colour as I felt that this represented the blood of those that had been hurt and the symbol of the poppy both as buds and in full bloom for all those that were hurt and those that had lost their lives. It was important to me to also include the colour purple, as this colour of poppy is used to remember the animals that also lost their lives in the conflict. I felt it was very important that the meaning of Remembrance was reflected in my art.

Aiden in 6Z – Assistant Art Prefect – I think that the poppy is a good symbol to represent Remembrance because on Flanders Fields where the soldiers died the poppies grew on the battlefields.

All the children at Coopersale Hall gathered together on the terrace where Mrs Jones played the "Last Post" on the bugle and then everyone observed a one-minute silence. The assembly held by Mrs Graves allowed us all time to reinforce our understanding of the significance of Remembrance Day and why it is important that this day be marked every year.



Our Head Boy, Head Girl, and Deputy Heads did a fantastic job representing Coopersale Hall School by laying a beautiful poppy wreath at the Epping Remembrance Ceremony.





African Drums

As part of their Black History Month celebrations, Reception listened to African drums whilst painting African Tribal Masks. They used cotton buds to add details and carefully painted within the lines of the design.

Number Bonds

Year 1 pupils have enjoyed learning about addition as their new Math topic. They used practical resources to create whole part models of number bonds to 10, and 20.



A Royal Visit

Year 2 had a fantastic day when Henry VIII visited the school. The children loved dressing up as Tudors and listening to stories and music from this period. They also had the opportunity to have a go at jousting, which they thoroughly enjoyed!



William Morris

The Year 6 children have been studying William Morris as part of their Victorian topic. They spent the afternoon drawing and painting intricate tessellated patterns inspired by William's work.



Bucket Awards	W/C 03.10.22	W/C 10.10.22	W/C 17.10.22	W/C 07.11.22
Reception G	Anne	-	-	-
Reception M	Jasper, Reeve	Alfie	Giorgio	-
Reception S	Yarema, Kenzo, Olive	Emmie	Grayson, Johnnie	Arthur
Year 1 C	Olivia, Ilaria, Golda, Ella, Max, Harry, Violet	Ella, Amelia, Rufus	Ariya, Ella, Ilaria, Violet, Olivia, Golda	-
Year 1 H	Sonny, Louis	-	Susie, Henry, Shaan, Sonny, Ulla, Scarlet, Darcy, George, Jenson, Beau, Jacob, Maddox	-
Year 2 B	Isabele, Dustie, Rocco, Joseph, Reeve, Eloise, Maicon, Penelope	Joseph, Rocco, Roma	Reeve, Dustie	Isabelle
Year 2 V	-	Ava, Verity	Phoebe-Faith, Verity, Ava	Woolfe, Kairo, Ava, Verity
Year 3 B	Nicholas	Fred, Zaha	Robyn	-
Year 3 C	Margaux, Beatrice, Teddy, Charlotte, Annie, Jessica	-	-	Beatrice, Reeve, Fred
Year 4 G	Iman, Henry, Amari, Emilia, Arty, Eva		Alex, Emilia, Amari	Eva, Iman
Year 4 H	Oliver, George S, Florie, George Y	Florie, George S, Richard, Xander	Richard	-
Year 5 G	Defne, Elena, Poppy, Sophie, Gregor, Jack, Florence, Oscar, Imogen, Abigail	-	-	-
Year 5 N	Simran, Evie, Isla, Poppy, Emre, Georgie	Aimee, Poppy, Defene, Imogen, Evie	Rauf, Abigail, Donald, Abigail, Sky, Evie, Donald, Poppy	Blaise
Year 6 B	George, Ivy Cox	George, Clara, Ivy	Clara, Ivy, Amelia	Alexander
Year 6 Z	Aiden, Mimi	Stanley, Evie, Maxwell	Andres	-

Football Mania

The Year 6 boys took part in the very competitive WESSP football tournament, competing against schools from around West Essex. Sports Captain Roman described their opponents as "tough and experienced," but the boys still managed to win 2 games! Well done.



On Friday 7 October Year 6 girls participated in the WESSP football tournament at The Grange in Chigwell. There were teams from both state and independent schools from around West Essex taking part in the competition. This tournament was the first of the year and the girls played really well, showing excellent skills and sportsmanship.

Year 6 Sports Prefect – Francesca:

‘There were 19 teams and 16 schools, as some had A and B teams. Each school played 4 seven-minute matches to move on to the semi-finals. To have a guaranteed spot in the semi-finals we would have had to win at least 3 out of the 4 matches.

Our first match was against Braeside B team, which, after a hot seven minutes, we won 2-0, both goals were scored by Jess in 6B.

Unfortunately, we lost our other three matches. We did not get into the finals, or semi-finals, but we got to play 3 fun matches which allowed us to practise our football skills.

Overall, it was a fun trip and it was a chance to learn new skills with other schools. Thank you to Mr Barham and Mrs Knowles for taking us and being so supportive.’

On Monday 7 November the Year 5 boys played competitive games of football against the Epping and Ongar schools in the first of four matches. The boys put in lots of effort and now have the knowledge of what they need to work on for their next match.

Oscar and Gregor in 5G:

‘On the 7 November our team went to Shooters to play two matches; one against Coopersale Theydon Garnon and the other with St Andrew’s. We made a good effort in our matches but we understood that we would have to work on our defence. We lost both our matches 0-20 and 3-18. Gregor scored two goals and Emre scored one. We congratulated both teams on their success.’



On Friday 11 November there was a football fixture at the Power League in Barnet where Coopersale Hall competed with other schools in the North London ISA area.

The events of the day were recounted by Blaise in 5N and Elena in 5G:

The captain of our team was Florence in 5G. We played 6 matches during the course of this sports fixture where we lost 4 matches and drew in 2. During the morning, as it is Remembrance Day, we all stopped and stood for two minutes in silence.

Coopersale did really well in all the matches and with a 2-2 score in our last match with Avon House we were all delighted. The goals were scored by Blaise in 5N and Elena in 5G. We all felt that we have learnt a lot and will be ready for the next time! Thank you to Mr Barham and Mrs Boulwood for your support and encouragement. We all had a great day and were thrilled with our medals.



Oak-Tree Football And Netball Tournament

On Monday 10 October, girls from Oaklands, Normanhurst, Braeside and Coopersale Hall took part in the U11's Oak-Tree Netball Tournament, whilst the U11 boys took part in the Oak-Tree Football Tournament.

There were some very close matches and lots of fantastic play on show and all of the pupils should be very proud of their efforts!

Final Football results were;

A Competition:

1st Coopersale Hall - 4 points (5 goals scored)

2nd Normanhurst - 4 points (4 goals scored)

3rd Oaklands - 0 points

B Competition:

1st Coopersale Hall - 6 points

2nd Oaklands - 3 points

3rd Normanhurst - 0 points



The final results for Netball were:

1st Coopersale - 13 points

2nd Oaklands - 11 points

3rd Braeside - 7 points

4th Normanhurst - 5 points



A Trip to the Epping Forest District Museum

Year 3 visited Epping Forest District Museum to learn all about the Ancient Egyptians. They explored the exhibition where they discovered mummified objects, saw ancient objects from Egyptian tombs and created jackal masks!



Year 5 Explore Commitment To Faith

Year 5 have been investigating the meaning of 'commitment' in different areas of life: sport, education, clubs, hobbies, friendships, personal goals, roles of responsibility. Another area they are looking at is that of faith – what does it take to be committed to a faith or a religion? We have children from different faith backgrounds including Sikhism, Judaism, Islam, Christianity or no particular faith.

Through sharing their own knowledge, opinions and experiences they have been learning about their differences and similarities.



Islam is the topic of this half term, particularly looking at commitment to the Five Pillars of Islam. To help them to understand the practical aspects of living the Islam faith, Rauf's Dad, Mr Mushtaq, very kindly agreed to come in to talk to the class and answer questions.

Beautifully ornate prayer mats and two versions of the Qur'an gave everyone a first-hand glimpse of these special items of faith.

Thank you, Mr Mushtaq!

World Mental Health Day

Reception took their maths lesson outside to embrace nature and enjoy some time in the sun. The children walked around the school grounds looking at the autumn leaves and matched the number of leaves to their number. A lovely way to spend World Mental Health Day!



Cressida Cowell

Pupils were lucky enough to be part of a virtual visit by the award-winning author, Cressida Cowell. Cressida introduced her brand new book, 'Which Way to Anywhere', spoke about her inspiration and shared writing and drawing tips. It was an inspirational afternoon!



Eco Council

After collecting all of the toys donated by the generous Coopersale Hall families, the Eco Council members enjoyed distributing them to the Early Years and KS1 rooms ready for outdoor play and wet play times.

We hope the children enjoy reusing the games, puzzles, cars and role play toys.

Eco-Councillor Amelia:

On the 14 October the eco-councillors had an important job to complete; it was assigned by Miss Gowland. We had to sort and distribute toys and books that had been kindly donated to the school by our families.

We all tried our hardest to complete this activity efficiently. We all had fun even though we had to miss our playtime.

We hope all the classes enjoy using the toys and games we have handed out.

We look forward to our next eco-friendly task.



Getting Social

Click the images to visit our social media sites.



Year 5's Exciting Trip To Harlow Outdoor Pursuits

On Thursday 13 October Year 5 embarked on an exciting school trip to Harlow Outdoor Pursuits. Year 5 pupils, Simran and Lewis, recount their experience...

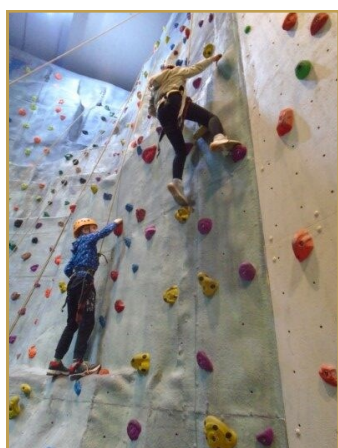
Canoeing:

After we had the safety talk, we went downstairs to get ready for canoeing. The instructor explained the aim of the game that we played. We decided what country to be, and then a tennis ball was thrown by the instructor. It flew elegantly into the air and landed with a splash into the water. We all canoed to get this, and once you had got the ball, you would launch the tennis-ball into another person's canoe. If the ball landed into their canoe then they became a member of your country. Once everyone became your country, you won. Paddling back with great regret, our time in the canoe came to an end all too soon!



Crate-Stacking:

We were puzzled by what this was and found ourselves around another instructor listening to what we were about to do and carefully understanding the rules we were to follow for our safety. We all put on a helmet and a harness. Crate stacking means we had to take two crates and place them down onto the platform area so we can stand on them. We then had to get as high as we could working as a team. The crate towers always had two people at a time on them. There was a team from our class who would secure the next crate onto tower and another team who held the harness ropes securely as the crate climbers worked together to get as high as possible up the stacked crates. We worked as a team to get the two columns to make it higher, and the higher it became the less secure it felt! Do you think you can beat the record of twenty? Each pair had a timed amount of time to get as high as possible, and once it was reached, the platform area was cleared of everyone so that the instructor could knock the crates away. We hung in mid-air in our safety harness and we felt like Peter Pan enjoying the lovely view, feeling exhilarated and delighted with our achievements.



Rock Climbing:

The tremendously tall climbing wall beckoned us with its multi-coloured rocks which were dotted here and there. As we ascended our climb, smiles spread on the children's faces. The feeling was inexplicable when you reached the top! We continued to work as teams learning the importance of holding the rope correctly, ensuring that the climber was secure and felt happy and able to climb as high as they felt comfortable to achieve.

This trip was such a privilege. A big THANK YOU to Harlow Outdoor Pursuits for their great instructors who were so encouraging and supportive of what we accomplished during this fun-filled day.

Dyslexia Awareness Week

Across the school, children have been learning about what dyslexia is, understanding what it means to be dyslexic and all the positives that it can bring, as well as some challenges. The children have learnt about lots of different famous people with dyslexia and their achievements; they even watched a video that Richard Branson sent to a couple of Coopersale Hall pupils telling them how he shares the same super power as them – dyslexia!

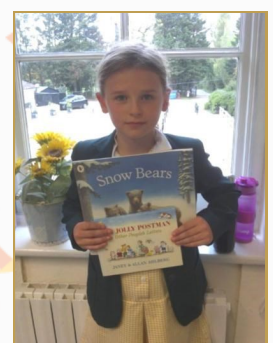
Sir Richard Branson is very passionate about changing the way people think about dyslexia and is involved in many charities, including Made By Dyslexia the world's largest community of dyslexic people and allies. Amazingly, Albie and George inspired Richard to write a blog post about how Dyslexia shouldn't hold you back in life and how it's actually a superpower that they should be proud of.

George: "It quite surprised me when Richard Branson did this blog – it was quite amazing. I think that I understand dyslexia more now, and I feel that it has helped me to understand. I don't get so frustrated now."

Mrs Howard: "We read the blog together and discussed in class how dyslexia is like a super power, as the brain computes things in a different way, this can help us solve problems because we do look at things differently."



Thank you
for your
Birthday Book
Donations!



FoCHS Update

Annual General Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM in October and a very warm welcome to all the new committee members and volunteers who have joined the team. We look forward to a productive and successful year!

We were also really pleased with the turnout for the “brainstorming” session which we held before half term. Thank you very much to those who came to share their ideas and feedback with us; we really value your contributions.

Christmas Events

You should have received an email with all the information relating to our Christmas events this term, so please do read it carefully. We have got lots planned; raffles, the Christmas gift shop, Santa’s Grotto with reindeer and a pantomime trip for all the pupils. We really hope that they help get both you and the children into the Christmas spirit!

First off, to kick start the festive season, is the raffle for our beautiful Christmas Baskets. These will soon be on display outside the school office. Details of how to purchase tickets to win one of these and also VIP seats at the Christmas concerts and school Christmas lunch are in the email. You can buy as many raffle tickets as you wish, but you’ve got to be in it to win it!

This year also sees the return of our Christmas gift shop on the 28 November. The children will be taken on a “shopping trip” to our festive pop-up in the music studio, where they can choose from a variety of gifts for family and friends. For ease, we will be selling wristbands for the children to wear on the day to indicate how many gifts they would like to buy. These wristbands will go on sale at school this week and again you should already have received a separate email with all the details for this.



Second-Hand Uniform

Purchasing second-hand uniform is one more way that we can all do our bit to help the environment and reduce waste, so we really appreciate your support.

Our order form can be downloaded from the school website: <https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/cooper-content/uploads/2022/02/CHS-Second-Hand-Uniform-Order-Form.pdf>

If you wish to place an order, please hand in your completed form to the school office and we will let you know if the items requested are available. Please do not email any order forms to us. Once your order is confirmed, payment should be made to us electronically using the details on the form.

Our price list can also be found on the school website: <https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/cooper-content/uploads/2022/02/CHS-Second-Hand-Uniform-Price-List.pdf>

We also very much appreciate any donations of good quality, school-branded uniform. Please leave it with the school office and one of our volunteers will collect it.

If you have any queries, please do speak to your class rep.

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 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 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 – TBC

UK - Susan Tetherton;

Reception – Stacey Cummins;

Yr 1 – Nickie Futter;

Yr 2 – Rachel Concadoro;

Yr 3 – Nicola Wiley and Victoria Moyses;

Yr 4 – Rachel Concadoro;

Yr 5 – Sarah Cook;

Yr 6 – Nickie Futter and Jess Lancaster

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)

Sarah Shirley

Sarah Cook

Louisa Richards

Stacey Cummins

Jagdeep Chahil

Julia Fahri

Christie Demetriou

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