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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

As you will see from this newsletter, it has been a very busy month with a wonderful variety of visits, trips and sporting success. The sun has now begun to shine meaning pupils have been able to make use of our school grounds and even helped out with the gardening.

There are many events to look forward to after the half term such as the Year 4 to 6 Performance, Speech Day and the FoCHS Summer Fest. They are all sure to be wonderful events so do check our website for details of many more exciting events this term.

Wishing you all a happy half term.

With kind regards

Miss Barnard



Headmistress

Oak-Tree Ski Trip

Our pupils are back from what was an INCREDIBLE week skiing in Italy. Every day the pupils from all four schools in the Oak-Tree Group woke up with renewed excitement, ready to hit the slopes. There were pupils at all skill levels, from those that have never been skiing before to those that were at a more advanced level.

Pupils were very lucky to have had excellent skiing conditions and the ski school instructors were pleased with our children's endurance. Everyone made quick progress.

After a long day out on the mountains, the evenings were filled with relaxed dinners together back at the hotel, or at the local pizza restaurant, followed by films and games.

Pupils agreed it was one of the best weeks they have ever had, filled with laughter, new experiences, and new friendships.

We can't wait for the next ski trip!



Pancake Fractions

The children in Year 1 have really enjoyed learning about halves and quarters in Maths. The children used pancakes to figure out halves and quarters, cutting off the right amount each time.

Well done, children!



Science Awards	W/C 24.4.23	W/C 1.5.23	W/C 8.5.23
Reception GM	Giorgio and Reeva	Aryaan	Casper
Reception S	Yarema and Elliott	River	Johnnie
Reception G	Anne and Louis	Emma	Jaini
Year 1 C	Olive	Harry and Arthur	Max
Year 1 H	Henry	Maddox	Suzie
Year 2 B	Scarlett	Grace	Marion and Hudson
Year 2 V	Ben	Evelyn	Frey
Year 3 B	Reeva	Maggie	Jessica
Year 3 C	Nicholas	Lilly	Delilah
Year 4 G	India	Oliver	Not Awarded
Year 4 H			
Year 5 G	Imogen	Poppy	Rauf
Year 5 N			
Year 6 B	Amelia	Clara	Not Awarded
Year 6 Z			

The First Summer Concert Of The Season

On Tuesday 2 May, seven pupils took part in our first “Summer Series” concert. These concerts are an opportunity for the pupils to share what they have been learning in their music lessons with their family and friends. The concerts are small, informal and give everyone the experience of performing to an audience.

Our first group didn’t disappoint, with performances on piano, guitar, voice and violin and pieces from movies, folk, pop and rock. Some of the pupils have only been learning for a few months, whilst others are preparing for grade exams but all performed with panache!

We have lots more performances scheduled through the summer term, and we can’t wait to give all our talented pupils time to shine.



Upper Kindergarten Plant A Windflower Garden

The children in Upper Kindergarten T have been planting seeds in the raised bed to make a wildflower garden for the bees and butterflies.

We can't wait to see all of the bugs that will come to visit when the flowers bloom!



A Wonderful Treat From FoCHS

Miss Barnard was delighted to welcome everyone back after the Easter break and she hoped that everyone was feeling refreshed and looking forward to this final and exciting last term of the year.

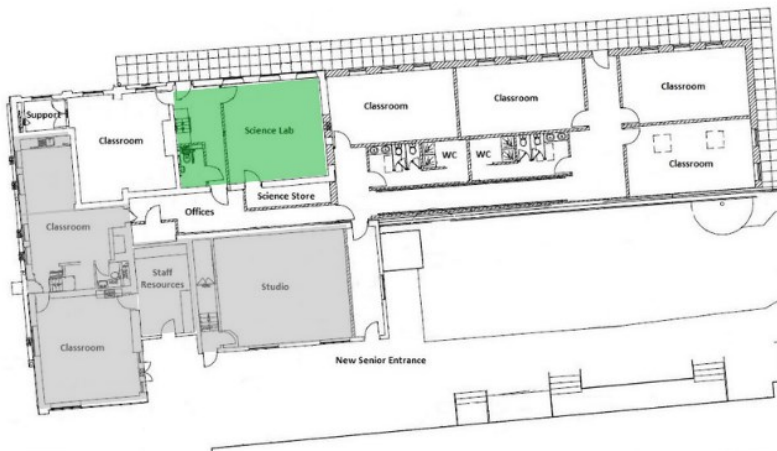
Miss Barnard asked the children “what is the function of a school council” and asked School Council Class Reps to raise their hands. She also asked everyone what they thought was the role of FOCHS within the school and recalled the wide and varied events that FOCHS had supported within the school for everyone to enjoy together.

Clara in 6B, Head of School Council, came to the front of the hall to let everyone know why there was a tower of giant Lego on the stage. Clara informed us that Elena in 5G and she had met with Mrs Futter and Mrs Moyses from FOCHS for lunch at the school where they discussed what playground equipment would be best for all the children within the school to use during playtimes. FOCHS spent a lot of time and money putting together a collection of playground toys, which were displayed on the stage.

Everyone agreed that they were really looking forward to using all the new playground equipment and made a promise to treat the equipment with respect and be thoughtful whilst playing with it all. A rota would be set up after Lucas and Francesca in 6B, Sports Prefects, pumped up the balls with the help of Mr Barham. The children showed their appreciation by thanking FOCHS with a delighted round of applause!



Senior Building Development

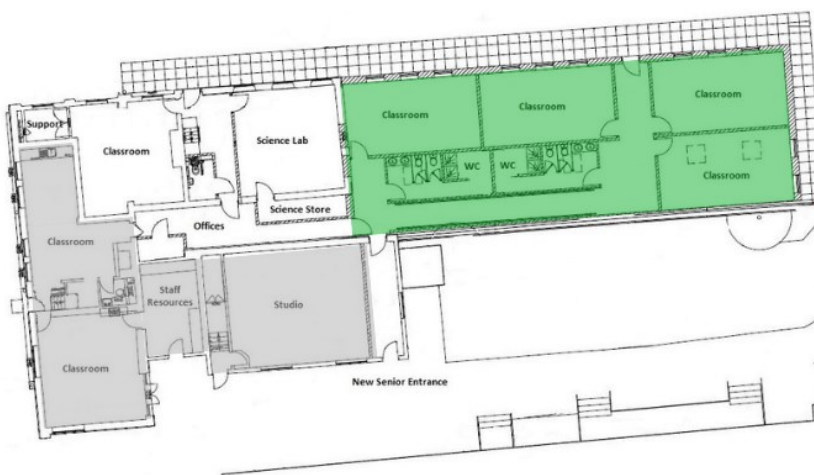


- Existing building
- Area in photos

The large ground floor room has been cleared, with the flooring in the process of being removed, ready for the construction of the new fully-kitted Science Lab, Science prep room, office and toilet.



The conservatory has been demolished and the ground is in the process of being cleared to make space for the additional senior block - due to be built in Phase 2 of the building project.



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- Area in photos

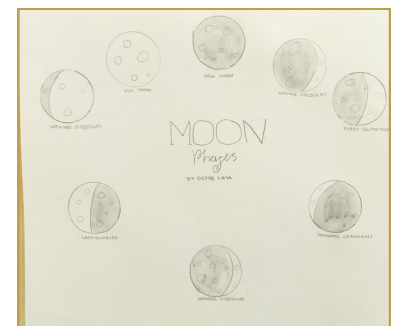
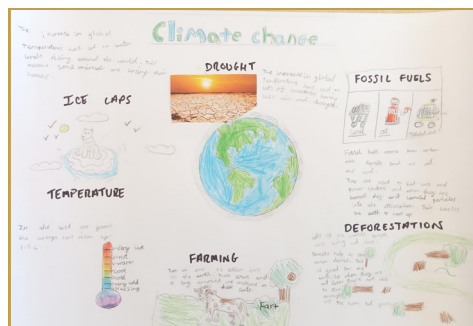
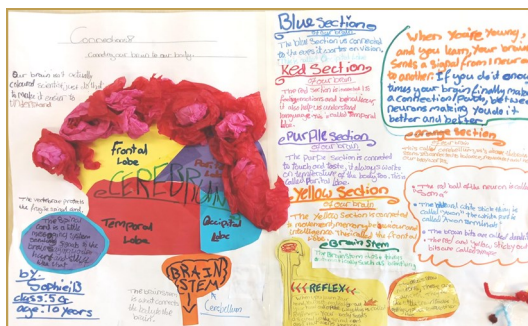
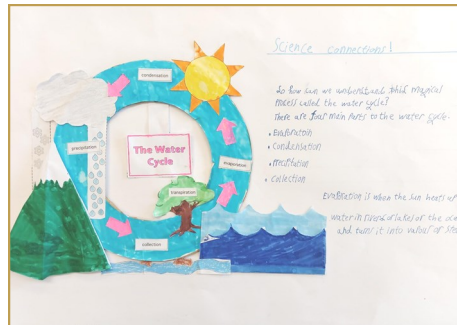
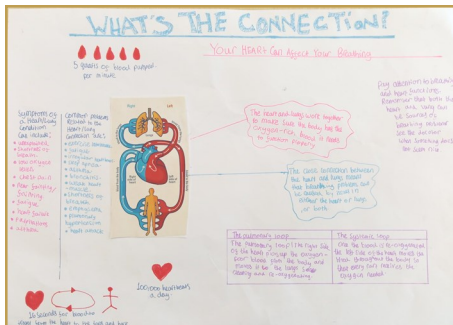
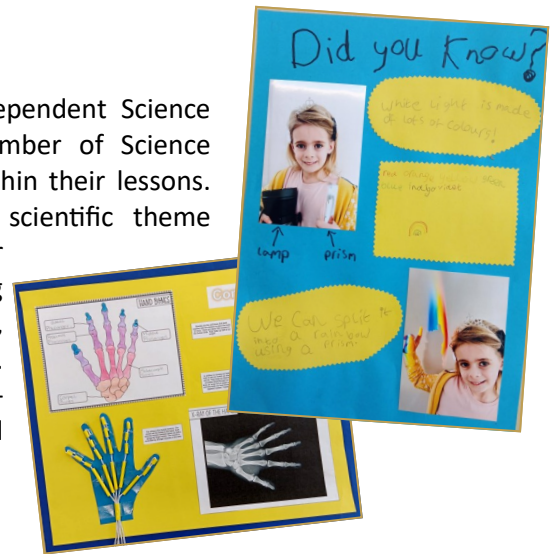


The building team were hard at work over the Easter break adding the new roof to the cottage. The scaffolding is starting to come down, and the builders are beginning to turn their attention to the building's interior.

Science Week Poster Competition

Last term pupils from Reception through to Year 6 showed their independent Science presentations and experiments, sharing their understanding of a number of Science concepts, and taking part in a number of different Science activities within their lessons. Alongside this, pupils were invited to produce a poster with the scientific theme 'Connections'. There were a number of posters submitted from all year groups, of which a small selection have been shown here. The winning poster was the hand, which showed the connections between bones, muscles and ligaments and explained how our hands and fingers move. Well done to Abigail in Year 5 for producing such a detailed, well-presented and informative poster. We all enjoyed looking at it, and learning from it.

Mrs Carter.



Thank you
for your
Book
Donations!



Year 4 Create Amazing Roald Dahl Inspired Art

Year 4 crafted their own 3D Roald Dahl inspired art pieces using a variety of materials such as cardboard, paper mâché, clay and paints. The children thoroughly enjoyed making their pieces and were inspired by their favourite Roald Dahl character or scene. We have had pieces from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Fantastic Mr Fox, James and the Giant Peach and much more! The children made such a huge effort and were so proud to show off their art to their peers.

Oliver made his 3D character as a crocodile – based on “The Enormous Crocodile”. He got his inspiration from watching The Great British Menu on TV.

Maria used “James and the Giant Peach” as her inspiration and she made all the animals with her Hama beads.

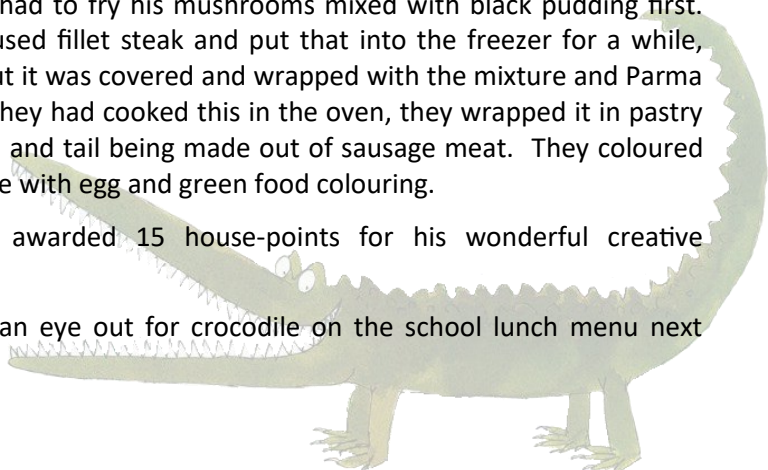
All these creations have been displayed in the library for everyone to enjoy.



Vicky, our head of the kitchen team, was enthralled to hear how Oliver in 4H made his marvellous steak crocodile. She was delighted to learn how Oliver had to fry his mushrooms mixed with black pudding first. Then they used fillet steak and put that into the freezer for a while, and once out it was covered and wrapped with the mixture and Parma ham, after they had cooked this in the oven, they wrapped it in pastry with its legs and tail being made out of sausage meat. They coloured the crocodile with egg and green food colouring.

Oliver was awarded 15 house-points for his wonderful creative cooking.

We'll keep an eye out for crocodile on the school lunch menu next term...



Upper Kindergarten C Visit The Railway

Upper Kindergarten C met Trevor, the station master, on their trip to the Ongar Railway, who told the children stories about the station. They then met Colin, the train driver, who took them on a train ride over bridges and past fields of horses.

What a wonderful day!



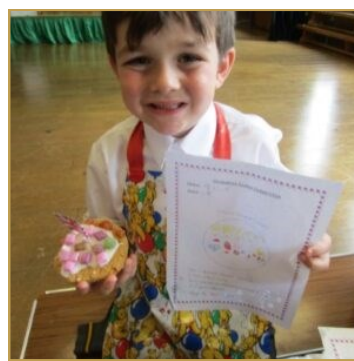
The Coronation Cookie Competition

In the week leading up to the King's Coronation, the school was abuzz with excitement. The Cookie Competition saw so many wonderful designs being entered by pupils from across the school, making the job of narrowing them down very tricky!

10 lucky children were chosen by the kitchen team to be put through to the next round where they all got the chance to create their designs on delicious cookies. It proved very tricky to get recreate the intricate designs out of icing, but the children did such a good job and the final cookies look amazing. Looks like they tasted amazing too!

Pictures of the 10 finalists were put up in the hall, showing their designs and the final cookie they created. Over the next few days, their classmates cast their votes on the cookie that looked most like their design and showed creativity.

You'll find the winner on page 15!



Pupil News



Music teacher, Mrs Jones, is very proud of Poppy in Year 5 who has had great success in her recent music exam. Keep up the good work, Poppy!



Congratulations to Violet, who won her NSEA horse riding competition and has made it into the championship representing Coopersale Hall School!



Golf superstar, Abigail in Year 5, was proud to share her news of playing in the US Kids Final Tournament of the Season and coming first in her year group, with PE teacher Mr Barham. Abigail's highest score was 180 points, with the lowest being 49.

We were thrilled to learn that the season had been so positive and Mr Barham applauded Abigail's success with 20 house points!



Lilly has worked hard to achieve her green belt in karate!

5 Star Kitchen Team!

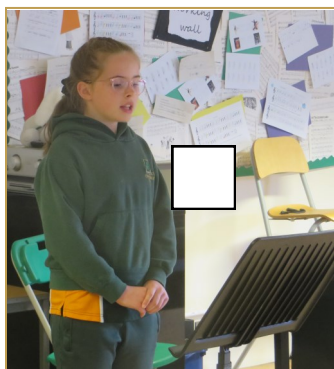
The Food Standards Agency has awarded our wonderful kitchen team a 5 star food hygiene rating.

The team works tirelessly to ensure the children get a delicious and nutritious meal every day. Thank you so much for all your hard work team!



More Summer Concerts

On Tuesday 9 and Thursday 11 May we saw the next 2 concerts in our summer series. Friends and family were treated to performances on drums, voice, piano, flute, ukulele and violin. For many pupils it was their first time performing in front of an audience. Some of the pupils are preparing for exams and took the opportunity to perform their exam pieces for our guests. We were very impressed with all of the pupils, they played brilliantly and should be very proud of their performance. We have more concerts coming up in our summer series and we are really looking forward to them.



Caterpillars in Lower Kindergarten

Lower Kindergarten are lucky enough to have their very own caterpillars! Here they are in their "little houses" (chrysalis). Hopefully in a week we should have some beautiful butterflies!



New Senior Uniform

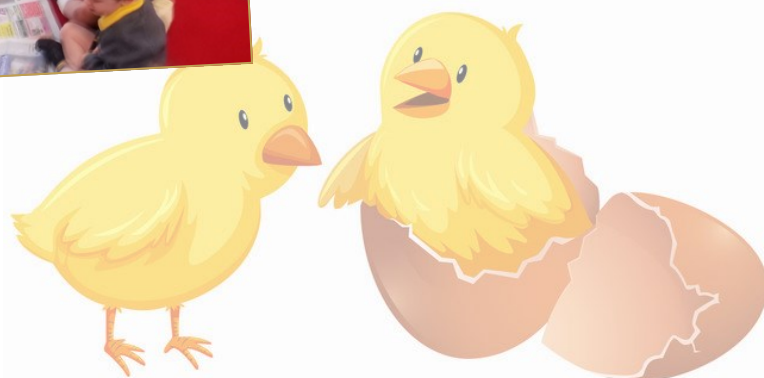
We are delighted to be able to share our new Senior uniform as part of the development of our new Senior department within Coopersale Hall School! The uniform will be worn by the pupils who move into Year 7 in September 2023 and beyond.



Upper Kindergarten Classroom Chicks

Upper Kindergarten T have loved watching the chicks grow over the last few weeks. It has been a great opportunity to learn about the life cycle of animals and build the children's confidence.

Even children from the older years have been very eager to come and visit and hold the chicks!



Oak-Tree Girls Football Tournament

Just before the end of term, Junior girls from across the Oak-Tree Group got together for a football tournament at Shooters in North Weald.

They were lucky to have some amazing spring sunshine and a great turn out from supportive parents, who did an excellent job cheering everyone on. It was also another good opportunity for the pupils from the different schools to meet up and develop friendships.

Pupils put on an excellent display of their skills and you could see their confidence grow with each match. Well done to all that took part!

This was the second annual Oak-Tree Girls Football Tournament, and everyone enjoyed it just as much as the first! We think this event has secured itself a solid place on the Oak-Tree events calendar.





Coronation Celebrations

Coronation fever hit Coopersale Hall! The children have been busy making crowns, creating coronation art for the gallery in the hall, enjoying afternoon tea in the Early Years and dressing up in red white and blue.

Pupils have been learning about the British monarch and what happens at a coronation. Everyone enjoyed watching the big event and seeing the new King wave from the balcony.

Here are a few fun facts about His Majesty King Charles III:

- The king can play 3 instruments! The cello, piano AND trumpet.
- King Charles loves to paint and has been doing it for the last 50 years. He only paints in watercolour and likes to paint outdoor scenes and landscapes. The surrounding areas of Balmoral are also a firm favourite!
- From 1967 to 1970, he studied history at Cambridge University, making him the first monarch in UK history with a university degree!
- King Charles III is no stranger to an audience, having featured in UK TV show Coronation Street, participated in stage magicians' group the Magic Circle and presented the BBC weather forecast.

Crown Creations



Royal Costumes



Upper Kindergarten Tea Party



Art Gallery



Assembly

The orchestra came together to perform "God Save The King" and everyone stood and sang the national anthem. Miss Barnard was delighted how well informed the children were about this momentous event. Everyone who received their Merit, Bucket Filler, Science and Bootcamp awards this week stood and were given a loud round of applause. It was wonderful to see a sea of red, white and blue and to see so many children in beautiful crowns and tiaras for this special occasion.



Coronation Art Competition

The winners are:

- KS2 – 1st Prize – Defne 5G
- 2nd Prize – Andres, Maxwell in 6Z, Daniel, Lucas in 6B
- 3rd Prize – Iman 4G
- Highly Commended – Elena 5G
- KS1 & EYFS – 1st Prize – Ariya 1C
- 2nd Prize – Jaini Reception Gowland
- 3rd Prize – Harry 1C
- Highly Commended – Susie 1H



The house-points awarded were 50 for 1st, 40 for 2nd, 20 for 3rd, 10 for highly commended. Year 2V were given 5 House points each for the poetry. Special Prize was also awarded to the whole of 2V for their creative Cinquain poetry.



Coronation Cookie Competition

Vicky was delighted to announce that James in 6Z had won the Coronation Cookie competition. James was thrilled to have won and receive his prize from Vicky.

Historical Writing Competition

Mrs Graves thanked the children for their wonderful entries and was proud to announce the winners of this competition.

Winners: Poppy – 5N, Emelia – 4G, Iman – 4G,

Runner's Up: Skye – 5G, Olivia – 4B

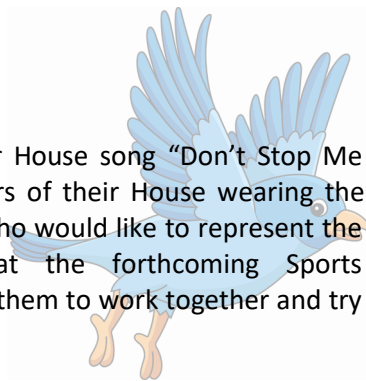
Congratulations to you all and very well done!



House Assemblies

Beech House:

The children arrived at their assembly to their House song “Don’t Stop Me Now” and were delighted to see two members of their House wearing the blue bird mascot. There were lots of children who would like to represent the House and wear the mascot costume at the forthcoming Sports Day. Everyone felt that the mascot would help them to work together and try their best at the event!



Oak House:

Mrs Hogarth explained how lots of successful people have had to work really hard to overcome obstacles in their lives but these people never gave up on their dreams and persisted no matter how much they got knocked down. Something else that never gives up is their House mascot the squirrel – because he is an animal that has to keep going all year round to ensure that he has enough food for the winter. The children resolved that they would do their best at Sports Day and never give up – win or lose their race, they know that everyone will be proud of them for not giving up.

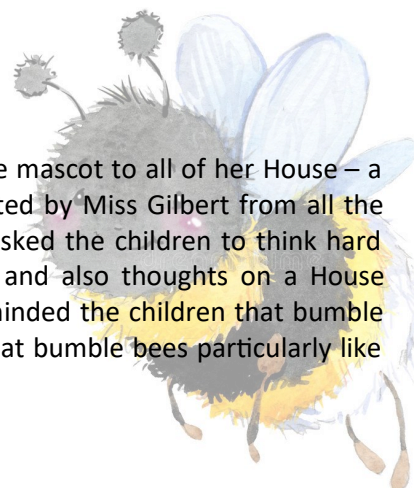
Chestnut House:

Chestnut House were asked to think of a song that they felt was special enough to become their House song. Everyone was delighted that “We Know The Way” from Moana had been selected. The words of the song... believing in yourself, knowing what you want to achieve... mirrored the ethos that Chestnut House wanted to achieve. If the children know what they want to achieve in school and in life, then it helps them all to work towards meeting their goals. Everyone got up and practised learning the words so that they can sing it loud and proud during Sports Day.



Willow House:

Amari in 4G was thrilled to model the Willow House mascot to all of her House – a beautiful bumble bee! This mascot had been selected by Miss Gilbert from all the suggestions that the House had put forward. She asked the children to think hard and come up with name suggestions for the bee and also thoughts on a House motto to underpin the bumble bee theme. She reminded the children that bumble bees are really important to the eco-system, and that bumble bees particularly like willow trees – a perfect fit!



Another Visit to the Bug Hotel

Year 5 revisited the site of the bug hotel and discovered how the area had changed. Poppy in 5N recounted her thoughts of this:

“In the Spring term Year 5 made a bug hotel out of plant pots, bamboo, leaves, wood etc. After it was made, we put it in a clearing by the dipping pond.

On Thursday 11 May, we all went down to check on it and discovered that rhododendron had grown, and so had the plants around it. There were insects and flies buzzing around the plants. We guessed that it was likely that the bug hotel had guests.”



Year 1 Like to be Beside the Seaside

This half term Year 1 have been creating a beach scene as part of their art topic. They have been using a variety of techniques to add texture and depth to the artwork. For the base they mixed sand in with the paint to have a sandy beach, they then used cotton wool to dab on the sky, and used sponges to create a smooth wavy effect on the ocean. Pupils then layered different beach items onto the picture using card, sticks, wool, paper, felt and stones to add interest and variation to their own individual pictures. They have produced some wonderful pieces, which they should all be very proud of.

C Carter.



Getting Social

Click the images to visit our social media sites.



Oak-Tree Festival

WOW - WHAT AN EVENING!

The Oak-Tree Festival 2023 was held on the evening of Tuesday 16 May, and what an event it was. All four of the Oak-Tree Schools came together for what is always one of the biggest events in the Oak-Tree calendar. Pupils, teachers and parents have been eagerly awaiting this ambitious project held at the City Pavilion in Collier Row, and it was a great success.

All children from Year 3 to Year 8 took part, as well as a few other senior musicians, making a total of around 370 pupils.

The programme was lively and varied, with singing performances, an orchestra, samba bands, soloists and much more. The children loved performing in front of such a large audience of around 600 parents and friends, even though it may have been slightly daunting at first!

It was a fantastic evening that helped to showcase the varied talent of the pupils from the Oak-Tree Schools. Well done everyone!



Year 6 PGL Trip

Year 6 had the time of their lives on their recent residential PGL trip.

For some of the children it was the first time staying so far away from their parents, but the children made sure that every one of their friends felt comfortable and settled in.

The days were filled with fun, yet challenging activities that brought the year together and encouraged pupils to develop their teamwork skills. It was wonderful to see the children cheering each other on when it came to the more nerve-racking tasks!

Everyone got the chance to try fencing, archery, raft building, canoeing, high ropes, shelter building and fun group challenges like tower building and blindfolded walk.

Some children even braved the cold river water for a quick swim to shore after their canoeing!

It was a wonderful way for Year 6 to spend time together. It's safe to say that everyone made memories that will last them a lifetime!



FoCHS Update

Playground Equipment

We had a lovely start to the term, joining the first school assembly to present new playground toys and items gifted by FoCHS to the children. Pupils can now play with new footballs, skipping ropes, giant Lego, giant Connect 4 and an all-weather table tennis table. It is your support that has made this possible, so thank you, and we hope that the children will enjoy many happy playtimes with their new equipment



The King's Coronation

It was so nice to see all the pupils enjoying the various activities and competitions organised at school for the Coronation. We were pleased to give our support to this by providing each of the children with a special Coronation badge, to commemorate the day and add to their ever-growing blazer collections!



Chick TV

Upper Kindergarten were very excited to receive their delivery of "Living Eggs" this term. These are live chicken eggs housed in an incubator in their classroom, so the children could watch in real time as they hatched and grew; their very own "Chick TV". Pupils from all years also had the opportunity to gently hold and stroke the chicks once they were strong enough. We hope that everyone enjoyed looking after these little cuties!



FoCHS Update

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.

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/>