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Coopersale Hall School

Newsletter

Head's Message



Dear Parents

The winter months have failed to dampen the creative spirit of our pupils at Coopersale Hall, and February has been a very expressive and inventive month. From our Historical Fiction Competition to Valentines Day Poetry, the incredible singing at Young Voices to the impressive Year 3 Pop Art, and not forgetting the stunning performances in the Year 5 Shakespeare Assembly, the children have demonstrated their artistry across the whole school.

As I write this letter, I can see the new nature garden developing outside of my office, with an amazing new bug hotel to foster increased bio diversity across the site and to help teach the pupils about the natural world. Many thanks to Melanie our volunteer, who kindly gives her time to the school, for her vision and dedication and to Mark from our Maintenance Team for his excellent construction skills.

I look forward to seeing you all in March, at our parents evenings, parents workshops and at our FOSCHS Easter events.

With best wishes



Mr. Paul Wilson

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A Monday with Lower Kindergarten

The Early Years team was delighted to welcome the children and their loved ones into the school. Together, they explored the children's journals, reflecting on the various activities and experiences the children had enjoyed.

This week, the children in Kindergarten are recognising the heart shape. The children enthusiastically collected glitter hearts from the water, using a ladle to scoop them into bowls. Around the room, there were several other stations where the children engaged in imaginative play, learning to share, take turns, and be kind—fostering an environment of friendship and cooperation.

The children lined up beautifully and made their way to the hall for their yoga session. The lesson began with each child taking turns holding the breathing ball, expanding it as they breathed in and allowing it to deflate as they shared their thoughts while others listened. In celebration of Chinese New Year, everyone shared their favourite animal.

During the session, the children followed Miss Dawson's yoga poses, taking time to listen, stretch, and breathe deeply. As the session came to a close, they recited the mantra: "I am Loved, I am Special, I am Safe," before enjoying *savasana*, a quiet moment to rest their bodies and minds.

Back in class, the children enjoyed a snack and picked their own book to read. They then settled down to watch a video about the Dragon Dance, a vibrant part of Chinese New Year celebrations. To mark the occasion, the children coloured a picture of the Year of the Snake.

It was heartwarming to see the children independently put on their coats and line up, ready for break time. This was a delightful snapshot of a morning in Kindergarten, showcasing how much learning happens through play, exploration, and cheerful smiles.



Chinese New Year in UK Fentiman

The children in Upper Kindergarten Fentiman celebrated Chinese New Year in class recently. They learnt about the traditions and celebrations that take place at the start of each lunar new year and learnt about the 12 different animals that make up the Chinese zodiac. This is the Year of the Snake. The children made their own lanterns and decorated them with a snake surrounding them. They tried a pomelo fruit and prawn crackers at snack time as well as enjoying a delicious lunch of sweet and sour chicken and rice in school.



Drop-In Morning in Reception B

Reception Billington welcomed parents to a drop-in session this week to share the children's amazing work and achievements.

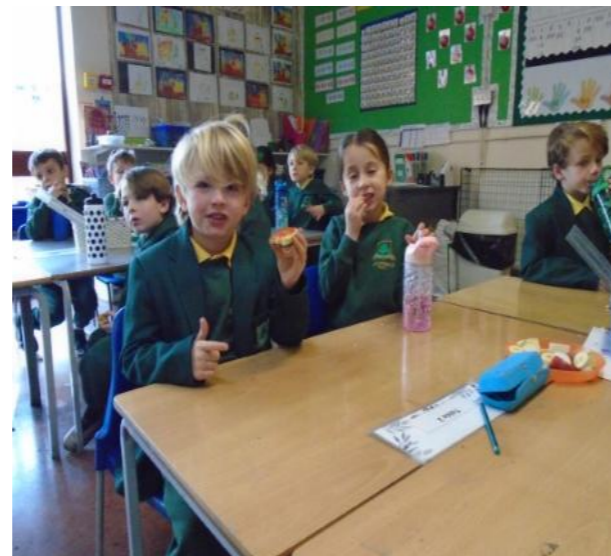


Where Am I on the Map?

Year 1 will embark on a fascinating topic this term as they learn about the countries that make up the United Kingdom. They will explore many interesting facts about each part of the UK, including famous people, landmarks, and population sizes.

During their computing lessons, the children will create drawings and paintings of each individual flag that forms the Union Jack. They will also learn about and draw the national flower for each country within the United Kingdom.

The customs and traditions of each country will be explored through the delicious medium of cake. Year 1 has already enjoyed baking and tasting scones with strawberry jam. Every child has also had the opportunity to try a Welsh cake, and in the coming weeks, they will savour some shortbread as well. The children are sure to have fun deciding which traditional cake they like best - or perhaps they will enjoy them all!



Valentine's Day Cards

Year 2 have been busy creating beautiful Valentine's Day cards for someone special. They designed heart decorations by painting them in a gradient of warm to cool shades. Fantastic work, Year 2 well done to you all.



Year 1 have also been busy creating cards for their special person. They all produced fantastic cards. Well done Year 1.



Eco Council KS2 Litter Pick-Up

Mrs. Jones and the Key Stage 2 Eco-Council members patrolled the grounds, armed with their litter pickers, ready to clean up our school. Everyone enjoyed tidying the area and quickly became proficient with the pickers. Mrs. Jones was delighted by the amount of litter collected, helping to protect wildlife and keep our environment well maintained.



Oak-Tree Indoor Athletics

A squad of 14 children from Coopersale Hall represented their school at the recent Oak Tree Indoor Athletics Tournament, held at the Peter May Centre.

The children enjoyed participating in the relay and obstacle races, as well as the speed bounce, chest push, standing long jump, and vertical jump, which they found exhilarating.

The girls' team secured 2nd place, while the boys' team finished 3rd. Well done to everyone who took part.



Young Voices 2025

Pupils from The Oak-Tree Group of Schools had an amazing time at 'Young Voices' at the O2 recently. The atmosphere was electric and we could not be prouder of their incredible performance. They children loved every moment of singing in a choir of over 8000 .

Their hard work practising for the past few months well and truly paid off. A special thank you to all of the staff who helped put this together.

Some thoughts from the children about the event:

Carter (5H) We sang some great songs, the Bob Marley ones were excellent but I don't have a favourite.

Iman (6B) It was really good fun, it was like being at a concert except you were the performer and knew all the words.

Josiah (6B) Such fun, and very chaotic. It was really heart-warming and I am really glad I went.

Flo (6B) There were thousands of children and it was lovely to be part of a beautiful choir of voices.



Science - Fuels

Year 8 have been studying Combustion. They planned an investigation to see which fuel was best by heating water and finding its temperature change over 2 minutes. Pupils discussed independent, dependent and control variables. They did 3 repeats of each fuel in order to calculate a mean to improve their accuracy.



Science Club

Over the last 3 weeks in Science Club pupils have been making their own remote controlled cars. For our Scientists, this encouraged critical thinking, problem solving and hands on exploration of engineering concepts. Our pupils have had the best time racing their cars against each other!



The snow drops are not the only thing that is rising from the ground this month; the new senior building is also moving forwards at a pace, on schedule and on budget. We look forward to setting up the classrooms at the end of the academic year, ready to welcome next year's senior pupils.



Creating a Happy and Healthy Environment

We believe this sense of security is essential for effective learning and positive interactions within the school environment.

Equally important, however, is providing opportunities for the children to enjoy playing together, creating imaginative games, having a kick about with a football, laughing, and chatting with their friends. They can also choose to simply observe the activities around them, engaging in conversations with children from other classes. This helps strengthen friendships, build bonds, and develop an understanding of the safe rules that make our micro-playground world a happy and harmonious place to be.

When the whistle blows, the children line up with their classes and return to their learning, feeling refreshed and ready to re-engage in their studies.



Gymnastics Club

Coopersale Hall is delighted to offer a Gymnastics Club to pupils. The club has been running since September 2024 by qualified gymnastics coach Mrs Duggan and assistant Mrs Barlett. The club has received lots of new equipment, including balance beams, air tracks, air rolls and air boards to allow the pupils to bounce, tumble and balance their way to success. Pupils have had great fun progressing their gymnastics skills, learning new skills and showing greater coordination and body control. This term pupils have used the floor mats, vault and bars learning everything from forward rolls, cartwheels and handstands to back handsprings! Well done to all gymnasts that attend the club.



Extra Curricular Clubs Update

At Coopersale Hall School, we strive to foster a culture of learning through a positive environment. We believe it is valuable for children to explore new experiences and collaborate with peers who share similar interests. This approach not only enhances communication skills but also helps children discover hobbies that may become lifelong passions. Our wide range of clubs enables children to explore numerous interests.

In our Art and Sculpture Club, pupils study various artists and experiment with different mediums to create unique pieces of artwork. They have the freedom to take their time and let their creativity flow with each selected theme. It's inspiring to see the diverse ideas that emerge.

For those who love chess—or wish to learn and improve—the Chess Club offers an ideal environment. Students can play, discuss moves, and develop strategies, enhancing their skills in a friendly, competitive setting.

The Choir Club invites children to learn new songs while enjoying the camaraderie of fellow singers. Together, they fill the room with harmonious melodies, learning the art of harmonisation and sharing the joy of singing.

Over the past three weeks in Science Club, pupils have been designing and building their own remote-controlled cars. This hands-on project encouraged critical thinking, problem-solving, and practical exploration of engineering concepts. Our young scientists have thoroughly enjoyed racing their creations against one another!

By offering a variety of enriching clubs, Coopersale Hall School encourages pupils to discover new interests and develop skills that will benefit them for years to come.



FoCHS Information

We are currently in the process of creating a FoCHS newsletter for you all so you can see what events we have done, how much money we've raised and where we plan on spending the money throughout the school.

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.

Senior FoCHS

We are evolving as a school and therefore as a parents association we also need to evolve. We have put on several events since September and tried to include the senior years. Some of the feedback from parents and children is that the events aren't quite targeted for their age group. Moving forward we feel the best way for senior years to benefit from any events and funds raised would be for them to have their own FOCHS team. We would be happy to meet and support anyone that would like to be involved.

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.

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

Natalie Gould

Rebecca Murphy

Cheryl James

Jenna Mitchell

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/>



Tap and give us a follow on our social media accounts