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Coopersale Hall School

Newsletter

Head's Message



As we bring the summer term to a close, what shines through most clearly is the remarkable growth we've seen across the school — not just in academic achievements, but in the children's character, curiosity, and confidence. Whether exploring nature through pond dipping and forest adventures, expressing creativity in art and music, or finding their voices on stage and in the classroom, our pupils have embraced every opportunity to stretch themselves and support one another. This term has been a celebration of exploration in all its forms — from navigating Epping Forest to navigating personal challenges — and it has been inspiring to see our young people grow in resilience, joy and self-belief.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Wilson'.

Mr. Paul Wilson

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Pond Dipping in Upper Kindergarten

The children had an impromptu Science lesson and took part in a pond dipping exercise. They used nets, scooping a figure of eight shape in the water, to see what they could catch. The children found some tadpoles, snails, water boatmen and water lice. A lovely afternoon in the sunshine!



Reception Visit Hylands Park

Reception had a wonderful time visiting Hylands Park recently. The children enjoyed forest school activities in the woods; making tree bark necklaces, exploring the tepees, hammocks and playing in the large mud kitchen, among many more forest activities. The children loved toasting marshmallows on the fire pit and walking through the beautiful park fields in the sunshine. They also had a fun time playing on the large adventure playground.



The Big Toddle - A Huge Thank You



The Early Years at Coopersale Hall School recently took part in a fantastic charity event, The Big Toddle.

The children enjoyed a fun-filled, safari-themed sponsored walk of half a mile around the school's athletics field. Along the way, they took part in a variety of engaging activities designed to get them moving and embracing the safari spirit!

This event was held in support of Barnardo's. A big thank you to parents for preparing them for the weather, with sun cream, animal outfits and water bottles ready for the outdoor fun! We are thrilled to share that so far we have raised an amazing £899 in support of Barnardo's! Thank you to everyone who has contributed so generously.

If you haven't yet had the chance and would still like to donate, our JustGiving page is still open: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/coopersale-hall-school-2> Every contribution, no matter how small, helps make a difference. Thank you once again for your kindness and support!



Years 1 & 2 Art Club

Mrs Stanley was delighted to share the sunflower artwork created by the children in the younger years Art Club.

These beautiful chalk drawings are now proudly on display for everyone to enjoy.



Punch & Judy Show

Year 1 were visited by London Punch and Judy show with Professor James on Friday afternoon. It was wonderful that the children had a taste of traditional British culture in line with our Topic; The Seaside.

Afterwards, the children sat outside in the sun and enjoyed an ice pop! A real seaside experience.



Year 2 Trip to Colchester Zoo

Year 2 visited Colchester Zoo as part of their Geography topic on Africa. During the trip, they explored the unique characteristics of African animals and compared the different habitats they live in. The children also gained a deeper understanding of Africa's diverse landscapes and learned how the continent's environment shapes the lives of its wildlife.



Year 2 Assembly - The Great Fire of London

Year 2 transported us back in time to the Great Fire of London with everyone putting on a fantastic performance telling the story.

Year 2 received a thunderous round of applause. Mr. Wilson was especially impressed by how confidently the children delivered their lines and sang with such energy and enthusiasm. Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. Hogarth were incredibly proud of all the children for creating such a remarkable and informative assembly.



Year 5 Clay Workshop

Year 5 have been enjoying a clay workshop at the Potty Painting Studio in High Ongar, exploring a range of techniques to create a wonderful selection of coil pots and decorative tiles. The workshop buzzed with activity as the children brought their creative ideas to life through their clay work.

Once their pieces had been dried and fired, the children returned to the workshop and carefully painted their creations. They took great care to ensure that their terracotta items were thoroughly covered with glazing paint, ready for the second firing.



Summer Concert Series

Our Summer Concert Series has been in full swing once a week this term. Each week pupils from the Juniors and Seniors showcase their musical skills.

Our third concert took place on 22 May, and what a journey that was! Family and friends were taken on a musical trip around the world, with performances inspired by Japan, Egypt, France and America.



Year 3 Trip to Epping Forest Field Centre

Year 3 visited Epping Forest Field Centre. The children learnt how to follow directions using a compass. They became experts at setting the degree on the compass and then aligning the red arrow to gather the right direction, using their new skill to follow instructions through the forest on a scavenger hunt.

Sadly, the rain meant everyone got soaked but the children persevered and some thoroughly enjoyed the torrential rain!

For the remainder of their trip, the children had a look at some taxidermy such as a local owl and squirrel, they had a go at feeling inside mystery boxes where they discovered feathers, wild mushrooms, bark, antlers and skeletons. This was most enjoyable for them but a highlight of the day was visiting the site's axolotl, the children were fascinated to learn that it was a paedomorphic salamander!

Ultimately, Year 3's trip was a success and filled with lots of rain, laughter and adventure.



Oak-Tree Tennis Tournament



Coopersale Hall pupils travelled to Chingford School of Tennis for the annual Oak-Tree Tennis Tournament. It was a lovely sunny day and the children were filled with excitement, ready for a competitive, but fun, morning of tennis.

Each pupil had 3 singles matches and 3 doubles matches to play, in order to score valuable points for their school.

Well done to the Coopersale Hall team for giving it their all and making the school proud.

Wizard of Oz

Our incredible Junior pupils took to the stage for a magical production of The Wizard of Oz!

The cast brought this classic tale to life with confidence, creativity, and unforgettable performances.

A standing ovation to everyone involved, pupils and staff, for making the yellow brick road such a joy to follow!



Key Stage Assemblies – Show Courage

The focus of our Key Stage assemblies today was on showing courage and recognising how much bravery it can take to achieve our goals.

In the Key Stage 1 assembly, pupils watched a video that highlighted how difficult it can sometimes be to overcome our fears. It showed how much courage it takes to try, persevere, and complete the tasks we set for ourselves. They discussed how being brave doesn't mean not feeling anxious, but accepting those feelings and still trying our best — and valuing the effort we put in.

In Key Stage 2, pupils watched a video from the charity *Action for Stammering Children*, which helped us understand that around 8% of children stammer.

Maria, a Year 6 pupil, wrote a heartfelt and personal piece that Mrs Bull was proud to share with everyone:

“Hello, my name is Maria and I have a stammer. A stammer means I sometimes have trouble saying words out loud. Stammering isn't something I can control.

I started stammering when I was 4 or 5 years old. It has been challenging, but I have managed to get through every moment.

When I stammer, sometimes people interrupt me or finish my sentences. I would prefer if people gave me time to speak and let me finish my own sentences.”

Mrs Bull was pleased by the thoughtful and respectful questions that followed. Everyone came to understand that stammering is a part of some people's lives — and that it's something to be met with kindness and respect.

Maria was happy to share her experiences and said that, because stammering is such a part of who she is, she sees it as her unique superpower.



Reading Buddies

The pupils thoroughly enjoy their time during Reading Buddies. Whether acting as the reader or the listener, they help create a positive and happy atmosphere within the school. This initiative allows pupils to connect with others from different year groups and provides a valuable opportunity for communication and social interaction. It is a delightful way to start their day.



Junior & Senior First Aid Training

This was a fantastic opportunity for students to learn essential life skills and build the confidence to act in emergency situations.

Edward in Year 5 has written his thoughts on this training:

Recently, Year 5 had the opportunity to learn basic first aid. A helpful way to remember the steps is DR ABC, which stands for Danger, Response, Airway, Breathing, and CPR.

To help us understand CPR, Danny demonstrated the technique using training dummies. He taught us how the amount of pressure needed changes depending on a person's size. We also had the chance to use training defibrillators on the dummies, giving us a realistic and hands-on experience.

After just one hour, we came away with practical and valuable first aid knowledge that we can build on in the future.



Sports Day 2025

We had a wonderfully sunny Sports Day at Coopersale Hall School.

The children were all very excited to take part in a variety of races including balancing the beanbag on your head and the pancake race.

In the afternoon the Juniors and Seniors took part in field events as well as track, with High Jump, Javelin, Discuss and Shot Put also set up on the school field.

Thank you to FOCHS for their support throughout the event and to all of our brilliant pupils for showing exceptional sportsmanship through the day.

A huge well done to Oak house who victoriously raised the House Cup this year.



Summer Fest

We are all looking forward to the Summer Fest on Friday 4 July. The planning and prepping is taking place at the moment. If anyone would like to volunteer and help on the day we would really appreciate the help so please get in touch. We have lots of exciting stalls this year so be sure to have a walk around and support local businesses. The Summer Fest is always a huge success and the children look forward to it - let's hope the good weather sticks around.

Non Uniform Day

This Friday 20 June, we have our non uniform day in exchange for a tombola donation. The tombola stall last year was a huge success so we look forward to receiving your kind donations, think bottles of wine, beauty products etc.

Year 6 Graduation

Our year 6 students are very much looking forward to their graduation trip to Southend. This is an event which we contribute to so that the children can end their junior years having fun together as a group. We will also be providing each year 6 student with a graduation hoodie as a memento of their junior years at Coopersale Hall, whether they move on to new schools or continue their journey with us here.

Easy fundraising

Please help to raise funds for FOCHS by using easy fundraising - this is an easy way to get donations without an extra cost to yourself. Many brands and retailers have joined forces with easy fundraising to allow part of what you spend to be donated to FOCHS. Please use the link below...happy shopping.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

FOCHS Volunteers

We are always on the look out for new members to join the team, whether that be the committee or our volunteers team who help on an ad hoc basis. If you're interested or want to know more then please reach out to your class rep for more information. This invitation to join is across the whole school as we would love some parents from the senior side of school to help us create events that cater to the older year groups. We had some parents join the committee after attending the termly meeting so we welcome them to the team.

Second-Hand Uniform

We will be selling second hand uniform at sports day as well as at the Summer Fest. If you need uniform outside of those dates please see below on how to order. 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 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 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>

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.

Get in touch

You can drop a note in the FoCHS letterbox near the school office or speak to any members of the committee:

Rachel Concadoro (Co-Chairman & Treasurer)
 Louisa Richards (Co-Chairman)
 Stacey Cummins (Secretary)
 Kathryn Kumar
 Susan Tetherton
 Pauline Monksfield
 Jessica Hayes
 Rebecca Murphy
 Jenna Mitchell
 Abbey Morgan
 Sarah Adjei

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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