

# Coopersale & Theydon Garnon C.E Primary School



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## Newsletter – December 2021



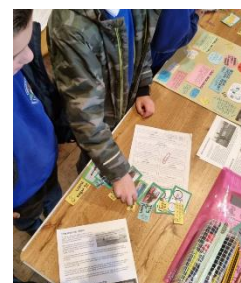
Christmas has finally arrived! Our thanks go to every single member of staff for keeping the 'show' going this term. Covid-19 has not defeated us and, despite multiple staff absences on occasion, everyone has covered posts and done their part to make sure that children are safe, that learning carries on and that all other wonderful things that the school can offer – trips, Christmas performances, clubs, sports tournaments, Christmas fayre – continues as close to 'normal' as we can make it.

Have a wonderful Christmas break and a successful New Year and we look forward to seeing you all again on **Wednesday 5th January 2022!**



### Climate Change Workshop

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November Epping St Johns Church hosted a Climate Change Workshop. The event was organised by the Eco Team from Epping St Johns Secondary School and was attended by 15 children from Year 5 & 6. Children from the local Secondary school led workshops on topics such as the use of single-use plastic, reducing emission gases, supporting green energy, and protecting the quality of our water.



### Tag Rugby Competition

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November the school took part in a local competition against 4 other schools. Coopersale took 3 teams to the tournament, each taking part in the 3 competitions. Our Captains: Ben, Daniel and Thomas did a tremendous job coaching their teams!

Competition A	<b>2nd</b>
Competition B	<b>1st</b>
Competition C	<b>1st</b>

### Santa dash

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December all our children took part in the Santa Dash. This is a national event and was organised with the support of Gillian Newlyn from Davenant Foundation School. Each child had to run laps around the school, and these were counted towards their class total. A special mention must go out to Cherry Class who between them managed to run an amazing 22km! Katie and Jane from Reception were our top-runners- well done. Our Year 6 class (for obvious reasons) were the class who ran the most kilometres, they ran 99 km with Daniel, Max and George being the top runners. Altogether our school ran a whopping 427km!



### Pantomime



On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, we had the Shooting Stars Theatre Company visit Coopersale to present their production of Sleeping Beauty. Theatre productions are an excellent way to build our children's engagement with literature and spark curiosity about the world. We would like to thank our wonderful PTA for organising and funding this event.



## Tag Rugby Festival



On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 30 of our children braved the bitter cold to take part in the West Essex School Sports Partnership Tag-rugby tournament at Davenant foundation school. There were 35 teams competing from 18 different school and our pupils did us proud.



A huge 'well done' to every pupil who persevered, showed their competitive spirit as well as excellent sporting behaviour. Again, a special 'thank you' to our captains who demonstrated great leadership skills in motivating their teams.

Out of 12 schools, Coopersale came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Shield Competition.

In the Plate Competition, we came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 11 schools.

Over the holidays we are aware that children have more free time and therefore more time to access things online. To safe guard our children over the holidays we are giving you this gift from our school to your home...

## The Twelve E-Safety Tips of Christmas!

1. Set parental controls on both old and new devices.
2. Set a 'digital sunset' and keep devices out of bedrooms.
3. Make sure children are on devices in a place where they can be monitored.
4. Never give out any personal information.
5. Keep passwords protected and safe. They aren't for sharing!
6. Know and check the age ratings for games and TV shows.
7. Check the age ratings for social media apps.
8. Avoid technology at meal times.
9. Have a family discussion about E-safety!
10. Manage screen time – you don't want to be on a device all day!
11. Be aware of online stranger danger.
12. Ask your child about what they are doing online. Do you know for sure who they are speaking to? What game they are playing?



## Epping Carol Service

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December some of the children in our school choir were invited to sing at the village church Carol Service. Some of the children were even drafted into the nativity and played their parts very well. The community of St. Alban's, Coopersale always enjoy seeing the school children perform and having the link between school and church.

This year, the choir performed a beautiful a cappella rendition of 'Away in a Manger' and The Calypso Carol. The Rev. Lee Batson presided over the service and invited our pupils to demonstrate how we share 'Peace' in our collective worships and how we bless and dismiss the children. He asked Sophia from Beech Class to lead the children in the dismissal, which she did admirably.

**Our wish for our whole community over the Christmas period and beyond is to:**

**Go in peace.**

**Go in joy.**

**Go in love. Amen**

