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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

We have had an extremely busy month at Coopersale Hall, filled with singing, dancing and festive cheer. The children and staff have all worked so hard on the various Christmas productions and it was a joy to watch them perform, we are so proud of each and every one of them. Thank you for all your help in preparing the children for their roles, I'm sure that you know the songs as well as they do.

It has been lovely to see so many of you at our coffee mornings this term and to hear your thoughts and ideas. I look forward to meeting with the Early Years parents at our January coffee mornings.

I hope that you all enjoy a peaceful and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards



Mrs Doherty

Celebration Assembly

Celebration Assembly held on International Kindness Day – Monday 13 November.

The school gathered for our Celebration Assembly in the hall. Mrs Doherty was very happy to award children with their merit and science certificates and also to celebrate those that had achieved a karate medal.

She was delighted that so many children had been awarded “The Star of the Week” certificate by their classmates for their kindness, cheerfulness and helpfulness to one another. This is very apt as this assembly has fallen on International Kindness Day where kindness to one another is being appreciated.



Year 5 Trip to Queen Elizabeth Hunting Lodge

Year 5 had a wonderful day in Epping Forest on Wednesday 15 November. The children spent the morning in the Queen Elizabeth Hunting Lodge enhancing their learning on The Tudors.

Thankfully the weather was kind and they spent the afternoon orienteering in the autumn sunshine. They may have got a little lost but thank goodness for compasses (Google Maps); everyone enjoyed themselves and it was lovely to be able to explore the forest on our doorstep.

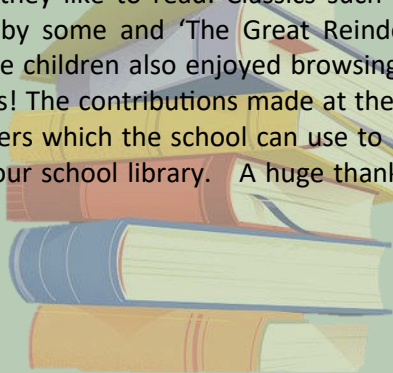
Well done, Year 5.



Science Awards	W/C 6.11.23	W/C 13.11.23	W/C 20.11.23	W/C 27.11.23
Reception G	Joshua	Albie	Harry	Lucas
Reception S	Jovi	Harleigh	Luna	Franklin
Reception GM	Arthur	Leopold	Ethan	Harry
Year 1 V	Jaini	Kenzo	Louis Mi	Robert
Year 1 C	Giorgio	Anne	Siena	Leo
Year 2 H	Jasper	Rufus	Robyn and Olivia	Charlotte
Year 2 N	Shaan	Darcey	Maddox and Jacob	George
Year 3 B	Evelyn & Ava	Robyn	Eloise	Scarlett
Year 3 G	Delila	Reeva	Oliver	Dustie
Year 4 B	Fred	Harmonie	Theo	Not awarded
Year 4 G	Abigail	Arlo	Barnaby	Not awarded
Year 5 H	Luca	Felix	Luke	Not awarded

Book Fair at Coopersale Hall

Our winter time Book Fair brought the Christmas spirit to our fingertips with lots of festive and fun Christmas books as well as classic titles and authors that our children easily recognised! A huge thank you to all of the families who came to our Book Fair! It was lovely to witness the children being so passionate about reading and great to see the variety of books they like to read. Classics such as 'The Jungle Book' by Rudyard Kipling were chosen by some and 'The Great Reindeer Rescue' by Stephen Mangan chosen by others. The children also enjoyed browsing the stationery for funky rubbers and snazzy bookmarks! The contributions made at the Book Fair will provide the school with Scholastic vouchers which the school can use to buy new books for our classroom bookshelves and for our school library. A huge thank you to everyone who came and bought books.



ISA Cross Country at Abbot's Hill School

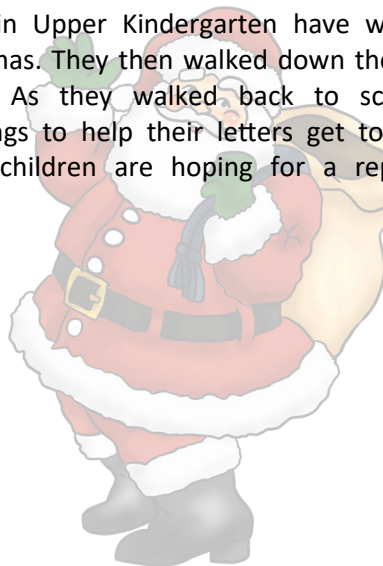
Years 3 to 7 showcased their endurance and determination at the recent ISA Cross Country event held at Abbot's Hill School in Hemel Hempstead. The event saw pupils tackling challenging courses tailored to their age groups. Year 3 and 4 runners covering a distance of 1.5km, Year 5 and 6 runners navigating a 1.75km course, and Year 7 pupils facing a 2.5km challenge.



Letter to Father Christmas



The Children in Upper Kindergarten have wrote a letter to Father Christmas. They then walked down the hill and posted their letters. As they walked back to school they sang Christmas songs to help their letters get to the North Pole quickly. The children are hoping for a reply from Father Christmas.



Year 6 Postboxes

The children in Year 6 have been very busy creating postboxes for their prefect classes. They have worked extremely hard to produce amazing finished designs, which have now been delivered around school and they are ready for your Christmas cards!





Lavinia Year 1

Pupil Spotlight



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Lavinia in 1V is a member of the Epping Gymnastic squad. She recently performed at The London Festival hosted by the British Gymnastics with her gymnastics squad. She is the smallest member of the group and one of the youngest participants at the show. She is very enthusiastic and passionate about how much she enjoys being a part of the team, working hard and being with all the squad whilst making new friends in the community.

What is your squad like?

It is really lovely, there are lots of girls from different schools and we are all different ages. We have a wonderful time together.

How much time do you spend doing your gymnastics?

We train 3 times a week, after school on Monday for 3 hours, Thursday for 2 hours and on Saturday we are at Epping Sports Centre for 5 hours. The time goes so fast. We have three coaches who are all really nice and we always start by doing a warm-up. Then we start learning new moves, and work together to remember our new routines that we will be performing at our competitions.

Do you enjoy the competitions?

They are really lovely. Our coaches tell us what costume we are wearing and I think we always look really nice. In May we went to Kent and our squad won 1st place in a tumbling competition. The London Festival was in October, there were no winners at the London Festival, but it was quite an impressive national gymnastics showcase. We have another competition on the 25 November in Chelmsford. We are doing a showcase at the Epping Sports Centre on the 2 December during the Christmas Market at 12pm and then we are going to Manchester in the February half term for another squad competition called GymFusion. There is always something to look forward to and work towards.

What do you have to learn?

We do a routine on the floor, one on the beam, another on the bar and finally we have to use the vault. My favourite is learning the hard stuff like arching, popping and being thrown by our teammates, making sure we land on our feet! There is so much to enjoy – and I really love it.

What is it that you enjoy the most?

I really like it all. It is especially nice that my family come and support me and that they are so proud of me and the squad. I really want to stay and really want to be good. I was so proud that when the coach first saw me that she said she wanted me to be a member of the squad.

At a recent competition in Chelmsford, Lavinia came first after her performance on the bar, beam and floor. She received a trophy and medal with a score of 47.4. Well done, Lavinia.

We are delighted that Lavinia is enjoying her gymnastics and that the whole squad have achieved such wonderful results. Coopersale Hall School wish you every success.

Wild about Reading at Coopersale Hall

Throughout the school, we value and encourage children to read a variety of genres. We understand that reading builds vocabulary and, through hearing stories, children are exposed to a wide range of words. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding, which is vital as they start to read. It is important for them to understand the structure of stories as this supports them when they write their own.

Reading teaches children about the world around them and helps them to model what happens in various situations. By reading a variety of books, children can learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience and develop the skills to deal with all of the new experiences life brings their way.

Upper Kindergarten enjoyed, *The Three Little Pigs*.

This story has many elements. It has a moral, highlighting the importance of intelligent and practical hard work in life. The first two pigs were reluctant to do the hard work and chose an easy way to build their houses. These houses couldn't protect them in the face of danger. The children in each Kindergarten class enjoyed displaying their class boards with a house from each little pig. There are also many repetitive phrases like "Little pig, little pig let me come in.." and this helps with their cognitive development.



Christmas Activities at Coopersale Hall



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The children have been enjoying lots of different events, leading up to the Christmas holidays. Lower and Upper Kindergarten gave us a lovely performance of their Christmas nativity "Tip-Toe". The audience enjoyed their lovely singing. Reception children did so well in their nativity "A King is Born". Everyone performed so well. Years 1 & 2 were amazing in their performance of "Don't be Afraid" everyone did a great job.

Year 3 had a lovely morning at St. John's Church at the Christmas Tree Festival. They were thrilled to see our tree decorated using artwork created by our children.

The whole school was very lucky to have a visit from Santa and his reindeer who made their annual visit to Coopersale Hall. A big thank you to FOCHS who very kindly organised this for us all.

St. John's Nativity Concert

Thursday 7 December was our Carol Concert in St John's Church, Epping. A service of readings and poems interspersed with musical numbers. It began with the traditional "Once in Royal David's City", with the first verse sung by Ivy Cox, Year 7. Every child in Years 3-7 took part in the performance, with Year 6 taking the lead with the readings. Year 4 were first with their rendition of "Infant Holy". They played descant and treble recorders and were accompanied by Simran (sopranino), Poppy (tenor) and Rauf (bass). Concert Band then took to the stage with a more modern performance of "Bethlehem Blues", with solos from Blaise and Poppy. Year 3 performed "Sweet Chiming Bells", their beautiful voices and bells ringing out through the church.

The Year 5 string group, featuring guitars, ukuleles and violins, then performed the calming lullaby, "Away in a Manger". Next came the orchestra's performance of "Carol of the Drum", the important drum parts provided by Emilia and Dustie. Choir then sang the hauntingly beautiful "Away from Home", describing the thoughts of the Magi as they travelled into the unknown.

Finally, Year 7 took to the stage for an impressive, a capella version of "Personent Hodie", singing confidently, in Latin, their voices soaring through the church. After final prayers from our Head Boy and Girl the whole church sang the uplifting carol "Joy to the World" before Mrs Doherty and Mrs Osborn shared their final thoughts on the meaning of Christmas.





Jack & The Beanstalk Pantomime

The children from Years 2 to 7 were so excited to see the pantomime "Jack and the Beanstalk" held at Chelmsford Theatre on Friday 8 December. They had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the humour and joining in with the songs that the pantomime had to offer...oh yes, they most definitely did!

Thank you to FOCHS for organising this wonderful treat for the children. It was really appreciated by everyone and definitely brought a lot of festive cheer to us all.



Christmas Activities at Coopersale Hall



Special Assembly Held By Year 6

On 29 November, Year 6 held a special assembly to share with the school what they have been learning in their music lessons.

Year 6 have been following our Orchestral Programme, where pupils get the chance to try different instruments and learn how to play together in an ensemble. The pupils have been fantastic, taking responsibility for their instruments and music. In this term's classroom orchestra we had pupils learning violin, guitar, cello, clarinet, saxophone, flute, glockenspiel, cornet, euphonium, trombone and bass recorder. They have experienced all aspects of musicianship, such as good practice techniques and how to care for an instrument. Learning an instrument develops resilience, builds confidence, enhances memory and abstract reasoning skills. It increases discipline, teamwork and time management skills as well as making you more creative and happy. Here are the thoughts of our Year 6 prefects:

Rauf in 6B - Head of Music

I am very proud because of the effort that everyone has made. It is my dream to inspire the world with music and be the next Beethoven. Today I played the bass recorder. I also enjoy playing the piano, trombone and the cornet. I would like to thank Mrs Jones for this incredible experience and being Head of Music, is really helping me to begin my wonderful music journey.

Aimee in 6B – Music Monitor

This year I am the Music Monitor and I have to say that it is a great experience. I really encourage everyone to try doing something artistic like singing, dancing, drama or playing an instrument. At the moment I am playing the cello and I am very passionate about this instrument. I am really proud of all the Year 6's and would like to thank Mrs Jones for her wonderful music teaching which has given me a lot of pleasure and is making me feel very proud of my role within the school.

The Year 6s certainly brought joy to their audience as they played through a number of pieces. They featured small groups playing pieces like "Merrily" and "Oh When the Saints". There were surprises in store during "Tap Dancer", which features musicians making the sound of tap shoes, and "Tiptoe, Boo!" which has a loud surprise "Boo!" at the end. The pupils finished their concert by playing "Jingle Bells" altogether. It was a great assembly. Well done, Year 6.



Christmas Raffle Winners

The whole school was pleased to come together for our Celebration Assembly on Monday 4 December. Mrs Doherty enlisted the help of some children in the hall to draw the winning tickets for our wonderful raffle prizes provided by FOCHS.

We are pleased that Frey in 3B and Leopold in RM are able to enjoy their Christmas lunch with their families next week, enjoying the food and pulling a cracker together!

The following children won 2 front row VIP tickets for their family to be able to watch them in their Christmas performances - Arthur in 2H, Emma in 1C, Harleigh in RH, Asher in UKH, Isabel in UKH, Ralph in RH and Luke in 3G.

Finally, the Christmas Basket raffle winners were drawn. Maddox in RM, Olivia in 4G, Harper in RG, Eloise in 3B and Joshua in RG were excited to see what wonderful and varied things that were in their baskets. Eloise in 3B was thrilled to wear her Christmas socks in bed that night!

We would like to thank FOCHS for their wonderful raffle prizes and helping to create a magical Christmas atmosphere around Coopersale Hall School.

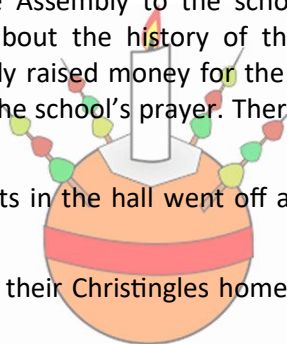


Year 4 Christingle Assembly

Last week Year 4 presented a Christingle Assembly to the school. They started with a joyous song: 'Sing Christingle,' before sharing information about the history of the Christingle. Did you know that the first Christingle service was in 1968? It originally raised money for the Children's Society Charity. The Christingles were carefully lit before the children said the school's prayer. There was a moment of reflection as the candles burned brightly.

"I think it was really special when the lights in the hall went off and the candles were burning brightly," said Margaux.

The children are looking forward to taking their Christingles home to show their families (and maybe eating a sweetie or two).



Thank you for your Book Donations



The Oak-Tree Maths Challenge

This year some pupils from KS2 went to Braeside to represent the school in the Oak-Tree to Maths Challenge.

We were all called up in turn, year by year, to take the mental maths test. When the Year 6 children were called I was a little nervous because of how long I had to wait. We all had thirty seconds to answer each question before the next one was called out. The questions weren't hard at all and we finished in a short amount of time. After we were finished we were told to sit down at our tables and wait until the results were added up. We were a little confused as we were expecting word problems after the mental maths, the same as last year, but they never happened. We were all waiting for the results for quite a while and when they were eventually announced we were all very excited.

Coopersale Hall 1st

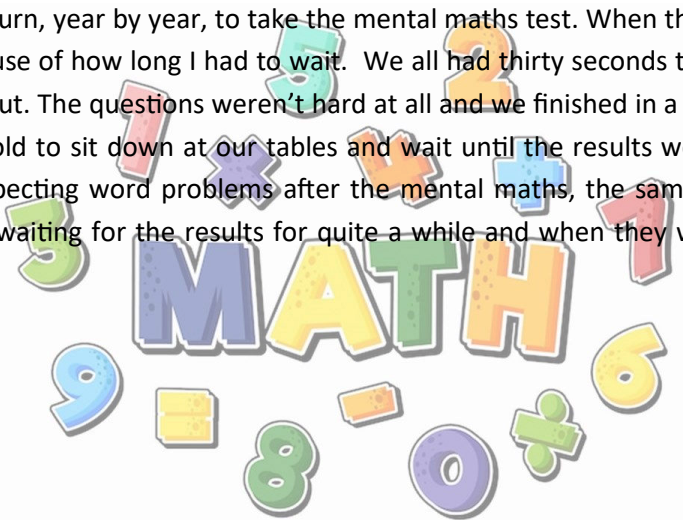
Oaklands 2nd

Normanhurst 3rd

Braeside 4th

We were all very happy to have won and enjoyed our celebrations on the way back to school.

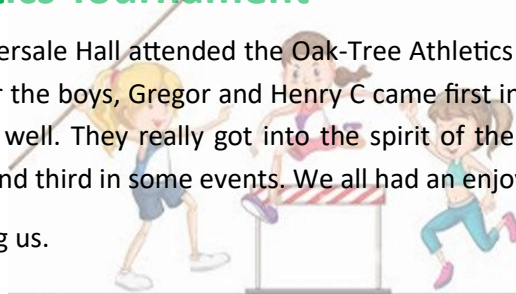
Donald Year 6



The Oak-Tree Athletics Tournament

On Tuesday 28 November, Coopersale Hall attended the Oak-Tree Athletics Tournament at the Peter May Centre. We competed in two groups. For the boys, Gregor and Henry C came first in a running event and Tommy won the javelin. The girls also competed well. They really got into the spirit of the event and, although, they didn't win anything they did place second and third in some events. We all had an enjoyable and very active afternoon.

Thank you, Mr Barham, for taking us.



Getting Social

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FoCHS Update

Christmas Events

We have been so pleased to see the children enjoying the various Christmas events over the last few weeks.

Firstly, our FoCHS committee and volunteers sourced their favourite Christmas jumpers and festive hats to man the pop-up Christmas Gift Shop. The children came to visit throughout the day and very much enjoyed choosing gifts for their family and friends. We hope everyone likes their presents!

Father Christmas and some of his reindeer also braved the cold and rain to make the trip to visit the children at school. He was very jolly, and all the children enjoyed visiting his grotto, listening to his stories and they also learnt how to care for the reindeer!

Years 2-7 have had a fun filled trip to see 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at Chelmsford Theatre and we believe a good time was had by all! Kindergarten to Year 1 were also treated to a performance of 'The Great Xmas Cake Off' at Harlow Playhouse with both teachers and the children having fun.

Lastly, we would like to congratulate all the winners of our 3 festive raffles, we hope you enjoyed your prizes!



Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and carers for their continued support.

Thank you also to Mrs Doherty and all the teaching and support staff for the many ways that they have assisted us this term and especially to the office staff and boys in blue for all they do behind the scenes.

We appreciate any feedback about our events, good or bad, so please do get in touch if you have any comments. Please see the 'Get in Touch' section on the following page as we are always keen to hear new ideas or ways in which we can improve.

We would like to wish everyone an enjoyable Christmas and hope for a Happy New Year in 2024.

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>

Yr 3- Rachel Concadoro

Yr 4- Nicola Wiley & Victoria Moyses

Yr 5- Rachel Concadoro

Yr 6- Sarah Cook & Jagdeep Chahil

Yr 7- Gemma White & Angela Szucs

You can also email us at FoCHS@coopersalehallschool.co.uk or speak to any members of the committee:

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 the easiest way to get in touch is to message your year rep on WhatsApp:

LK- Billi M

UK- Eleanor Fawcett, Rachel Concadoro & Sarah Ede

Reception- Susan Tetherton

Yr 1- Stacey Cummins

Yr 2- Emma Plant

Yr 3- Rachel Concadoro

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