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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoying reading through our latest newsletter. As you will see, it's been another busy month at Coopersale Hall School. We surely are a small but busy school.

I am thankful to our brilliant team of teachers and support staff who continue to find ways to enrich your children's learning. Clearly our children learn while having fun.

May I take this time to invite all of our existing families, who have not yet seen our school in action during Open Morning, to our Open Morning on 7 March at 9.15am.

Please remember that we always welcome any feedback from our families. If you wish to talk to a member of SLT, we are always available.

Kind regards,

Miss Barnard

Outdoor Learning in Upper Kindergarten Thomas

Upper Kindergarten Thomas have been clearing the large pots, putting in new compost and planting potatoes during their outdoor learning. The children are looking forward to harvesting them in the summer.



The Bugs And The Bees

Most species (90% in the UK) of wasps and bees lead solitary lives.

In spring many species lay eggs in tiny, safe places. Over winter, some bees rear their young so they need winter flowering plants. Others hibernate and need piles of leaves and twigs or an undisturbed compost heap or a bee hotel.

Donald showed off a bee hotel that he built from a kit he received for his birthday. He gave a detailed description of all the stages required to piece it all together. Year 5 are going to take this a bit further and build their own bug and bee hotels to place around the school grounds. Donald's bee hotel has given everyone some ideas on what to include: lots of small holes and crevices into which the bees and bugs can crawl.

Thanks for the inspiration, Donald.



Reception Trip To The Natural History Museum



Reception had a wonderful day at the Natural History Museum in London. The children loved seeing the dinosaurs and mammals and learning lots of facts.

Everyone had a great day!



How Does A Child Develop Creativity Through Art?

Art is important during early development. The visual arts allow children to enter an imaginative world, to be creative and to engage in playful thinking. It also boosts observation, self-esteem and provides a sense of accomplishment.

UKT have been inspired by “Katie and the Sunflower” by James Mayhew, and also “Sunflowers” by Vincent Van Gogh (1853-1890), which he painted using very thick paint and bright colours. Although a famous painting today, during his life time people did not like his paintings because they were so different. The children recreated the sunflowers by folding paper to look like a fan and then sticking it together.

They also made their own still life drawing of Vincent Van Gogh’s “Sunflower” using oil pastels and honing their observational skills.



UKF focused on “Only One You” by Linda Kranz where they have explored the importance of appreciating themselves and how their differences make them special... “Only one you....make it a better place. No matter how you look at it there is so much to discover.”

The class have created a beautiful and individual shoal of fish. The children definitely were adventurous – tested the water – and dived in to make a wonderful undersea display board. This book reinforces that everyone is individual and can make the world a better place by just being themselves.



UKC considered the value of perseverance when reading “The Little Owl” by Caroline Pitcher. “Little Owl stretched and strained... I will do it too... Yes, I’m last and very small but I will never give up at all... and he flew, and flew, and flew!”

The children created the little owl through collage and also through paint. They worked together to achieve a wonderful parliament of owls.



WOW Day!

Year 1 enjoyed a WOW day to end their Toys topic. The children wrote invitations to invite their teddy bears to come to school, then followed instructions to make sandwiches and cakes for a Teddy Bears' Picnic. They made a traditional cup and ball game from simple materials and played with old fashioned toys such as dominoes, jacks and shut the box, as well as toys from around the world like Russian dolls. Finally, they enjoyed the afternoon sunshine, playing hopscotch, noughts and crosses and of course the age old favourite, a game of tag!

A huge thank you to Mrs Futter and Emily for teaching all the children how to play Jacks. They had a wonderful day!



Chinese Portraits in French

Year 3 were so excited when they were working on their lovely Chinese Portraits in French. They had to compare themselves to different colours, places, animals and more using the French language. They did a fabulous job!

Well done Year 3.



National Storytelling Week & Maths Day



The children in Lower Kindergarten brought in their favourite books to be read at story time in celebration of "National Storytelling Week".

Lower Kindergarten worked hard on Maths Day. They dug for shells and then counted how many they found.



Science Awards	W/C 23.1.23 W/C 30.1.23 W/C 6.2.23		
	Reception GM	Reeva	Camille
Reception S	Edith	River	Yasmin
Reception G	Kenzo	Jaini	Millie
Year 1 C	Rufus	Karam	Olivia
Year 1 H	Lily	Suzie	Mae
Year 2 B	Dustie & Hudson	Delila	Isabelle
Year 2 V	Robyn & Kairo	Ranveer	Scarlett
Year 3 B	Zaha	Sophie	Annabelle
Year 3 C	Florence	Margaux	Theo
Year 4 G	Lochlan & Xander	Amari & Henry	Luke & Amelia
Year 4 H			
Year 5 G	Georgina	Jack & Isla	Defne
Year 5 N			
Year 6 B	Florence	Ruby	Aiden
Year 6 Z			

Upper Kindergarten Thomas - Topic Work

Upper Kindergarten have been learning about transport this term. They took to the garden to build their own transport out of junk; painting boxes, cutting out shapes and sticking the pieces together until it was finally time to go on an adventure in their handmade submarine!



Year 4 Using Their Creative Skills

Year 4 crafted Celtic roundhouses to represent the gained knowledge from their History lessons. They used various different materials such as straw, clay, cardboard and natural materials such as sticks and leaves to show the circular base of the houses and thatched roofs. They were very pleased with their outcomes.

In Geography, Year 4 have been learning about rivers. They have studied the features of a river, the water cycle and several famous rivers around the world. Year 4 have used their creative minds to form a 3D water cycle representation, highlighting their understanding of evaporation, condensation and precipitation.



Upper Kindergarten Fentiman - Outdoor Learning

Upper Kindergarten Fentiman have been experimenting with making footprints using mud and wellies. The children were excited to use a different texture instead of the usual paint, pencils or crayons. They all had great fun!



Maths Day at Coopersale Hall

On Friday 5 February the children at Coopersale Hall School got to enjoy a fabulous day with an extra sprinkle of Maths. Children across the school took part in challenges earning points to identify the winning House and class.

The day started with a whole school assembly, celebrating the achievement of the children who attended the Oak-Tree Maths Challenge. Not only did the children win the overall prize, they also won the group prizes for Year 3, 5 and 6.

During the assembly, everyone was reminded about the work that is done by the NSPCC and how they help children all over the country.

James and Jess collected donations for this worthy cause on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Thank you very much to all those families who made contributions, a total of £70.89 was raised for the NSPCC charity.



The children and staff had a super day. Thank you so much to all the staff for making NSPCC Number Day such a huge success and thank you to the school community for the donations which have been sent to the NSPCC. If you would still like to make a donation, please send any donations to the school office.

Please see our website for more lovely photos and information about the day.



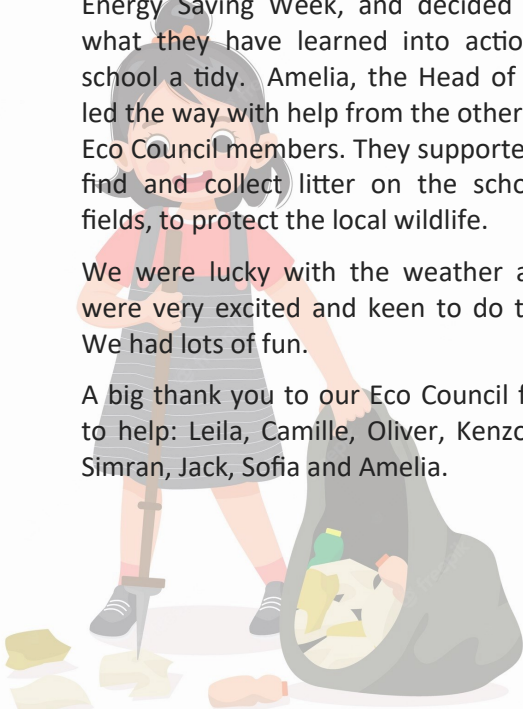
The Big Litter Pick

On Friday 3 February, the Reception children, with the help of the Eco Council, set to work litter picking around the school site.

The children in Reception have been learning about Energy Saving Week, and decided to put some of what they have learned into action, and give the school a tidy. Amelia, the Head of the Eco Council, led the way with help from the other EYFS/ KS1 & KS2 Eco Council members. They supported the children to find and collect litter on the school grounds and fields, to protect the local wildlife.

We were lucky with the weather and the children were very excited and keen to do the litter picking. We had lots of fun.

A big thank you to our Eco Council for coming along to help: Leila, Camille, Oliver, Kenzo, Olive, Hudson, Simran, Jack, Sofia and Amelia.



Year 5 Work On Their Gymnastic Skills

During a gymnastics lesson in P.E., Year 5 were introduced to the alphabet game. They were put into 4 groups and had to listen for Mr Barham to call out a letter. The pupils then had to work together in their teams to construct the letter that was called out.

Pupils were then asked to work in pairs and try a variety of single and paired balances. The postures that they were working on helped to improve core strength, flexibility and ability to remain within a pose for an extended time.

We were very impressed with how the children worked together and listened to each other to achieve their desired letter and/or balance pose. Well done Year 5!



House Points Spring Term	Beech	Chestnut	Oak	Willow
Points	433	308	228	288
Position	1st	2nd	4th	3rd

An Inspiring Assembly From James & Noah

For a whole school assembly, James and Noah were tasked with the job of researching, 'Men Who Have Changed the World.' Noah selected Martin Luther King and Sir David Attenborough, and James researched George Washington and Johannes Gutenberg.

The children listened intently as both boys shared their knowledge via well-constructed PowerPoints.

Afterwards, James said he felt very pleased with how the assembly was received and that all of the children listened with care.

Noah said that he really enjoyed presenting to the school and he hoped people were inspired by his choices.

Well done to both boys for their hard work!



Happy Connections in Year 1

Year 1 played a Let's Connect game for Mental Health Awareness Week. They held hands in a circle so that they felt connected to each other. Then they played a game of 'pass the squeeze' and 'pass the smile' and then reflected on how that smile made them feel.

Sonny said it made him feel happy when someone smiles at him. Maddox said he felt happy because he made someone else smile.

They all agreed that it was important to have friends and feel connected to people in your class!



The Big Bug Hotel

Following Donald's construction of his bee hotel, the rest of Year 5 have been busy bees, constructing their first bug hotel. Everyone in 5N chose one aspect of the build to concentrate on and then got to work.

With family donations of sticks, bamboo, pottery and metal plant pots they made homes for bees and butterflies.

The hotel is now in situ near the pond and we hope it will be a welcome new home for the local insects.

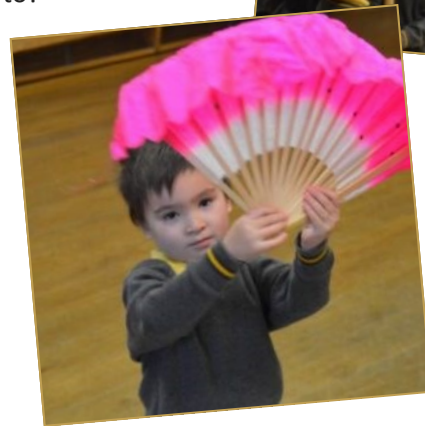
After they had finished, Rauf noticed a section on bug hotel construction in a book he chose off the shelf in school. He discovered that 'we missed a bit'! A tile or stone is needed on the roof of the hotel for protection from the elements. This sounds like a job for the Boys in Blue!



Upper Kindergarten Chinese Dance Workshop

The Upper Kindergarten children had a fantastic day taking part in an energetic Chinese Dance Workshop. Throughout the day they mastered the moves of a few different dances, including a fan dance, complete with brightly coloured fans, and the dragon dance! The dragon dance was a definite favourite, with some children getting the important job of carrying the pearl around the hall, which the dragon had to follow.

After all the workshops, the day finished with a performance to excited parents, who couldn't wait to see what the children had been getting up to!



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State Schools Cross Country Races

Recently Coopersale Hall were host to the annual State School Cross Country Races. The sun was shining on the field, which was full of very excited young runners from the surrounding area.

The afternoon ran smoothly, with all schools competing against each other in a series of races. It was lovely to see our pupils cheering each other on and making new friends.

We are looking forward to hosting again next year!



British Science Week

British Science Week runs from 10th - 17th March.

During the week, pupils will be able to bring in experiments, research, PowerPoints, or posters of any scientific topic that they have an interest in, though there is a theme this year of 'Connections'.


KS2 pupils will be given two weeks of Science homework time to prepare their presentation for the class. All pupils in KS2 will be expected to present to the class, either individually or working with a partner.

This is the option for KS1 pupils to get involved. They will enjoy presenting and preparing work to show the class. They will gain a lot from exploring a topic of their choice.

There is also a national poster competition linked to British Science Week, which pupils may also want to enter (details attached). They could use this poster to help with their presentation to the class. Posters submitted will then be judged and 5 will be put forward by the school and entered into the competition.

There will be other science linked activities running during lessons throughout this week. I hope pupils enjoy taking part in this wonderful week of science!

C Carter.



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2023

POSTER COMPETITION

Pupils can get creative and enter British Science Week's annual, UK-wide poster competition! They can make a poster about any 'Connections' that appear in the world of science they like, and be in with the chance of winning an array of prizes. Each school can enter the 5 best posters!

Kit list

Paper (A4 or A3)

Creative materials, such as:

- pens
- pencils
- scissors
- glue
- watercolours
- paints
- crayons
- felt
- thread
- wool
- foil
- clay
- string
- beads
- stamps
- foam
- pompoms

Instructions

Research your poster

Get the pupils thinking about ideas to include in their poster. They could investigate and imagine 'Connections' and everything that makes them special. Here are some topic ideas to help you get the inspiration started:

- Ask them to think about their personal experiences of connections - from learning about how their body parts are connected, to connecting with their classmates, teachers and family members to help them learn more about science. Has it helped them become stronger, braver, kinder or more accomplished?
- Is the world built on connections? Why not think about connections in terms of the ancient family tree that connects all animals, how atoms connect or bond to make up our surroundings and connections in construction. What are examples of good connections?
- Is there someone pupils have connected with who inspired or helped them? It doesn't have to be someone they know, it can be any role model! Why not have them create a portrait that demonstrates this? Connections are everywhere. From the friends we make who share new ideas, to the connection between eco-friendly behaviour and a better future, there is so much to see all around us.

Make your poster

Once the children have done their research, it's time to get creative! The poster must be:

- A4 or A3 size and you need to be able to take a photo of it to send to us online for judging.
- Pupils can use pop up pictures, pull out tabs or use materials such as paint, drawing pencils, crayons and paper.

Send us your poster

- Posters will be judged on creativity, how well they fit the theme, how well the poster has been made or drawn, and how engaging they are. Once the poster is complete, take a photo and complete the online form with your entry details.

Next steps

Celebrate! For more details, along with the full set of rules and tips for educators, check out our website britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition

Look out for the activities in this pack marked with a paintbrush symbol, they can be a source of inspiration for the poster!

Celebration Assembly



Our final assembly of the first half of term gave us much to be proud of and celebrate together.

We were delighted that Poppy in 5N and Emelia in 4G had been presented with a copy of "Talk About Epping". The girls had given their time to attend the community consultation event regarding plans for the new skate park that Epping Town Council are proposing. The girls presented to the skate park design team asking for interesting things such as a 'chatter bench'. The designers were so impressed that they took back their ideas to their London design studio to see what could be included. Everyone gave them a well deserved round of applause and well done for contributing to the design of this area that will be well used in the wider community.



House points across the school were counted – and Chestnut were proud to gain the most points for this week. Merit and Science certificates were awarded and the children came to collect their certificates at the front of the hall.

Delilah in 3B shared the fascinating news that she had met the King and Queen Consort at Buckingham Palace!

The many children who had been awarded with a Bucket Filler award stood up and received a well-deserved round of applause for their kindness and thoughtful behaviour.



Miss Barnard also took the opportunity of thanking the children and their families for kindly donating towards the Turkey and Syria Earthquake Fund which has recently occurred. It was very kind that everyone had taken time to consider people who were in such need. Everyone listened to the prayer that Miss Barnard relayed.

The assembly was brought to a close with the KS1 Choir singing "Colours of the Rainbow" with actions. They received a wonderful round of applause and brought the assembly to an end.



Getting Social

Click the images to visit our social media sites.



Dance Clubs At Coopersale Hall

There are so many benefits to dancing. It's no wonder it is thought to be one of the best forms of exercise. Dance gets so many muscles in your body moving, it boosts cognitive performance, boosts your mood, helps with social skills and allows children to express themselves.

Coopersale Hall has two Dance Clubs that are always very popular!

Ballet Club meets every Friday after school. The children are working very hard and putting in a lot of practice in preparation for a performance at the end of term. Ballet allows children to learn basic footwork, balance, timing, flexibility and core strength.

Street Dance club also meets on Fridays – KS1 and KS2 – these energetic dancers listen to the beat, work on their footwork, and learn choreography. This form of dance is a great way for the children to express themselves and interact with each other.



Thank you for your Book Donations!



Merit Badges	W/C 27.1.23 W/C3 3.2.23 W/C 10.2.23		
Reception GM	Beatrice & Alfie	Carlo & Camille	Whole Class
Reception S	Yarema	Caitlin	Whole Class
Reception G	Sienna	Anne	Whole Class
Year 1 C	Arthur	Louise	Olivia
Year 1 H	Lily	Ivy	Isabella
Year 2 B	Marion	Roshni	Delila
Year 2 V	Woolfe & Eloise	Benjamin	Eloise
Year 3 B	Annebelle	Felicity	Delilah
Year 3 C	Charlotte	Margaux	Reeva
Year 4 G	Eva Arty	Albie Florie	Whole Class
Year 4 H			Luca Richard George Oliver Maria
Year 5 G	Oscar	Lewis	Whole Class
Year 5 N	Isla & Simran	Donald	Blaise
Year 6 B	Atilla	Amelia	Ivy
Year 6 Z	Aiden	Sofia & Mimi	Evie

Year 1 learn about Antarctica

Year 1 had a fantastic treat with a visit from Mr Taylor, Max's grandad. The children have started a new topic learning all about maps. He told the children about his recent trip to Antarctica and shared the journey he had to take to get there, which had taken many days!

Mr Taylor shared lots of wonderful photographs with the children of all the different animals he had seen, including polar bears, many different types of penguins and even whales! The children asked lots of thoughtful questions - even finding out whether penguins have ears! Mr Taylor provided the children with maps of his travels and even gave each child a photograph to keep.



Children's Mental Health Week

At Coopersale Hall School, we celebrated Children's Mental Health week from 6-12 February. This year's theme was "Let's Connect" and we spent time thinking and learning about the importance of forming positive connections.

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Rose Horgan, a clinical hypnotherapist, into our school assembly on Tuesday 7 February. Mrs Horgan helped the children to explore how they might feel when connecting with people for the first time, why they may feel anxious and different ways in which they can connect with people in a rewarding and positive way. Together, we explored all the positive things that make the children feel connected, including family, friends, hugs, stroking pets, helping people and becoming part of a team.

Then it was time for some role-play, jumping back in time to the Stone Age. Jesse in 2V became a scary bear, terrorising Emilia in 4G, our Stone Age person. However, when Gregor in 5G and Sophie in 1C were selected to become a tribe with Emilia and they all faced the bear together, becoming stronger, and were able to work together and overcome the situation.

The role-play taught the children how human connection can help us in so many different situations and can make us feel stronger. It's important to share our problems with people as they can help us and make us feel better. A problem shared is a problem halved!

The children all engaged well with the assembly and learnt that there are many ways to create and connect with people in positive and nurturing ways.

Following their Mental Health Week assembly, Year 5 and Year 6 each attended a workshop held by Mrs Horgan, thinking about how our brains work, how they cope with stress and exploring strategies to support us when we are under pressure. Together with Mrs Horgan, the children considered the importance of resilience and wellbeing and how our body reacts to stress.



FoCHS Update

We hope that everyone had a lovely, relaxing break over half term and now we can look forward to Easter!

Events

Our fabulous Easter baskets will soon go on display as prizes for the Easter Raffle and tickets will be on sale shortly. This year, as well as baskets for the children, we will also be raffling off a luxury adults-only hamper!

We also hope to welcome back the Easter Animals experience for all year groups before the end of term, which is something we have not been able to do since 2019!

School Council

We are pleased to announce that we have now agreed a budget to be spent on some lovely outdoor toys and games for all the children to use during their playtimes, as requested by the School Council. Please check back here for more details in next month's newsletter!

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>

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 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/>

