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# Coopersale Hall School

**Newsletter**

# Head's Message

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Last week, I had the pleasure of meeting many parents at our ‘Welcome Meetings’. Sometimes, when children start a new year at school or transition from one key stage to another, it can be quite poignant for parents. Childhood lasts for such a short period of time and is so precious that I wasn’t surprised that some parents expressed a desire that their children would remain forever young.

Watching your child make the journey into adulthood can be bittersweet, but it’s also a time

to celebrate the many milestones your children will achieve. Each step they take, whether it’s mastering a new skill, gaining confidence, or forming lifelong friendships, helps them to grow as individuals. At Coopersale Hall School, we are committed to nurturing their development and ensuring that every child feels supported and understood as they navigate these transitions. We understand that these moments are just as significant for you as parents. With our open door policy, our coffee mornings, drop in days, and the many other events that bring us together as a school community, we hope that your child’s school days are a special time that we can share together.

*‘Selfhood begins with a walking away,  
And love is proved in the letting go’ – ‘Walking Away by C Day Lewis*

With best wishes



Mr. Paul Wilson

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## UK Wildwoods Learning

Recently, the children in Upper Kindergarten joined together for their 'Wildwoods learning'. They had to find pictures of natural shapes outside in the grounds and identify each shape that they found. The children played a game with a shape dice and had to run quickly to the adult holding the corresponding shape picture. Everyone had a lovely time.



## Shape Finding in UK

The children in Upper Kindergarten have been finding shapes around the school grounds and sorting them correctly. They also played a game using a shape dice and then made the shape using their hands. It was lovely to see all the children participate with enthusiasm.



## Reception Gowland First Weeks of the Autumn Term

The children in Reception Gowland have settled very well into school life at Coopersale Hall School, enjoying lots of activities in the classroom and outdoors.

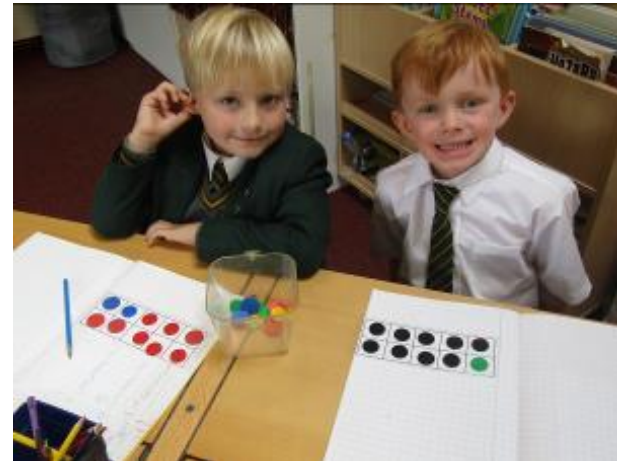
Their activities have included Read Write Inc phonics, Maths- Number Songs, Art activities & free drawing, child initiated play and looking at books in the reading area.





## Maths in 1V

In their maths lesson, the children explored number bonds to 10. They enjoyed using counters to represent the numbers that Mrs. Vora called out, which helped them visually understand the concepts. It is wonderful to see how this hands-on approach helps the children grasp the numbers more effectively.



## Honing Ball Skills - Year 2H

Mr. Barham continues to teach the children various skills across multiple sports, providing opportunities for them to work together and communicate effectively.

During his session with Year 2 Hogarth, the children focused on the body parts that enhance accuracy and control of the ball. Working in pairs, they observed how to throw the ball into the air, with one partner approaching to stop it using the side of their foot. They then progressed to using their thighs to absorb the force of the ball and maintain control.

The children displayed remarkable determination as they honed these skills. Everyone was engaged, and Mr. Barham was pleased to see how well the children communicated and encouraged one another. He awarded many of them well-deserved house points for their efforts.



## Science in 1V

It is wonderful to see the diverse ways in which the children are introduced to new topics. In Science, Mrs. Carter launched the "Who Am I?" unit, where the children learned about the five senses: eyes for seeing, ears for hearing, hands for touching, tongue for tasting, and nose for smelling.

The class began by exploring the sense of sight. They identified and named the various parts of the eye and discussed their functions. The children observed how the pupil changes size—dilating in low light to allow more light in and constricting in bright light. To see this in action, the children held mirrors and closed their eyes tightly. When they opened their eyes, they observed their pupils changing size in the mirrors. They also examined their eyelashes, eyebrows, and iris colour.





## Year 3 Oak-Tree Camp

Year 3 children from all four Oak-Tree schools had a fantastic couple of days at camp. Children took part in a number of tasks from arts and crafts, archery and team building activities.

The evening was especially fun, playing games and toasting marshmallows on the fire. The children enjoyed meeting pupils from the other Oak-Tree schools and making new friends. Great fun was had by all and many made lasting and happy memories of an exciting two day camp adventure. Thank you to all the staff who supported this event.



## Year 5 Trip to Harlow Outdoor Pursuits Centre

Year 5 enjoyed their trip to Harlow Outdoor Pursuits on Monday, 16 September. The children were very respectful towards the instructors during the Health and Safety briefing, and then they were divided into their respective classes. Each class participated in a session that included kayaking and climbing wall activities.





## Years 7 & 8 Trip to Lee Valley White Water Centre

Years 7 and Year 8 pupils journeyed to Lee Valley White Water Centre to take part in kayaking and the inflatable water assault course.

They arrived very early, but this turned out to be rather fortuitous. As the seniors waited for their session, the elite athletes, who train at the centre, were coming off the lake. Adam Burgess, the Paris Silver Olympic medallist in the C1 Canoe Slalom came over to talk to the us. He spoke about narrowly missing out on a medal in Tokyo by 0.16 of a second and how that drove him to work so hard for the next three years. He spoke about his gruelling training regime and the number of days he spends travelling to competitions.

We wish him well as he works toward Los Angeles 2028. Year 7 & 8 changed into their wetsuits and shoes, got their safety jackets and helmets on and headed out onto the lake. After their session everyone's arms were aching so pupils had a rest before heading onto the inflatable assault course.

Pupils challenged Mr Barham to a race and one or two of them may have toppled him into the water! Everyone had a great time.





## Summer Fest 2024

Coopersale Hall was delighted to host its Summer Fest on the lawn on Friday 6 September. Mr Wilson welcomed all our families and wished everyone a lovely afternoon with their loved ones. He also took a moment to thank Mrs. Tetherton and her FOCSH team for their hard work in organising such a lovely event.

The festivities began with Mrs. Jones leading the children in song, while their parents watched with pride and enjoyment. The children spent the afternoon participating in various activities and were thrilled to collect their winning tokens, which they could redeem for gifts of their choice. It was heart warming to see families spending quality time together and enjoying the beautiful summer afternoon on the lawn. Overall, the Summer Fest was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



## Book Donations

Thank you to Chanel in 8L for generously donating her much-loved books to our school. We are confident that this wonderful variety will appeal to many students.



## Welcome Back to School Assembly

Mr. Wilson was delighted to welcome everyone to a new academic year at Coopersale Hall School. Like many of the children, he was also beginning a new chapter in his life.

The children were thrilled to learn that one of his favourite books was “Paddington.” As he showed them his pop-up version, he explained that the character in this story demonstrated great courage and determination by migrating from Peru and embracing a new life.

Everyone in the hall was also starting a new chapter in their own stories, and they had the opportunity to create the type of character they would like to be. When Mr. Wilson asked the children about the books they had read that inspired them, they shared how “Matilda” portrayed a character of great courage, determination, and inspiration. They also discussed how “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” featured a character whose kindness and respect proved to Mr. Wonka that he was the perfect person to inherit the chocolate factory.



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

## Summer Fest

We hope you all enjoyed the belated summer fest this year! It was a huge success and we managed to raise just over £4000 which we are already making plans for. Watch out for some exciting events coming up.

Thank you to the committee and all the volunteers who helped to organise and run the day; so many hours go into the event beforehand and on the day itself.

## 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>

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 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.

You can email us at [FoCHS@coopersalehallschool.co.uk](mailto:FoCHS@coopersalehallschool.co.uk), drop a note in the FoCHS letterbox near the school office or speak to any members of the committee:

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Rachel Concadoro (Treasurer)  
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Louisa Richards  
Kathryn Kumar  
Pauline Monksfield  
Jessica Hayes  
Natalie Gould  
Rebecca Murphy  
Cheryl James  
Peta Todd

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.

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

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





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