

# Coopersale & Theydon Garnon C.E Primary School



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## Newsletter – March 2023

### Indoor athletics Year 3 and 4

Our Year 3 and Year 4's took part in the Epping and Ongar district indoor athletics competition. There were 5 schools competing in all. The children worked really well as a team and encouraged each other in every race. When the final scores came in, we found out we had come 1<sup>st</sup>! We are very proud of you all, and we are glad you had such a fantastic time representing the school in this event.



### Indoor athletics Year 5 and 6

Our Year 5 and Year 6's took part in the Epping and Ongar district indoor athletics competition. There were 5 schools competing, and competition was tight, but we were over the moon to come in 1<sup>st</sup> place! This then meant that we qualified for the West Essex finals. We went along to West Hatch High School to compete in this. Again, the level of competition stepped up but overall, we came 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are so proud of all of the team members, they showed great teamwork, sportsmanship and competitive spirit and you represented the school with pride.

### Year 3/4/5/6 Cross Country

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 32 children braved the cold to take part in the local cross-country competition at Ongar Primary School. The Year 3 and 4 children had to run 1km, and Year 5 and 6 children ran 1.5km. They all showed fantastic determination to place in the competition. The practise they had been doing in the forest as part of PE really helped them with managing their endurance. They did so well, and we had some very high scoring runners – well done everybody, you should be very proud of yourselves!



## **World Book Day**

We had an amazing World Book Day! We had lots of activities to keep us busy throughout the day, and our amazing costumes sparked lots of conversations about books in the playground. Thank you to everyone who came in to read with their child in the morning; it was so lovely to see so many of you come in to celebrate with us. We also had some paired reading sessions take place throughout the day, with older children becoming reading buddies with younger children which was just amazing! We also took part in some great art and craft activities linked to our favourite books and authors. I also want to thank everyone that tuned into one of the bedtime story sessions – it was lovely to get back on Zoom and share a story with you all! Remember to keep reading regularly as reading is the key to the world and we have so many lovely stories on our library shelves for you to take home and enjoy!

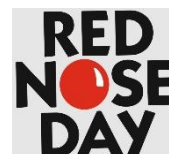


## **Book fair**

At Coopersale we love reading and value its importance. To promote this, we held another book fair this half term, in which children and families could purchase new reading books for pleasure. Thank you to everyone that purchased books. 30% of money raised is given back to us as a school towards our own reading material and we look forward to finding out how much we made.

## **Red nose day**

Thank you to everyone that donated any money for Red Nose Day. We raised £100 which we know will be going to a great cause.



## **PTA Adult Quiz night**

A huge thank you to Stella and Jim Stanley for hosting a fantastic quiz night to help raise money for the school. We had over 80 attendees which was fantastic. Everyone who attended had a terrific time, and we cannot wait for the next! Overall, the night raised **£624** in profit for the school! Well done to everyone that took part, and of course our winning team pictured here.



## Coopersale has talent.



Well done to everyone who auditioned for the talent show this year. It was great to see such a diverse talent set amongst our pupils. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, we held our finals which brought an afternoon of joy to us all. A big well done goes out to all our finalists – you are all winners in our eyes. It was a hard decision, but our judges crowned our winners as: 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Evie in Cherry and Marnie in Willow; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Double vision (Sadie, Scarlett, Olivia and Robyn) in Beech; 1<sup>st</sup> place, Lucy in Hornbeam. This is Lucy with her puppet she used for her winning Ventriloquist act. Well done everyone!

## Reception

Cherry class have had lots of fun exploring the world this half-term!

We had lots of fun during 'Italy Week' and enjoyed designing and cooking our own pizzas in class! We also liked creating our own Cherry Class Italian restaurant in our role play area and reading the story The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza!

We have enjoyed visiting Australia and exploring the great barrier reef and the different animals which live in Australia. We paid a visit to the Southend Aquarium to really bring our learning to life and explored the different habitats of animals whilst we were there.

We have also enjoyed celebrating lots of different festivals in Cherry class and particularly enjoyed pancake day at the beginning of term. We had fun tasting pancakes, counting pancakes and even having a pancake inspired P.E lesson outside!



## Year 1 and 2

This half term, in KS1, we have continued our travels around the world. We have explored Spain, Mexico, France, Ireland, The UK and Italy. For our Marvellous Middle we went on an exciting trip to Colchester Zoo. The children got to explore and learn about animals around the world. We even had a theatre talk about rainforest animals and the children got to touch and hold a real snake's skin.

The children have learnt the Mexican Hat dance and have even begun to learn some Irish dancing. They have also been exploring poetry this half term and the children created a poem about animals around the world. To end our learning journey, the children have been writing fictional stories about a giant taken from the Irish Giant Causeways.



## Year 3 and 4

This term Year 3 and 4 worked on creating vehicles that traveled using environmentally friendly methods. We researched different inventions by others including an air powered life size Lego car and King Charles car that he has converted to run off the byproducts of cheese and wine. We evaluated how effective these inventions were and then set to work designing and making our own vehicles. We used our understanding of forces from our science topic to work out how to make our cars move using air or stored force. We measured and cut wood to make frames then added our mechanisms and finally a chasey to decorate.

We took our cars into the playground to test and race. Some were more successful than others and travelled a fair distance, we talked about how we would develop and improve our designs following our first test run.



## Year 5 and 6

We have been busy with our back to the movies learning journey this half term. In art, we have been working on skin tones to help us make masks of an actor/actress of our choice. We have also used modrock, paper mâché and card to make our own Oscars. As part of our learning, we also had the opportunity to visit Warner Brother Studios – The making of Harry Potter. Here, we learnt lots about how the books made their way to the screen. We learnt lots about green screens and how they are used to create lots of visual effects in the films. We were amazed to learn about how the Quidditch scenes are actually filmed! Linking in our English we have been writing biographies and narratives. We did a lot of work on characterisation and how we can portray our characters in our descriptive writing.

Additionally, some of us have been taking part in Bikeability lessons. These are helping us to keep safe out on the roads when we are riding our bikes.



## Key Dates for Summer 1 half term

17th April:	Children return to school for Summer 1 half term
21 <sup>st</sup> April:	Summer PTA meeting in the Hall (9am-10.30am all welcome)
1 <sup>st</sup> May:	National Bank Holiday
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> May:	Year 2 SATs administered
3 <sup>rd</sup> May:	Choir singing at Epping St John's Church (1.30-3.00)
8 <sup>th</sup> May:	National Bank Holiday – School Closed
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May:	Year 6 SATs week
11 <sup>th</sup> May:	Pupil reports sent home (Years 1 to 6)
12 <sup>th</sup> May:	PTA Movies and Munch after school
18 <sup>th</sup> May:	Treat lunch day
25 <sup>th</sup> May:	School closes at 1.15pm for parent consultation sessions
25 <sup>th</sup> May:	Years 1 to 6 Parent consultations (1.30-7.30pm)
29 <sup>th</sup> May:	Half term holidays (29 <sup>th</sup> May to 2 <sup>nd</sup> June)
5 <sup>th</sup> June:	Children return to School for Summer 2 half term

*Please note, dates may change for some events due to unforeseen circumstances. Our School Jotter app will keep you up to date with school communications... do download the app if you haven't already.*