

Coopersale & Theydon Garnon C.E Primary School



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Newsletter – March/April 2022

We are so eggs-cited and looking forward to the Easter Break from what has been an eggs-ceptional term! Our children have experienced an action-packed curriculum where our teachers have created high-quality learning opportunities as well as ensuring there is a focus on high expectations. Thank you, as always, for your commitment to your children's learning and attendance – we are lucky to have such supportive parents. We are also grateful to the parents who across this term have contacted the school to pass on their thanks to our staff for all they do.



Late Attendance – 8.50am Start of the School Day

A reminder that the school day starts at 8.50am. Children arriving at school after 8.50am will receive a late mark 'L'. From our first day back in the Summer term, Wednesday 20th April, we will be altering our morning drop off system to improve our monitoring of late arrivals. Poor punctuality is not acceptable. If a child misses the start of the day they can miss work and do not spend time with their class teacher getting vital information and news for the day. Late arriving pupils also disrupt lessons, can be embarrassing for the child and can also encourage absence. Good time-keeping is a vital life skill which will help our children as they progress through their school life and out into the wider world. **A reminder, our school doors open at 8.40am, giving ten minutes for children to enter school on time.**

Careers Week (March 14-18th)



This term, Coopersale took part in National Careers Week which is an exciting opportunity to help raise children's aspirations and broaden their horizons by bringing in volunteers from the world of work. Classes took part in various activities throughout the term as part of the curriculum. We have had visits from a Veterinary Doctor, Orthodontist, Police constable, Engineers and even a Samba Dancer! We believe that children should have encounters with the world of work from a very young age to see the connection between what they learn and what they might want to do in the future.

Dementia Awareness

As you are aware we are actively involved in raising awareness for Dementia. We have been involved in the Georgie Meadows exhibition at the museum in Waltham Abbey which includes a video which some of our children were involved in. Some of the speech bubbles included in the exhibition were written by our children. Some of the work our children did was also used to launch the Essex Year of Reading at Hylands House with senior council leaders. Thank you to Miss Usher who works hard to promote this important issue.



Safer Internet Day 8th February 2022



The whole school took part in Safer Internet Day to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children. There were many conversations that took place in classes about using technology responsibly and respectfully.

Cross Country Competitions

- On Tuesday 8th March, 32 children from Years 3,4,5 and 6 attended Ongar Primary School where they took part in the Epping & Ongar District Competition. Out of the 8 schools that attended, our Year 5 & 6 boys won Bronze. All children that participated did exceptionally well.
- 18 children from across Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, took part in the Epping & Ongar District Cross Relay Competition which was held at Coopersale Hall on Thursday 17th March. We are so proud of our Year 5 & 6 boys who came third out of all the schools but, the highlight of the event for all our children was receiving a Kit-Kat and some squash.



KS2 Cross Country

During this term the whole of Key Stage 2 have been going into the forest one afternoon each week to take part in Cross Country Running. During the sessions, they have practised techniques to improve their stamina and speed. They have learnt techniques such as 'fartleking', where a runner chooses a short distance to speed up for within a longer, endurance race. This technique gives them the skills to improve their overall pace and overtake competitors during the race as well putting on a spurt of speed for the finish.

The children all seemed to enjoy these sessions, embracing the opportunity to get out into the fresh air and enjoy the nature on our doorstep (not that we saw much wildlife with over 100 children stomping through the forest!). At the end of each session, we would take a few minutes to breathe deeply and be silent, taking in the sounds around us and focusing on how we felt physically, emotionally and mentally. The staff of KS2 would like to extend their gratitude to the parents for preparing their children with the correct 'gear' for the conditions and not complaining about the mud! We really hope this inspires our children to perhaps go for a run during the Easter break!



Easter Church Service

Yesterday, all our children attended a Church Service which was led by our children! We were joined by Reverend Lee Batson and children from Year 3 and 4 taught us about the importance of Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, and Palm Sunday. The prayer at the end of the service was particularly important as it helped us to reflect on God's love for his people, the importance of kindness and sharing with others, just like Jesus did during The Last Supper.



Coopersale Has Talent

What a wonderful array of talent we have at our school! On Friday 18th March, the whole school were entertained by our brilliant children who made it through to the finals of Coopersale Has Talent. It was great to see so many children share and shine and be part of what was such a joyful day. Our judges,

Miss Hill, Miss Ives and Mrs Kemp had a tough job deciding on the winners as everyone dazzled on the stage. Thank you to: Calla (Maple), Alessia (Willow), Sophia and Scarlett (Beech), Alice and Charlotte (Silver Birch), Anthony and Bonnie (Oak) – you were all so fabulous! Our winners were: Beatrix from Cherry class (First), Chloe from Sycamore (Second), Scarlett from Ash class (third).



Easter Break

Today is our last day in school and the children will return on **Wednesday 20th April**. We would like to wish you a wonderful break and hopefully some lovely weather too!

