

Coopersale Hall School

NEWSLETTER



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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

I can't believe we have come to the end of another, extremely busy, year at Coopersale Hall. The children have enjoyed so many trips, visitors and events over the last few weeks, despite the somewhat unpredictable weather.

It has been a pleasure to see so many of you at our end of term events, including Sports Day, Mystery at Magpie Manor and Prize Giving.

A huge thank you to all the children, families and our wonderful staff for all their hard work and efforts over the year.

I wish you all a lovely, relaxing summer and look forward to seeing most of you when we return to school in September.

Kind regards

A Doherty

Mrs Doherty

Year 2 Trip to Colchester Zoo

Year 2 had an excellent trip to Colchester Zoo as part of their learning about Africa. It was amazing to see the African animals up close (but not too close!) The children learnt how different animals camouflage themselves to hide from predators and African elephants can live up to 70 years!

COLCHESTER
ZOO



Year 6 & 7 Sculpture Workshop

The pupils in Year 6 and Year 7 had a very creative day working with visiting sculptor Darcy Turner. They used wire to sculpt various objects: a cat, unicorn, shark, trophy and pig. The children had to work collaboratively with great perseverance in order to make their finished pieces. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and their knowledge of sculpture grew hugely throughout the day. We were all very impressed by their final pieces.



Pupils Learn in the Grounds of Coopersale Hall

The grounds of Coopersale Hall School provide a wonderful outdoor classroom area that can be utilized by many different subjects. Year 3 students have been learning about right, acute, and obtuse angles. They explored the grounds with their clipboards, searching for both man-made and natural angles. They drew and labelled what they discovered. Finally, the children listened to Mrs. Biddle as she called out different angles, and they formed the correct shapes with their bodies. The children thoroughly enjoyed investigating angles, and they were amazed by how many they found. It was a wonderful way to reinforce their understanding of maths in an outdoor setting.



Mystery At Magpie Manor Production

Hats off to our amazing Coopersale Hall pupils for their captivating performance of 'Mystery at Magpie Manor'! The children transported their audience back to the glamour of the Roaring Twenties for the 'whodunnit' production.

Steeped in legend and intrigue, Magpie Manor is in a great state of disrepair, and Lord and Lady Pica must take drastic action to save their crumbling manor house. The clan is gathered, and together with Mr. Fortune, the bank manager, and his bumbling assistants, they come up with a plan to sell off the family silver. But as the rich and famous guests arrive for the auction ball, strange things start occurring. When the family heirloom is unveiled, it has disappeared! Inspector Spectre is straight on the case, aided by none other than Agatha Christie. It seems that everyone has a motive, from the servants and cheeky tradesmen to Cousin Rupert and his grasping American fiancée. The children truly enjoyed being part of this wonderful performance. The hard work and dedication of the entire cast made it an unforgettable evening. Here are some of their thoughts about the event:

Ruby – Year 7: "It was exciting that my character was being 'proposed' to. I really enjoyed having a solo to perform."

Poppy – Year 6: "The audience had to really use their 'smarts' to work out the clues."

Blaise – Year 6: "It was really good fun to perform, and everyone enjoyed it. My whole family came to see me, and they were proud of my performance."

Emilia – Year 5: "It was fun doing the Charleston, and my dress was just perfect! I really enjoyed being part of the show."

Henry C – Year 5: "I was 'Boots', a footman – not a job I would like to do now, but it was a lovely role in the play. I really enjoyed it."

Xander – Year 5: "I was a 'magpie' in the play. I think our costumes were great. I really enjoyed the play; it was very good."

Well done to everyone on stage and behind the scenes who came together to create this wonderful event.



Upper Kindergarten Classes Assembly

Upper Kindergarten classes came together to perform songs based on their topic work throughout the year, along with some of their favourites. Mrs. Doherty was really impressed with how well the children played their instruments and performed the actions. She was particularly amazed by how perfectly the children burst their bubbles in the air during "Tiny Turtle."

Mrs. Fentiman, Mrs. Hogg, and Mrs. Cambridge were very proud of how well the children performed in front of their audience. Everyone also wanted to thank Mrs. Jones for her hard work and contribution, making this assembly a wonderful display of teamwork by all.



Rockpool & Lighthouses - Year 1V

Year 1V had been greatly inspired by their topic of the seaside in their art lessons. They have been busy making rock pools and lighthouses. The rock pools were created within cardboard bowls, where the children blended paints to create the sea. They also used natural shells for texture and added cellophane seaweed and handmade sea creatures to complete their rock pools. They were very proud of their creations.

The lighthouses showcased their painting and observation skills. The children carefully cut and designed the bodies of the lighthouses, replicating those found along the coastline.



Year 4 Classes Assembly

4B and 4G held their class assembly on Thursday 27 June. The children have been interested in the Euro 2024 tournament currently taking place so we decided our assembly would be an opening ceremony. Each child represented a country taking part, making their flag, dressing in the flag colours and completing research about their country. We have all learnt a lot about all of the 24 nations taking part and how the tournament works. The children sang 'World in Motion' and, 'Best Years of Our Lives'. We also had interviews from the women's manager and an interesting perspective from some commentators! The children are most excited to see if Felicity's dog, Daisy has predicted the correct result for the winner of the tournament! The children have all worked so hard researching, practising and learning words. We are very proud of their efforts.



Singing in Year 3 Biddle

Year 3B were delighted to hear Ayla sing "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" and Frey sing "Love Grows Where My Rosemary Goes" at the front of the class, accompanied by Sooty on the guitar. The whole class enjoyed their marvellous performances, and they received thunderous applause from everyone. Well done Ayla and Frey.



Year 7 Geography Field Trip

On Thursday 20 June, Year 7 travelled to the Epping Forest Field Centre, High Beech. The centre provides pupils with the opportunity to apply their geographical and scientific knowledge and skills to the natural world.

Their day began in the classroom with a safety talk. Pupils then grabbed their clipboards and headed out into the forest.

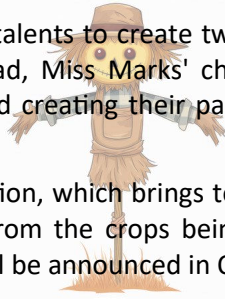
Year 7's first investigation was to determine how people use the forest, recording those people and vehicles that past them over a period of 5 minutes. They saw people walking their dogs, running, riding their bicycles and lots of people passing through in their vehicles. The class were shocked just how busy this part of the forest was so early in the morning.

Moving on, they carried out a bi-polar environmental quality survey to determine the impact of humans on this piece of land. They made judgements on litter, noise, vandalism, erosion and development. The main morning task was working in smaller groups to investigate the effect on a footpath on soil and vegetation growth. Using a ruler, soil pin, tape measure and quadrat we measure soil compaction, height of vegetation and presence of exposed soil. As Year 7 were making their field sketches the ice cream truck drew up. Rather fortuitous. Mrs. Robinson-Smith managed to barter him down to a suitable price and the class trundled back to the centre slurping on our ice cream... with a flake! After lunch they revisited compass directions before being split into groups to orienteer through the forest.



Scarecrow Competition June 2024

All the Reception classes have combined their talents to create two scarecrows for the Copped Hall Scarecrow Competition. Mrs. Haq's class created the head, Miss Marks' children made the body, and Miss Gowland's children crafted the trousers. Everyone enjoyed creating their part of the scarecrow, and the elements came together perfectly.



It was wonderful to participate in this competition, which brings together schools from the local community to make scarecrows that help keep birds away from the crops being grown. The scarecrows will be judged by visitors to the walled garden, and the results will be announced in October.



Thank you for your Book Donations

We would like to thank Yasmin in 1C and Emilia in 5H for their very kind book donations. These are lovely books to add to our library.



Early Years Celebration of the Year

We had a lovely afternoon celebrating the achievements of our Early Years pupils this year. They have all made so much progress, learned so many new things, and explored the world around them. The children enjoyed sharing their favourite memories of the school year and entertained us with some fun and brilliantly performed songs. Congratulations to all our Early Years children and prize winners! You have developed so much this year and should be very proud!



Speech Day & Prize Giving

Our annual Speech Day and Prize Giving took place in the marquee on the field which was full to the brim with pupils, staff, family and friends. The school performed an array of songs including a lively performance of, "This is how we learn it" in French. Our orchestra and choir also added some wonderful performances to the event. Thank you to our guest speaker Mr Terry Hiscock from Save the Children who told us all about the charity, his involvement and the difference that donations make. He showed the audience a small food pack, which he explained would last a child two days and would be able to save a life.

Throughout the afternoon, Mr Hiscock presented prizes to a selection of our hardworking pupils. Well done to everyone who won a prize, but all of our children should be very proud of their progress this year!



Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Year 6 welcomed children, staff, and their parents into the hall for their Leavers' Assembly, giving them an opportunity to remember their amazing years together and share the wonderful adventures they had experienced.

"Despicable Me 2" first came out in June 2013, the year many of them were born, and this inspired them to create their assembly based on the theme of togetherness and self-discovery, just like the movie. Many of the children dressed as Minions and shared their favourite memories from their years at Coopersale Hall School with the audience. Every child took the time to express their gratitude to the staff, men in blue, kitchen ladies, office staff, and especially to their parents for being so supportive and encouraging during their time at Coopersale Hall School. The opportunities and experiences they have relished will empower them for their future new adventures, new challenges, and new victories.

As the assembly drew to a close, the children remembered, like Gru and his Minions, that they had found strength in being together and joy in their differences. They would all go forward to their new schools, not saying goodbye, because once part of this family, they would always carry each other in their hearts as part of the Coopersale Hall family. Throughout the assembly, the audience very much enjoyed hearing Year 6 singing and performing a number of songs together. It was wonderful to see them performing their coordinated moves with such confidence. Everyone enjoyed their final performance, and the applause was loud and heartfelt.

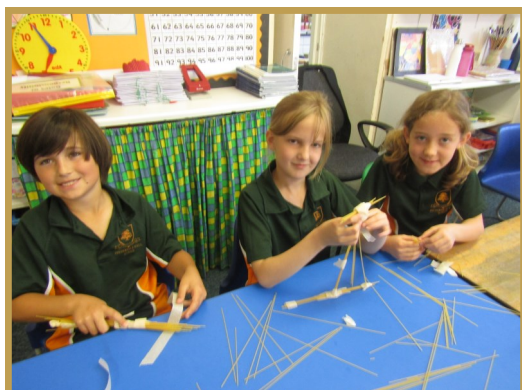
Mrs. Doherty was delighted to hand every child a gift from Coopersale Hall as a remembrance of their time. We wish you all good luck and wonderful



Moving Up Day Across the School

Many children have been spending time today with their new teachers, becoming familiar with their new classrooms. There have been many different activities showcasing their team-building skills, communication, and respect for each other's opinions to complete the tasks set.

They have also spent time discussing the important classroom rules that will allow everyone to work hard, stay focused, and achieve a happy working environment. It was lovely to see how the children interacted and how much the teachers and children enjoyed getting to know each other.



KS1 Talent Show

It was super to see the amazing array of talent at the KS1 Talent Show performed for the judges and audience. The contestants performed for the judges - Mrs. Carter, Miss Marks, and Mr. Barham, our very own Simon Cowell. Miss Cricks introduced the different acts to the audience, and Miss Vora ensured each act had their very own drum roll.

The acts we had the pleasure of enjoying included magic tricks, football skills, gymnastics, karate skills, and dance troupes. We also enjoyed piano pieces, singers, ballet dancing, joke telling, and poetry reading. The depth of talent was truly wonderful, and the children were prompt to display their pleasure. Year 6 gave many acts a standing ovation.

Each act awaited the judges' critiques and observations of their performance, and everyone listened intently to our very own Simon Cowell's comments! Miss Cricks was delighted with how respectful and kind the audience was to the brave and talented children who wanted to share their acts with their peers. The judges deliberated and conferred to announce the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners, and all received medals to the positive applause of everyone who enjoyed this wonderful Talent Show.



Well Done Lilly

Well done to Lilly in Year 4 who competed in a local karate competition recently winning a gold medal for fighting and a silver medal for her kata. Many congratulations Lilly you did so well.



Concert Band Perform

The concert band wished to share the songs they had been rehearsing with the school. Regardless of the weather, the children were bright and bubbly, enjoying Coldplay's, "Viva La Vida", and everyone joined the concert band in singing "High Hopes." The weather did not dampen anyone's spirits, and it was a positive and happy way to start our day. Mrs. Jones was delighted with the final performance of this ensemble, as she had greatly appreciated the enthusiasm and attitude shown by this group of children within this club.



Final Assembly of the Summer Term

Our final assembly of the 2023/2024 year celebrated the many achievements of our students. We applauded those who earned their LAMDA certificates, were named Scientist of the Week, received certificates for 100% attendance throughout the year, and those who achieved their Bronze and Silver Oak-Tree Challenge badges. Everyone was thrilled to be recognized for their accomplishments and were warmly applauded by all.

We also congratulated the children who became our "Record Setters" from our recent sports day. They were delighted to set records that future students will strive to surpass. House point certificates were awarded for bronze, silver, gold, diamond, and platinum achievements.

Those who received a Pen Licence were thrilled, and participants in the ISA Music Composition Competition were also delighted to receive their certificates.

Mrs. Doherty congratulated everyone on their wonderful achievements throughout the year. For her final assembly, she invited to the front those staff members who were moving on to new adventures, and they were warmly applauded by everyone.

The assembly concluded with everyone singing our final song of the year, "Power in Me," with great enthusiasm and high spirits. Year 6 students were thrilled to gather for their final photograph before enjoying their afternoon together. We wish everyone a wonderful summer break, and we look forward to seeing you in September.



FOCHS Update

Summer Fest 2024

The summer term is usually a busy time for FoCHS with the Summer Fest providing a lively and entertaining end to the year. Unfortunately, this year, it was not to be, but we have a new date planned for Friday 6 September, so we hope to see you all there to celebrate the start of a new school year!

Year 6 Leavers

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed their celebratory day out at Southend, on the last day of term, to mark the end of their time at Coopersale Hall. We are so pleased to have been able to contribute to their day of fun, including the traditional leavers hoodie, which was extremely well deserved. They have all worked so hard to achieve fantastic exam results and get into their chosen schools.

We wish them all the very best for the future!

Thank you!

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers for your continued support of FoCHS during the year from providing the children with the opportunity to buy gifts from the Christmas shop, to purchasing raffle tickets, attending the quiz night, donating gifts for the summer fest tombola and to donating and purchasing second hand uniform. We couldn't do this without you! And especially to those parents who have given their time to volunteer to help us continue to ensure the children enjoy the many events we have organised for them to have fun.

May we also take this opportunity to thank Mrs Doherty and the SLT team, the teaching and support staff, office and kitchen staff and boys in blue for all their help this year. Their patience knows no bounds and their support is always provided and very much appreciated.

We hope that you all have a fabulous summer holiday, and we look forward to the start of another successful and enjoyable year in September.

If you would like to get involved with FoCHS during the next academic year, please do get into contact with us. We would love to hear from you!

Get in Touch

If you are interested in getting involved in the next academic 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 or speak to any of the new committee members who will be confirmed, in conjunction with the new WhatsApp reps, in the autumn term.

You can also check out our page on the school website:
<https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/parents-pupils/parents-association/>

FOCHS Update

