

# Coopersale & Theydon Garnon C.E Primary School



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## Newsletter – May 2023

### KS2 Multi-Skills Penathlon

Some children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 had a great time this half term taking part in a Penathlon competition. We hosted the competition here, on our new MUGA, and other local primary schools were invited to take part. The children took part in a number of different activities such as throwing, jumping, catching and running activities. The children all learnt lots of new skills, worked well in their teams, showed competitive spirit, and most importantly had great fun! Here you can see some of our winners proudly wearing their medals.



### Year 5 sports leaders

The above Penathlon event could not have happened without our fantastic sports leaders from Year 5 that helped to run and score all the activities. Thank you to all the pupils that assisted in this. You showed great leadership skills and were supportive role-models to all participants.



### Collective Worship Ambassadors

This half term, Reverend Olivia has been working with a group of volunteer pupils to train them up to become collective worship ambassadors. These pupils work together to put on assemblies, lead in school worship and write their own prayers to share with us. It is great to see them getting involved with our Christian ethos and taking on a leadership role like this – well done ambassadors and thank you.





## **Coronation**

We had a fantastic time celebrating the King's coronation with our own 'garden' party. Thank you to everyone that donated money towards our ice-cream treat. These donations make it possible to offer these lovely things to all pupils across the school. I am sure you could tell from the blue faces and ice cream drips on their clothes that the children thoroughly enjoyed this treat! Some classes also celebrated by having some coronation crafts in class such as making crowns and medals. We all came together in the afternoon (once the rain cleared) to have a party in the playground. The children took part in some great dancing, and they looked fantastic in their red, white and blue outfits.



## **Coronation – shine club**



Shine Club also had a great time celebrating the Coronation. They took part in lots of coronation activities across the week including crafts, music and games. To finish their celebrations, they were treated to a traditional afternoon tea! The children had a great time and full bellies at the end of it! There are still Shine Club places available both before and after school if you need any additional wrap-around care for your children.

## **Eco club garden**

As you may be aware, one of our clubs this half term is eco-warriors club. Their aim is to improve our outdoor areas to help make it more attractive for bugs and bees. Thank you to everyone that took part in the dress up and helped donate towards this. We raised £110 towards purchasing plants, seeds and materials to make bug and bee hotels. We also had lots of seed donations and lots of painted stones entered into our competition. The club are busy at work improving our planters, last week they planted seeds and we cannot wait to see the flowers start to bloom. They have been writing letters to local garden centres who have generously donated plants and vouchers. They are keeping a log of all the work to enter the Essex Rural Community Councils Bee Good competition and to apply for their green Blue Peter Badges.





## **Dementia action week and dementia fayre**

Last week we celebrated Dementia action week. Miss Usher led us in an assembly all about dementia. On Friday, we all made our own comic strips starring our dementia superheroes and sharing some of the kind and thoughtful things we could do to help someone with dementia. We then shared our work in Friday's assembly, some of which can be seen here. We had some residents and staff from Weald Hall care home come to join us for this assembly.



On Saturday 13th May, Six Year 6 pupils volunteered their time to do a speech at the Dementia Fair at St John's Church. Well done and thank you to all of you involved for sharing your time and representing the school with pride.



## **Maypole Dancing at Swaine's Green May Fayre**



Well done to all the Year 3 and 4 children who performed a maypole dance at the Swaine's Green fayre. You all worked hard to learn the routine, and you represented the school with pride during your performance. Thank you to all the teachers for your efforts in preparing the children for this, and to the parents for taking them along and giving them the opportunity to take part.

## **Reception**

We have had a very busy and exciting half term in Cherry class. We started our learning journey by welcoming our class ducklings! The children loved watching the duckling eggs hatch and also enjoyed having a cuddle with the ducklings and watching them paddle in the water tray.

We then moved onto the classic story of the Gingerbread Man. We had lots of fun using drama to retell the story and exploring materials to create a waterproof boat for the Gingerbread man. Next, we moved onto the fairy tale Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have enjoyed creating a healthy breakfast for Goldilocks and tasting some porridge in class.

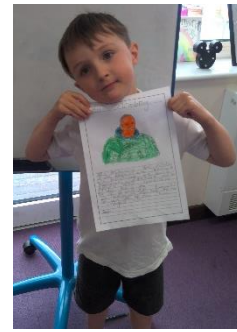
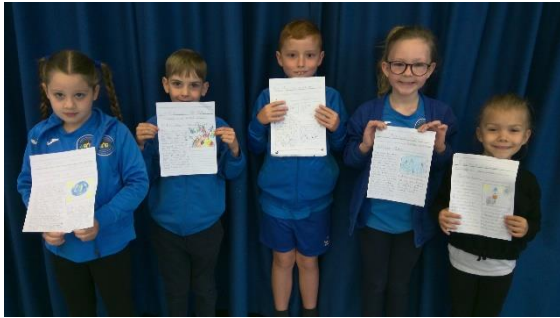
We really enjoyed celebrating the king's coronation in school and particularly loved the bubble gum ice-lollies in Cherry Class!



## Year 1 and 2

KS1 have loved their new learning journey – Space explorers. We have been researching famous astronauts and writing biographies about them, as well as creating our own newspaper reports based on a space travel event. In science we have been learning about forces through the use of magnets and understanding the effects of gravity and friction. We had great fun with some giant blow up planets and learning mnemonics to help us remember their order from the sun.

Year 2 have also been working hard to complete their SATs this half term. We are very proud of all the children for taking the tests in their stride and trying their best. Thank you to all the parents that gave extra support at home to help best prepare their children.



## Year 3 and 4

We are linking lots of our learning this term to the forest. We decided to study where more minibeasts could be found, in the playground, field or the forest. We used a hoop to keep our investigation fair. Whilst in the forest, we collected lots of natural items which we could use to dye fabrics. We also identified human and physical features we could find during our visits. Back in class, we looked at how we could classify and ground different living and non-living things.

To introduce our world of living things topic, we were also lucky enough to have a visit from Garg's animal encounters. During this visit, we got to meet and hold a number of different animals. We had a great time learning all about them and their habitats and getting to stroke and play with them. Some of us were really brave and even held spiders and snakes!





## Year 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 are loving their new learning all about WW2. Year 6 have been busy preparing for their SATs tests, so are now about to dive into their learning journey properly and through lots of immersion days.

In Year 5, we have made our own books using collage and we have been learning about aging paper using tea bags. We have been putting all our history and best pieces of English and science in the booklets and we are really proud of how they look. We have learnt about the causes of WW2, the allies and the axis, and how Britain fought in the war. We are looking forward to learning even more in Summer 2.



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### **School Uniform – discount week from Create Identitee**

Discount week this year will run from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July until Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Store opening hours will be:

- Monday-Friday 9am-7pm.
- Saturday 9am-2pm.
- Sunday 10am-2pm.

All school wear orders placed online or in store during this period will receive a 10% discount. If ordering online there will be a discount code on the web shop for customers to use to get the discount, in store it will be applied at the point of payment.

## **Marvellous Me**

Marvellous Me is ending at Coopersale from June. Please see our Behaviour Policy via our website if you would like to know more about our positive behaviour reward/recognition systems.



## **Ride London**

Ride London returns this weekend and on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May the ride will pass through parts of our local area. Here's what you need to know about how the event could affect you and how you can be a part of it: <https://www.ridelondon.co.uk/>



## **Key Dates for Summer 2 half term**

5th June:	Children return to school for Summer 2 half term
6th June:	Year 6 'Stepping into Secondary' workshop #1 in school
12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June:	Year 6 taking part in 'Essex Police Positive Action Road Show' virtual sessions
12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> June:	Year 1 phonics screening check
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> June:	Year 4 multiplication tables check
16 <sup>th</sup> June:	PTA Father's day gifts sent home
20 <sup>th</sup> June:	Year 6 Epping St John's transition session in school
20 <sup>th</sup> June:	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Peter Pan drama workshop in school
21 <sup>st</sup> June:	KS2 district sports competition
28 <sup>th</sup> June:	Year 4 and Year 5 Essex schools food and farming day
29 <sup>th</sup> June:	Parents and pupils informed of next year's teacher allocations
4 <sup>th</sup> July:	Year 6 'Stepping into Secondary' workshop #2 in school
6 <sup>th</sup> July:	EY Summary reports and profile data sent home to parents
7 <sup>th</sup> July:	Year 6 production to families 9.15am and 2pm
7 <sup>th</sup> July:	Summer Fayre 3.15pm-5.45pm
10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> July:	Year 6 Residential
10 <sup>th</sup> July:	Year 3 and Year 4 sports day 1.30pm - 3.00pm families welcome
12 <sup>th</sup> July:	Year 1 and Year 2 sports day 1.30pm – 3.00pm families welcome
13 <sup>th</sup> July:	Reception sports day 1.30pm – 3.00pm families welcome
14 <sup>th</sup> July:	Statutory tests (incl. SATS) reports sent home to tested year groups (Years 1, 2, 4 and 6)
17 <sup>th</sup> July:	Year 5 and Year 6 sports day 1.30pm – 3.00pm families welcome
18 <sup>th</sup> July:	Year 6 leavers service at the church 9.15 – 10.15am families welcome
18 <sup>th</sup> July:	Transition session after lunchtime - classes to meet next year's class teacher
18 <sup>th</sup> July:	Parents meet next year's teacher 3.15pm – 4.15pm
18 <sup>th</sup> July:	Reception parents drop-in session to discuss summary reports & profile data
19 <sup>th</sup> July:	Class parties in the afternoon
20 <sup>th</sup> July:	Year 6 leavers lunch and fun afternoon 1.30pm – 3.00pm (funded by our PTA)
21 <sup>st</sup> July:	Last day of the academic year – normal finishing time
6 <sup>th</sup> September:	Pupils first day back at school for the new academic year

*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.*

