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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

We have had a very busy start to our spring term at Coopersale Hall, as you will see from this month's newsletter.

We have now finished our coffee mornings and it has been lovely to chat to so many of you. Mrs Osborn and I enjoyed hearing so many positive comments about the staff and the school and it was very useful to hear your feedback and suggestions.

This term we will be holding parent workshops for maths, Read, Write Inc and Atom which I hope you will find useful and informative. We will also be starting our class assemblies which are always a fantastic experience for the children and an opportunity for you to see what your children have been learning in school.

Kind regards

Mrs Doherty

Celebration Assembly

Mrs Doherty was very impressed by how well the children entered the hall for our first Celebration Assembly of 2024. She was delighted that already there were so many wonderful achievements that the children shared with one another. These included, Poppy in 6B sharing her level 7 swimming certificate, Olivia in 2H, showing everyone her gymnastics medal. Harmonie in 4B and Martin in 3G were very happy to have achieved their pen licence awards.

Jackson and Ruby in 7R were pleased to gain their achievement certificates and shared with the school how much they enjoy learning in the science and ICT labs. Defne in 6Z and Atilla in 7R also received certificates for their continued hard work and diligence to their studies. Children from all year groups were thrilled to gain their merit and science certificates and were loudly applauded by the school.

Miss Gilbert also spoke to the children about the Readathon which has commenced today and will run until Thursday 1 February. Everyone listened to how they could ask their families or friends to sponsor them to read. The charity monies raised will go towards supplying a local hospital with books for children who are in hospital.



Reception Make Bird Feeders

Reception had a busy first week back after Christmas. They made bird feeders on Friday afternoon using pipe cleaners and Cheerios.

The children enjoyed making them and once finished, placed them on the branches of the tress outside the classroom. The children are looking forward to seeing if any of the birds have eaten them over the weekend.



Year 4's Picasso Work

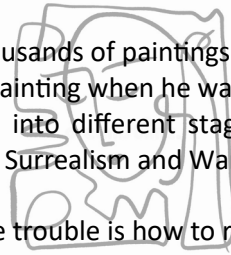
Year 4 have been recreating some of Pablo Picasso's classic work, including Portrait of Woman with a Hat using oil pastels. They have enjoyed finding out about this fascinating artist. Margaux C would like to share her research:

- Picasso produced thousands of paintings and sculptures during his lifetime.
- He painted his first painting when he was nine years old - a bullfighter.
- His works were split into different stages including; The Blue Period; The Rose Period; Cubism; Surrealism and Wartime.

"Every child is an artist. The trouble is how to remain an artist once he grows up".

Pablo Picasso

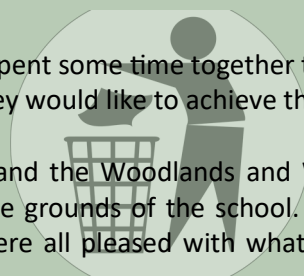
Not all the children enjoyed using the pastels, they found them very messy! However, they were all thrilled with the results. I think you will agree they have done a fantastic job!



Eco-Council Litter Picking

The Eco-Council have had a meeting and spent some time together thinking of different ways that they can improve the environment and considering what they would like to achieve this year.

On Monday 22 January the Eco-Council and the Woodlands and Wellies Club united together to do some litter picking on the playground and around the grounds of the school. Everyone worked together as a team, clearing away the litter that they found. They were all pleased with what they had achieved and felt that this was very worthwhile.



Pupil Spotlight - Abigail 4G

Mr Barham was pleased to be shown the medals that Abigail in 4G achieved whilst she was skiing. Abigail told us that the Crystal medal was won because she had been skiing the blue runs. The lessons that she took also involved learning to skid and jump.

When and where did you receive the Crystal medal?

We recently went skiing to La Clusaz in the French Alps. We return to this place as we are lucky to have many friends here and we really enjoy the skiing lessons that we have.

How long have you been skiing?

I have been skiing from the age of 2. I think that I will be doing this all my life, it is a great skill to have. We go skiing as often as we can as a family and it is a nice thing to do.

Do you do any other sports whilst away?

I enjoy going ice skating. I am also going sledging this weekend with my family and then when we are away I think we can do this as well. It is a lovely way to improve all my skills.



Chartwell's 5 Senses Workshop for Upper Kindergarten

We use our senses in everything we do, but how often do we think about them? The children in Upper Kindergarten took part in the Sense Workshop, held by "Beyond the Kitchen" who joined Vikki and her team.

The children had to try to guess what a food was just by hearing how it sounded when people eat it or identify a flavour only through smell. Have you ever tricked your brain and taste buds into thinking a food is completely different, because the colour has changed?

The pupils had a wonderful time discovering how their senses work - well done, Upper Kindergarten. This was also a great way for the kitchen to engage with the children and bring some fun with food.



Girl's Football Match - Coopersale Hall v Braeside

On Wednesday 24 January, Coopersale Hall's Year 5, 6 and 7 girls played football against Braeside. Two teams played simultaneously, giving it their best.

The Blue Team played well. Darcey started in goal. Defenders were Defne, Imogen, Elena and Evie whilst Blaise, Poppy and Sophie played midfield. Florence did a great job of being striker. In the first half, Florence scored one goal. Sophie and Blaise both scored in the second half. At the final whistle, the final score was 3-1 to Coopersale Hall.

The Orange Team played a tough game. The first half didn't go exactly as planned. Braeside scored 5 goals and Coopersale Hall were still to score. Although Aimee (who was goalkeeper in the first half) was a little crestfallen, she didn't let it get the better of her and saved many more goals after that. In the second half, Coopersale Hall really got into their stride. Emilia saved quite a few shots on goal. Georgina, Simran, Abigail, Maria and Eva ran up and down the pitch for the whole match. In the final moments, Skye scored an amazing goal, making the team feel a lot more positive.



Well done to Braeside's teams for playing competitive and fair games. Overall, we all really enjoyed the matches and played our best. Thank you to the staff who helped and to the parents who came to support us.

Florence, Head of Girls' Sport
Blaise, Girls' Sport Captain
Simran, Head Girl

Year 6 Netball Match - Coopersale Hall v Braeside

On 25 January, Year 6 girls played netball against Braeside. Our team consisted of Florence, Simran, Poppy, Sophie, Blaise, Elena, Evie, Aimee and Skye. The first quarter didn't really go as planned and the score was 4-1 to Braeside but a good goal was scored by Poppy. Second quarter we played much better with good passing. Poppy and Sophie each scored impressive goals.

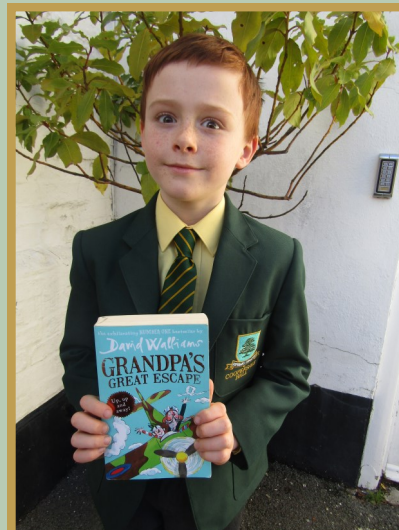
We played well in the next two quarters, scoring another three goals and had lots of fun. Braeside also scored a couple more goals. We might not have won but we had a great time and we are looking forward to a rematch soon!

Thank you to Miss Crick and Mrs Russell for training us and taking us to the competition and to the parents who came to support us. We all really enjoyed it.

Florence 6Z and Blaise 6B

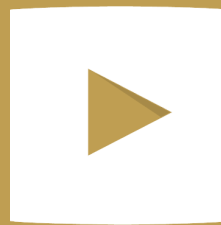


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FoCHS Update

Happy New Year!! We hope the children have all settled back into school after the Christmas holidays and are ready to take on 2024!

Events

We have been busy planning events for all the year groups and can't wait for the children to enjoy time in school outside of their usual day.

LK, UK, Reception and Yr 1 will soon be dressing up in their party clothes and dancing at their Cupid's Cuties mini disco on Tuesday 6 February from 3.15pm to 4.30pm with a DJ and photo booth. This is the first event of its kind for the younger years, so we hope they all have fun and look forward to hearing any feedback from the children, teachers and parents.

Plans are also in place for a disco for Yrs 2,3, and 4 and a movie night for Yrs 5,6 and 7 with more information being provided in due course.

As always, we appreciate all your support this term. All money received by FoCHS goes back into activities, events and items for the children that will enrich their daily school life and aims to work alongside their learning.

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 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

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:

Susan Tetherton (Chair)
Victoria Moyses (Treasurer)
Sarah Cook (Secretary)
Louisa Richards
Stacey Cummins
Jagdeep Chahil
Rachel Concadoro
Nazanin Farhadi
Frosini Konstanciak
Kathryn Kumar

Honorary members include:

Howard Cohen
Chris Smith
Adam Konstanciak

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

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