

Coopersale Hall School
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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents,

As you will see from this newsletter, we have had an extremely busy start to our Autumn term at Coopersale Hall School, with some exciting assemblies, events and trips. We have also been celebrating our new award, Star of the Week, in our Celebration Assemblies; this is an opportunity for the children to vote for one of their peers to receive a certificate, for reasons such as showing kindness, working hard or being a good friend to others.

Thank you all for your kind donations to the Harvest Festival, we are extremely grateful for your generosity. These donations have now been taken to Epping Forest Foodbank to help families in need.

Our Open Morning is on Tuesday 10 October and all parents are welcome to attend. Our Year 6 and 7 pupils are looking forward to being guides and showing our visitors around school, including the new senior school.

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 and dates for your diaries. The count-down to Christmas is incredibly busy for you and your children!

Kind regards

Mrs Doherty

Merit Badges & Star of the Week

MERIT BADGES	W/C 18.9.23
Reception G	Tighe
Reception GM	Arthur
Reception S	Buddy
Year 1C	Yasmin
Year 1V	Lavinia
Year 2H	Suzie
Year 2N	Whole Class
Year 3B	Whole Class
Year 3G	Whole Class
Year 4B	Maggie
Year 4G	Arlo
Year 5H	Whole Class
Year 6B	Isla
Year 6Z	Gregor

STAR OF THE WEEK	W/C 18.9.23
UKC	Palma
UKF	Katie
UKH	Asher
Reception G	Joshua
Reception GM	George
Reception S	Hugo
Year 1C	Jasper
Year 1V	Grayson
Year 2H	Ella
Year 2N	Olivia
Year 3B	Ranveer
Year 3G	Reeva
Year 4B	Jessica
Year 4G	Barnaby
Year 5H	Henry L
Year 6B	Evie
Year 6Z	Gregor
Year 7R	Obialo

Upper Kindergarten Fentiman - Outdoor Learning

During our outdoor learning sessions this week, we were exploring the school grounds and discovered the pond. While we were there we met Mrs Carter, the science teacher and she very kindly showed us some pond snails and dragon fly nymphs that are living in the water. She also showed us where the foxes live in their den. The children enjoyed a lovely time.



The New Academic Year Has Commenced

The children were welcomed into their first assembly of the year by Mrs Osborn and Mrs Doherty, who talked to them about how normal it is to feel a bit nervous but also excited about being in a new year group. Jack in 6Z was delighted to assist Mrs Jones, commencing his new role as Head of Technology.

Children have been settling into their new classes enjoying learning new things; everyone is excited for what the new year will bring.

Year 4 have been enjoying their verbal reasoning lessons and UK Cambridge have been practising their ICT & Maths skills using the whiteboard to sort out their shapes in the right monster!

Year 3 are delighted to be together in their new classroom and Year 7 are enjoying the challenges of their new curriculum and getting to know each other. Darcey in 7R "everyone has been very welcoming and kind and I am really looking forward to being here."



Science Awards	W/C 4.9.23	W/C 11.9.23	W/C 18.9.23
Reception G	Tighe	George	Not Awarded
Reception S	Buddy	Eleanor	Not Awarded
Reception GM	Amelia	Lucas	Not Awarded
Year 1 C	Francesca	Johnnie	Yasmin
Year 1 V	Camille	Oliver	Louis Mo
Year 2 H	Not awarded	Louise	Arthur
Year 2 N	Olivia	Suzie	Jacob
Year 3 B	Woolfe	Eloise	Reuben
Year 3 G	Hudson	Not awarded	Roshni
Year 4 B	Not awarded	Teddy	Maggie
Year 4 G	Not awarded	Olivia	Felicity
Year 5 H	Alexander	Henry L & Emelia	Iman & Henry C

Settling In Upper Kindergarten Fentiman

The children in Upper Kindergarten have enjoyed their first couple of weeks in their new classes; they are happy and settled. Well done UKF.



Celebration Assembly

The whole school gathered together in the hall for our first Celebration Assembly of this academic year. The Head Girl, Simran in 6B, and Head Boy, Oscar in 6Z, together with their Deputies, Donald and Poppy in 6B introduced themselves to everyone and gave a speech to the school outlining their feelings, hope and aspirations for the year ahead.

These are some extracts from their speeches:

Head Girl – Simran

“Being Head Girl is an amazing honour and a dream come true...I believe that I was chosen to be Head Girl because I am kind, responsible, hard-working, honest, caring and sensible. There is a piece of advice that I would like to share with you – it doesn’t matter if you are not the best at everything, always try your best at everything you attempt. Always persevere, even when you think that you have run out of options. So don’t stop believing in yourself and remember; one day, it could be you making this speech.”

Head Boy – Oscar

“I was over the moon when my name was read out for the role of Head Boy. I can’t wait to get stuck into my academic and physical education. I am looking forward to working with all of you, as together we can achieve remarkable things for our school. I would like to welcome all the new students and teachers to our brilliant school. This year my goal is to bring **positive** changes to encourage a supportive and responsible environment for which our schools’ students can be in.

Follow our school motto “**Superans Conando**” which is Latin for “**to overcome**”. Always believe in yourself and each other so even if you lose a game of football or you don’t get a good enough score on a math test you can always say congratulations...I am asking everyone to be kind, considerate and helpful in all classes.”

Deputy Head Girl – Poppy

“I hope to be a role model to other pupils who are younger than I am. Open days are days where people come to visit us, and potentially join us, and I’d like to help grow the population of pupils. I would like to represent the school in tournaments, the Remembrance Parade, singing competitions and more. I hope to inspire others to participate! If you are not sure about something, please don’t forget to find me or anyone else in Year 6 and we will try and sort your issues out for you.”

Deputy Head Boy – Donald

“I am trustworthy and honest and would be happy to help anyone in the school who needs anything.

Balancing the hard work with the fun is important to having an enjoyable time at school.

I am looking forward to helping the school, working hard in class and having fun in clubs with my friends. I hope that you enjoy your year and balance hard work with having fun.”

Everyone in the hall applauded the speeches and the children were given the opportunity of asking any questions that they might have.

Mrs Zylstra spoke about the Year 6 prefects. Everyone considered what the role of the prefects entailed and Mrs Zylstra explained that if everyone works together to ensure that they listen to one another and follow instructions than this relationship can be very supportive and beneficial to everyone. She illustrated the importance of mutual respect and caring with pictures of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples.

The assembly drew to a close with a prayer and wishing everyone a happy and enjoyable week at school with plenty of moments to celebrate.



Year 7 Drama Lesson

In their drama lessons, Year 7 are looking at different techniques that can be used to make their performances more effective and engaging. Today the students were learning about freeze frames. They were given scenarios, such as “roller coaster”, “video game”, “photo shoot” and “tennis match” to show as a still picture. A great lesson with very creative, thoughtful and effective ideas.

Well done Year 7.



Science Lessons in Reception

During the last couple of weeks, in the sunshine, all the Reception classes have had their science lessons outside. They have been looking at their faces and bodies, comparing differences and similarities with each other. They identified various facial features, comparing eye colour, hair length, etc. Pupils then identified various body parts and then drew around a group member and colour coordinated a specific body part. Well done Reception children.



Year 5 Visit Harlow Outdoor Pursuits Centre

Year 5H spent a wonderful day at Harlow Outdoor Pursuits last week. The children had fun wall-climbing, crate-building and canoeing. The focus of our day was having fun and team-work. Well done Year 5 for being so well-behaved and brave.



Jam Making In Year 3

Year 3 made some delicious jam sandwiches during their English lesson to help prepare them to write a set of instructions about how to make a jam sandwich! They knew which ingredients to include and were able to write step by step instructions to make their sandwiches successfully.

This activity combined a fun practical task of sandwich making whilst still learning important aspects of grammar such as imperative (bossy) verbs and writing a non fiction text instructions. The children learnt to include bullet points, numbers or time connectives to identify the correct order, a heading and sub headings to ensure the reader knows what the instructions are about. Well done Year 3!



Year 7's Initial Thoughts On Their First Couple of Weeks As Seniors

This September we have made history! We are the first ever Year 7 pupils at Coopersale Hall School. We feel very privileged to have this opportunity, but with great privilege comes great responsibility! We know that we need to set a good example for the younger pupils so we have been practising looking smart in our brand new Senior School uniform and walking around the building quietly and independently. We have lots of new and fabulous teachers and we are excited about our new subjects. We are working really hard in lessons and we definitely have noticed the difference in the amount and standard of work expected from us. Homework has also increased but we have the chance to go to homework club after school for help, if we need it. One of the most exciting things for us has been the new tuck shop, which is exclusively for Senior School pupils. We can still eat our fruit snack if we want it but we also have the chance to 'treat' ourselves after a hard morning's work. We have collected together our initial thoughts on our first week as Senior pupils:

- I have really enjoyed my first week back because I have made new friends and the lessons are really fun. (Amelia)
- My first week of being here has been amazing and enjoyable. I have met some very nice people. My favourite lesson so far is Science. (Darcey)
- My first week has been very nice. Everyone is my friend and they are very kind. I still don't fully know my way around but I know that there are people to help me. (Obi)
- It's been fun and enjoyable. I have loved spending time with the new students. (Mimi)
- My first week has been fun. There is a lot more homework than Primary and that is a bit stressful. (Aiden)
- My first week has been great! The work is hard and there is a lot of it, but that is all a part of moving into Secondary school. Having new faces with both students and teachers has been really nice. (Ivy)
- I have really enjoyed my first week in Year 7. Mrs R-S has been really welcoming and kind towards all of us. The work has been challenging but I enjoy doing new work. (Ruby)
- This week at CHS Seniors has been fun. We are lucky that we didn't miss our PE lesson this week! (Delilah)
- My first week at Coopersale Seniors was great. I have made new friends and I love the new teachers. The only thing I don't like is having so much homework, but I will learn to deal with it. (Andres)
- It was like a normal school week, but harder. (George)
- My first week back has been amazing. I have had fun with my friends and I have made new friends. I like the lessons and I like that we get more food too! (Atilla)
- I've loved my first week, everything except homework! Everyone is really kind and happy. (Jackson)
- My first week has gotten better. The lessons are fun and I like the teachers, they are kind. (Henry).
- The first week of secondary school has been almost the same as Year 6. It is slightly harder and it will probably get even harder, but it isn't as bad as I expected. (Sofia)



House Assembly - Beech - Chestnut - Oak - Willow

All the children gathered in their houses and welcomed all the new members that they now had. They were also delighted to be introduced to their new House Prefect from Year 6.

Head of House - Beech - Mrs Biddle / Year 6 Beech Head - Sophie

Head of House - Oak - Mrs Hogarth / Year 6 Oak Head - Defne

Head of House - Willow - Miss Gilbert / Year 6 Willow Head - Evie

Head of House - Chestnut - Mrs Graves / Year 6 Chestnut Head - Georgina



Time was taken to reflect upon what it meant to be in your house and everyone thought very carefully and decided that there were many things that could help promote a happy and successful year ahead.

Good team-work was ranked very highly and this had many benefits from getting things done quickly and efficiently, to being supportive and kind when people were trying their very best.

It would be important to be encouraging to one another when we have sports day or are involved in representing our school during fixtures.

Sharing good ideas with each other could help people to understand what strengths our house mates have and this could be wonderful when getting a task completed. Listening to each other was thought to be a good skill to remember and also having good manners would reflect really well on your house.

Everyone was reminded of their house motto and mascot and they all enjoyed ending the assembly listening to the song that each house had selected. Everyone was united in believing that they should get to know each other, be supportive of one another and never give up!



Getting Social

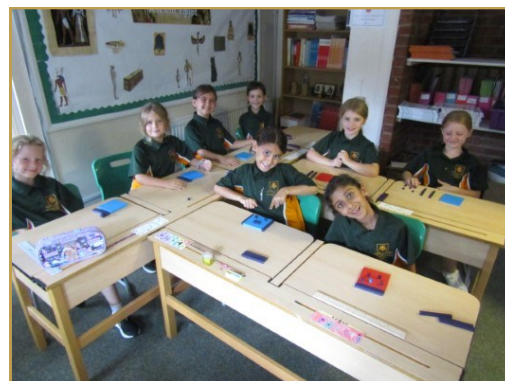
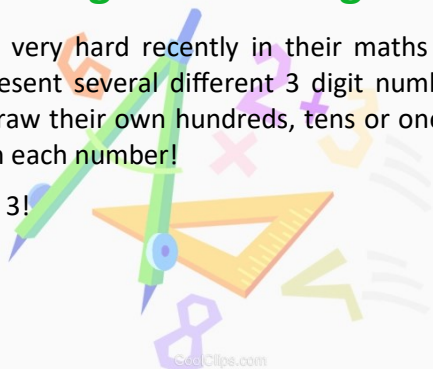
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Year 3 Working Hard During Maths

Year 3 worked very hard recently in their maths lesson! They used Dienes to represent several different 3 digit numbers. The children were able to draw their own hundreds, tens or ones to represent the amounts within each number!

Well done Year 3!



Reception Classes Trip to Willows Farm

The children in Reception enjoyed a lovely day at Willows Farm. They were able to hold and feed some animals, watch a show about cows and how they are milked, created some art with potato print printing and many more fun activities. They all had a great day.



Thank you for your Book Donations!



Whole School Harvest Festival Assembly

We were delighted to come together and enjoy our Harvest Assembly lead by Mrs Newbigging. We all reflected upon what wonderful things were being grown by our farmers and how grateful we were that they worked from dawn to dusk so that we had food to eat.

We were delighted to start with the wonderful rendition of "Harvest Time is Here Again" from Year 1, complete with actions. Then Year 6 came to the stage and thanked God and the farmers for their hard work, especially as many farmers live below the poverty line. Blaise in 6B brought this section of the assembly to a close with a prayer thanking those who work so hard and tirelessly.

Selected readers from Year 2 came to the stage and helped us to reflect that, like the farmers, we reap what we sow: if you are kind and caring you can sow the seeds of friendship; unkind words will not help sow the seed to grow a wonderful relationship with everyone around you.

When Year 3 and 4 came to the stage, they told us what an amazing world this is - and that we all need to work together to improve our planet and make it a healthy environment. They read out to us 10 simple good habits that we could all easily achieve that would help make a difference to this world we live on. These included not letting the tap run with water when we are cleaning our teeth, turn off the lights when we are not in the room, wear a jumper instead of turning up the heating at home and consider using rechargeable batteries instead of single use - this will not only help the planet but your budgets too! It is important that we all work together and start NOW.

We joined together to sing a Harvest Song, and everyone sang beautifully. A group of Year 7 children came to the stage to relate how donating food together at this time of the year to give to charity helps aid our community and allows us to reflect upon our own good fortune.

We ended the assembly with a prayer thanking God for all our good fortune. A big thank you to everyone who kindly contributed towards the harvest donations. The Year 6 Heads of School Council, Emre and Elena, will be assisting with organising to take these donations to the Epping Forest Food Bank.



FoCHS Update

We hope that the children are enjoying being back at school and that everyone has settled back into the new school year. We are very much looking forward to a busy and exciting year of events!

Annual General Meeting

Firstly, we will be arranging a date to hold our annual AGM in October and will confirm via our reps when this has been decided, all parents and carers are invited. Please do come along if you would like to learn more about what we do, share some of your ideas or find out how you can get involved.

Second-Hand Uniform

Our volunteers have been hard at work for the last few weeks sorting through all the donations which were kindly sent in after the summer holidays. Previous flash sales have been successful and although we have not yet planned for any this month, we are happy to help with any items required if you see us in the hut.

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.

If you prefer, 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> *[please make this a live link]*

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> *[please make this a live link]*

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 when these have been assigned.

Easyfundraising

Sign up to easyfundraising and you can donate 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>

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.

Each year group has at least one FoCHS rep and these will be confirmed in the next newsletter but in the meantime, you can email us at FoCHS@coopersalehallschool.co.uk

You can also check out our page on the school website:

<https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/parents-pupils/parents-association/>