

Coopersale & Theydon Garnon C.E Primary School



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Newsletter – February 2022

We hope the half term break has been good to you and your families. The children and teachers most definitely deserved a week of rest for all of their hard work.

Half-way through the year and Covid impacts reducing, we are really keen to get back to some elements of what we did pre-covid but also want to hold on to the best of what has changed. We are already discussing early plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and had some very excited children asking about, 'Coopersale's Got Talent'.

We look forward to seeing the children back to school tomorrow, Monday 21st February 2022.

Packed Lunches – Urgent Message!

Nut free school: Coopersale is a nut free school, all meals and snacks on site should not contain any traces of nuts in order to protect the safety of children and staff who may have nut allergies.

Main meal: Please note that sweets and chocolates are not allowed in children's packed lunches as part of their main meal – this is not considered a balanced/healthy food choice. There is an increasing number of children who are having these as the main part of their packed lunches. Although, we are a healthy school, we do understand that sweets and chocolate can be eaten as a treat, but not as the main part of their lunch. It is most important that your child's lunch be nutritious and filling. For ideas for healthier lunches, please visit any of the websites listed below:

www.nhs.uk/change4life

www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/school-packed-lunchinspiration

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/the-eatwell-guide/>

Cross Country Competition

On 25th January, 32 children from across Year 3 to Year 6 took part in our first Cross Country Competition held at Epping St Johns Secondary School. Miss Gott, Mrs Gardiner and Mrs Atwal supported the children and encouraged those children who were entering the competition for the first time. We are all looking forward to future competitions taking place at Ongar Primary and Coopersale Hall on 8th and 17th March.

Chinese New Year

Our Reception children celebrated Chinese New Year through making lanterns, cooking Chinese rice and noodle, and learning about Chinese traditions. The whole school also learnt about the Lunar New Year through a Collective Worship led by Mrs Burgoyne.



Holocaust Memorial Day

27th January marked the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. On this day, we remember the six million Jewish people who were killed during the Holocaust, alongside millions of other people who were killed under Nazi persecution and in genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.



Children in Year 5 & 6 were visited by Dr Diana Lowry as part of Holocaust Memorial Day. Children in from Year 2-6 also took part in a Collective Worship. The theme for 2022 is One Day – that in the future there may be one day with no genocide. Holocaust Memorial Day is promoted and supported by the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust. Find out more: www.hmd.org.uk

Year 1 & 2 Trip – 4th February



Year 1 & 2 visited Nine Elms Park in Wandsworth organised by *Galliard Homes*. Here, they had first-hand experience of the diverse world of construction. This linked in with their Learning Journey 'Moving Along' which focuses on Transport. They were also introduced to a range of people who work in construction as well as undertaking a scavenger hunt where they had to spot a range of features including the world's first floating swimming pool. We were also so proud of the behaviour of the children throughout the day!



Year 5 & 6 Sewing Day – 4th February



Our Year 5 & 6 children have been busy designing and planning their very own Poison Dart Frog bean toys! They learnt a range of stitches, in Design & Technology and then came together as a Phase all working together in the hall. All Parents and Grandparents were then invited into school to support the children with their sewing. Can we thank all our families that attended, you showed so much patience when working with the children. Some of the stitches were very tricky!



Reception Year 1 & 2 travel to Bangladesh



Reception, Year 1 & 2 travelled to Bangladesh (virtually) to see first-hand how Asian elephants are used to help with transportation, they also learnt about their habitat and what Transport companies are doing to support the environment. They also met the Track Engineering Team who



are responsible for a railway project which will include an underpass for Asian Elephants.

