

Coopersale Hall School

NEWSLETTER



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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

We have enjoyed a lovely start to the Summer term. Year 5 & 6 had a wonderful time on their residentials and across the school we have experienced a range of exciting trips, sporting events and activities.

Everyone had a fantastic time at Sports Day and Years 4 - 7 put on a brilliant end of year production, Mystery at Magpie Manor.

I hope you enjoy ready about all our events this term.

Kind regards

Mrs Doherty

Year 6 PGL Liddington

Year 6 children from Coopersale Hall School spent an adventure-filled time at PGL Liddington. Each day the children were up early and, after a delicious breakfast, they were off to spend the day outside, involved in all sorts of activities. Although there was a little rain, the weather was generally fine and did not dampen the children's spirits.

Throughout the week, children had the opportunity to challenge themselves and to try a range of different activities. They swung from crazy heights, climbed vertical walls and leapt across a substantial gap when swinging on the trapeze. For some, their proudest moments were being able to spend an extended period of time away from home and having great fun while doing it.

Each day, the children's PGL group leader supervised additional games and in the evenings helped supervise while they played life-size Cluedo, danced at the disco and took part in a group quiz. It was a truly fun-packed week. This will be a time that the children will remember, long after moving on to secondary school.



Year 3 Patchwork Teddy Bears

During recent art lessons, Year 3 enjoyed making patchwork teddy bears. For most of the children, this was their first attempt at sewing. They were taught the method of over-stitching and coordinated their embroidery thread and fabric colours.

Well done, Year 3! It was wonderful to see how much care everyone took with their bears and to admire their creativity.



Year 5 Danbury Residential

Here are the thoughts that the children expressed regarding their residential trip to Essex Outdoors, Danbury from the 15 to 17 of May.

Maria: Our fun activities, despite the cold weather, included aerial trekking, zip lining, problem-solving (not maths!), orienteering, an obstacle course, bushcraft, and rock climbing. Personally, I enjoyed rock climbing and aerial trekking the most. The beds were very comfy in my opinion, and the best part was that we were allowed to have snacks, which everyone remembered to eat! Anyone going is very lucky to experience all the fun with their classmates.

Henry C: On Wednesday last week, our Year 5 class went to Danbury for two nights and three days. When we arrived, we went straight to our rooms to set up our clothes and beds. Then we had about an hour to relax and play before starting our first activity, zip lining, which was super fun. On the last day, we did bushcraft. It was hilarious because we couldn't light the fire. Overall, it was a great trip and unforgettable.

Ayla: Last week, all of Year 5 went on a residential trip to Danbury. It was an amazing experience. The zip lining was our first activity, and it was really fun. The residential was unforgettable. The activities were very challenging, and going to Danbury was a real highlight of the year.

Mrs. Howard was very proud of the resilience and courage that the children displayed and how polite they were to everyone at the Danbury facility.



Fantasy Day in Upper Kindergarten Classes

The children of Upper Kindergarten have been enjoying exploring their topic of fantasy and have come to school dressed as characters they find inspiring. It was wonderful to see the characters they had chosen.

The children enjoyed different activities of decorating biscuits, dress up a fairy art activity and treasure hunt around the schools ground with a chest of treasure treats at the end. Each class also enjoyed seeing the children express their imagination through their artwork.



ISA Tennis Competition

Five of our Coopersale Hall pupils took part in the U11 ISA Tennis tournament at Woodford Wells on 10 May. The children all did really well on a very hot summers day. They played two separate tournaments where they competed for their respective schools and the other as individuals.

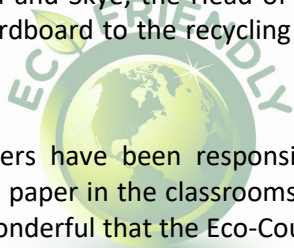
Oliver Benson (Year 5) came in at third place for the individual French Open Competition. Well done Oliver!



Eco-Council Think About Our Environment

Over the past term, classes throughout the school have been busy recycling. Miss Gowland and Skye, the Head of the Eco-Council, took the waste paper and cardboard to the recycling bins to complete this task.

Our Eco-Council members have been responsible for our recycling bags and collected used paper in the classrooms, which was placed in the recycling bin. It is wonderful that the Eco-Council takes the time to respect our environment.



Neon Disco

Everyone in Years 5, 6, and 7 had an amazing time at the school disco glowing with neon! The children really enjoyed all the entertainment and games. They also danced away to all their favourite songs. FOCHS kindly provided the children with glow bands, snacks and a drink. The children had a wonderful time, and we would like to thank FOCHS for organizing this event.



FOCHS Disco

Everyone in Years 2, 3 and 4 had a fantastic time at the school disco. The children really enjoyed all the entertainment from the DJ, having their photo taken in the photo-booth, dancing to all their favourite songs and the snacks and drinks provided by FOCHS.

The children had a wonderful time and we would like to thank FOCHS for organising this event.



Oak-Tree Tennis Tournament 2024

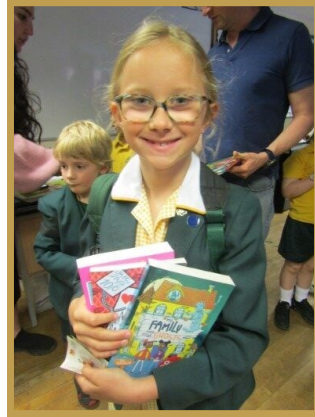
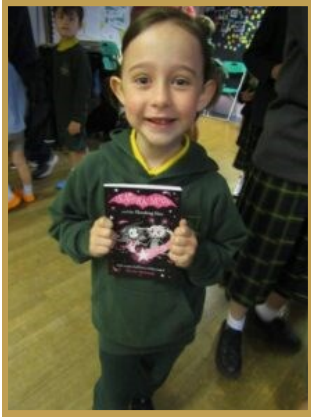
Coopersale Hall pupils travelled to Chingford School of Tennis for the annual Oak-Tree Tennis Tournament. It was a lovely sunny day and the children were filled with excitement, ready for a competitive, but fun, morning of tennis.

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!



Book Fair

We were impressed by the number of families that took the time to attend the book fair last month. It was very heart warming to see the lively discussions among the children as they recommended books to one another and carefully searched the shelves for the special book that would inspire them.



Year 1 Sea Life Centre Trip

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to the Sea Life Centre in Southend. They enjoyed looking at all the different sea creatures and then collecting shells on the beach.



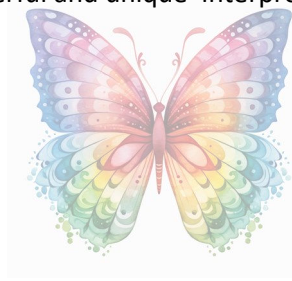
Upper Kindergarten Release Butterflies

Over the last couple of weeks we have been watching the lifecycle of a butterfly. Starting with tiny caterpillars, watching them grow rapidly in size to then build their cocoons/chrysalis around themselves. We have been fortunate to see the butterflies emerge with their beautiful wings. We took the butterflies outside to release them and were amazed that the children managed to hold some of them before they flew away.



ISA Butterfly Competition Entries

These are a selection of the wonderful entries that the pupils have created towards the forthcoming ISA Butterfly competition. Mrs Vora and Mrs Boulwood are delighted that the children have made both 2D and 3D butterflies and that they are such wonderful and unique interpretations of the butterfly theme.



The History of the Titanic Year 2 Assembly

The entire assembly gathered in the hall to witness a presentation by Year 2 pupils, who had spent the term delving into the history of the Titanic. Taking us back to the year 1912, they recounted the harrowing tale of the Titanic's ill-fated maiden voyage, a voyage that left an indelible mark on history.

Constructed in Belfast, Ireland, the Titanic took three years to build and boasted a capacity of 3300 passengers. Departing from Southampton on April 10 1912, the ship carried 2240 passengers and crew. Bound for America, the Titanic accommodated families seeking a new life and others eager to experience the grandeur of the world's largest and most opulent ship.

First-class tickets, priced at up to £870, equivalent to £80,000 today, granted passengers access to lavish amenities such as a heated swimming pool, squash court, restaurants, and a music room. Meanwhile, the 1000 third-class passengers were provided with simple bunk beds and a large dining room for evening entertainment, complete with a piano. On the bridge, Captain Smith and his crew observed icebergs but failed to reduce speed. Despite reports from the radio operator warning of icebergs in their path, Captain Smith ordered a course adjustment and instructed the crew to remain vigilant for obstacles.

On April 14, after four days at sea, the Titanic struck an iceberg. As the ship began to sink, passengers and crew collaborated to evacuate, lowering lifeboats into the water and scrambling for safety. The principle of "women and children first" was upheld, yet the scarcity of lifeboats left many questioning whether there were enough for all aboard.

Tragically, 1500 lives were lost on that fateful night. However, amidst the despair, tales of heroism and resilience emerged. Passengers and crew united in their efforts to aid one another, emphasizing the importance of courage, cooperation, and resilience in the face of adversity. The story of the Titanic serves as a poignant reminder, prompting us to honour the memory of those who sailed aboard by preserving their stories and the lessons they impart.

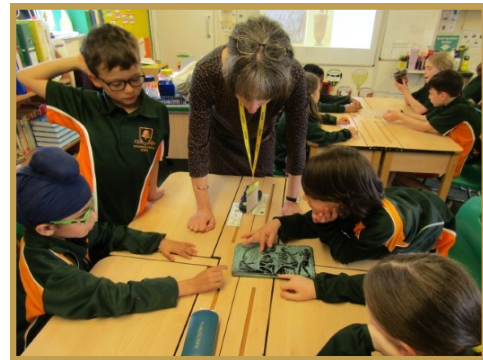


Year 3 Ancient Greeks Workshop

Year 3 were delighted to enjoy an Ancient Greece workshop presented by Catherine Hammond from Epping Forest District Museum. The children were given artefacts and considered what these objects could tell us about Ancient Greek fashion and life, it also let us consider what facts that these artefacts could not answer. The children were very engaged and asked really interesting questions that helped them to think about what life for the Ancient Greeks could be like.

We felt that it was very important for the Greeks to be well dressed and that they were probably wealthy and powerful, able to afford jewellery. We also realised that the images on the artefacts did not show us how the poor of Ancient Greece were represented. The workshop was very intriguing and really made us think about what we were investigating and considering. We felt that the Gods were one of the most important things to them, nearly as much as looking beautiful.

Everyone thanked Catherine for her time and for the wonderful way she made us consider how we could better understand the Ancient Greeks.



House Assembly

Gathered in their Houses, the children spent time discussing what they felt was important to appreciate over the year that we have enjoyed together.

It was also noted that our final events of the year quickly approaching, we considered the merits of being resilient, showing perseverance, and demonstrating commitment. The children also felt it was important to be kind, motivational, and supportive of one another in the many different situations we face.



Year 3 at Epping Field Study Centre

On Thursday 6 June, Year 3 visited the Epping Field Study Centre to take part in a teamwork and communication survival day. Before Year 3 could set off into Epping Forest, the instructors at the field centre wanted to ensure that everyone could read and understand how to follow the bearing points of a compass. The children listened very carefully and understood that once a compass bearing had been plotted, they would identify an unmoving landmark and proceed ahead. Once we had mastered this important survival skill, we set off in our groups and used our compasses to follow the signed route that our instructors had set, then unscrambled the anagram of letters found at each sign-post. Nobody got lost!

After lunch, we were given a scavenger list of items to find from the forest floor. Finally, the children worked together and communicated in teams to build a den. Once constructed each team told the class what features their den had, and discussed what improvements they would have made if they had more time. The instructors were very impressed by the dens made and how everyone communicated with each other. Miss Gilbert and Mrs. Biddle were delighted that the children had such a marvellous day and how well they listened and communicated with each other and the instructors – well done, Year 3!



Upper Kindergarten Cambridge Design a Garden

The children had a super session of working together using construction equipment and paints to design their own garden, house and paint a magical beach. It was lovely to hear all the imaginative ideas and interaction.



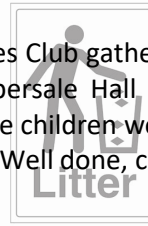
Birthday Book Donation

Luna in Reception Haq has generously donated "It's My Birthday" to the library. This wonderful book tells the story of friends coming together to make a birthday cake. Thank you, Luna, for your thoughtfulness.



Wellies & Woodland Litter Pick Up

Woodland and Wellies Club gathered to pick up litter around the grounds of Coopersale Hall School. Miss Gowland was very proud of how the children worked together as a team to accomplish this task. Well done, children!



Oak-Tree 3 Tees Cricket Tournament

Year 1 and 2 took part in the Oak-Tree 3 Tees Cricket tournament on Thursday 6 June. Both year groups played really well and tried hard with both batting and fielding.

Final scores were:

- 1st – Coopersale
- 2nd – Oaklands
- 3rd – Normanhurst
- 4th – Braeside

Well done to our pupils that took part! An excellent score!



Coopersale Hall Commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day

The children assembled in the hall to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Mrs. Graves was pleased to share a video about the D-Day 80th anniversary and the events happening around the country in other towns and villages. The children learned in assembly why fish and chips were a significant staple during the war and why National Fish and Chip Day was being celebrated nationally on the same day as the D-Day anniversary. Our school therefore had a delicious fish and chip lunch prepared by our wonderful catering team who also provided an interesting fish tasting selection. During the assembly, the book *Finding Alfie* by Michael Morpurgo was displayed. This is a new book written especially for the 80th anniversary and has been added to the library for all to enjoy. Assembly ended with The Poem for Schools, "The Proclamation," "The Tribute," and a prayer being read by Oscar the Head Boy, and Simran the Head Girl and a member of Humanities club. The Year 6 children also had the opportunity to take part in two D-Day competitions leading up to the 80th anniversary; decorating a potato in the theme of World War Two, and also a dinner plate competition. Thank you to those children who made the effort to take part, the winners will be announced in due course!



Upper Kindergarten Teddy Bear's Picnic

It may have been a bit of a grey day but that did not dampen Upper Kindergarten's spirits when they went on their Teddy Bear's picnic! Walking down Flux's Lane to Brook Road Playing Field with their fluffy pals, they had a wonderful time on their little adventure. Filled with laughter, snacks, and their favourite furry friends, it was a day to remember!



Year 1V Class Assembly

The children were happy to welcome everyone to their class assembly. They shared the story of Penguin on Holiday, as they had been learning about the seaside and beach as part of their topic work.

Penguin wanted to go somewhere different, not the rainforest or the city, but somewhere tropical. So, he decided to go to the beach. He packed a suitcase with all the important things: his sunglasses, towel, swimming costume, beach ball, hat, bucket and spade, and of course, his sun cream!

The animals who live at the seaside were surprised to see a penguin; they thought he was lost! They wanted Penguin to have a happy, fun-filled holiday, so they welcomed him and made sure he enjoyed himself. Penguin really did enjoy his stay, but all holidays come to an end. Aww! Crab wanted a holiday too, so she went with Penguin to his home, a place where she could make a snowman, go fishing, and watch the stars at night.

The assembly drew to a close with a prayer, giving thanks for beaches to visit, other countries to explore, and wonderful creatures to learn about. The children then sang, Oh, I Do Like to Be Beside the Seaside. Mrs. Vora was delighted and proud of how well the children performed and remembered their actions for this wonderful assembly.



Sports Day

On Tuesday 18th June, the Early Years and KS1 has their annual Sports Day. The children were all very excited to take part. There were various races including balancing the beanbag on your head and the pancake race. They all had lots of fun. Thank you to the Year 6 children who helped encourage them all to do their best.

Blaise, Girls' Sports Captain

In the afternoon KS2 and KS3 took part in their Sports Day. The event was split into two halves: track and field. The field events included high jump, shotput, discus and javelin. It was fun watching our friends participate. On the track, we competed in sprint, obstacle race, skipping and hurdles. We were able to earn points for our Houses with the exciting relay at the end. We had a great afternoon and well done to everyone who took part.

The overall winner was Beech House.

Thank you to all of the staff who made the day so successful and enjoyable and to our families for coming to support us.

Gregor, Boys' Sports Captain



Well Done Yarema



Well done to Yarema who completed a fantastic piece of writing about his recent trip to the Lake District and Scotland. He went above and beyond to complete the writing and included lots of detail.

Yarema was very proud to show his work to Mrs Doherty and he received a special headmistress sticker.

Book Donation



Thank you to Ava in Reception Marks for the lovely book she donated to the library, Can I Have a Hug?. This is a really sweet story telling us how the monsters show us lots of ways to get the same warm, fuzzy feeling as a hug!

FOCHS Update

Summer Fest 2024

Not long to go until the return of Summer Fest on **Friday 5 July** when we see the return of the inflatables, exciting games (with tickets to be won that can be exchanged into prizes) and a variety of stalls. We hope you will all have a fun filled day alongside your children and other family members. As well as a bar and ice creams we also have Trott and Whinny to cook us some delicious burgers and hot dogs (with a vegetarian option being available).

This year, for ease of all parents, we have decided to sell Summer Fest wristbands online but we will still have the option to buy on the day so do not worry as you will not miss out. Please keep an eye out for further details shortly.

Any extra help and support are always much appreciated on the day, to help with setting up or assisting with manning some stalls whether for 30 minutes, an hour or as much time as you can provide. If you can volunteer, please contact your class reps or let the school office know as soon as possible, thank you!

Events

Years 5, 6 and 7 had a glowing time at their neon disco which we hope was enjoyed by all and these events would not be possible without the teaching staff support.

We are always looking for any new ideas or events for the children of all years to enjoy so all suggestions would be welcomed.

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.

FoCHS Update

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.

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

Year 1- Stacey Cummins

Year 2- Emma Plant

Year 3- Rachel Concadoro

Year 4- Nicola Wiley & Victoria Moyses

Year 5- Rachel Concadoro

Year 6- Sarah Cook & Jagdeep Chahil

Year 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/
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