

Coopersale & Theydon Garnon C.E Primary School



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Newsletter – October 2023

Eco-warriors club

Mrs Huke and eco-warriors club members were ecstatic when they returned to school after the summer break, as they discovered that, over the summer, lots of vegetables had grown in the new patch they planted last year. Mrs Larr took home some of the vegetables and made a delicious courgette dish for us to try.



All of last year's members also applied for Blue Peter badges based on the hard work they did around their 'save the bees' project. Blue Peter were really impressed by everything the children had done, and they were all awarded Blue Peter Badges. Well done everybody! We are really proud of you and all of your efforts to help save our environment, protect the bees, and look after our school grounds. We look forward to seeing what comes next from you all!

School uniform

Please take this opportunity to check all your child's uniform is named. Jumpers and cardigans are beginning to be found around the school with no names in, making it near impossible to return it to its owner. Please make sure everything is named so we can help to get it all back to you, ultimately stopping you having to spend money on replacing missing items.

This is also a reminder that correct PE kit must be worn on PE days (full details can be found here in our school uniform policy [Coopersale & Theydon Garnon C.E. \(V.C\) Primary School - Policies \(coopersaletheydongarnon.essex.sch.uk\)](http://Coopersale & Theydon Garnon C.E. (V.C) Primary School - Policies (coopersaletheydongarnon.essex.sch.uk))) Football shirts are not acceptable as school PE kit – even if they are blue – so please make sure children are not wearing these as you may get a phone call to bring up spare uniform for them if this happens.



Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you for all your Jeans for Genes Day donations, we made £111 which is all going to a fantastic cause, so thank you!

PTA and Miss Nicholson's Marathon Fundraiser Quiz night



After a roaring success last year, we are delighted to share with you another adult's quiz night.

Some of you may be aware, Miss Nicholson will be running the London Marathon 2024, for a close charity to her: Children with Cancer UK. To show our support, the PTA and Miss Nicholson are joining forces to bring you this quiz night. All money raised from ticket sales and the raffle will be shared equally with the PTA and Miss Nicholson's Children with Cancer Marathon fundraiser. We still have a few tables remaining, so please gather a team and come and join us for what is sure to be a great night!

World Teacher's Day

On Thursday 5th October, we celebrated World Teacher's Day! The Children's committee decided they wanted to have a chance to have a fun afternoon with their teachers and have an opportunity to say lots of kind things to them and dance to some fun songs with them. We all went outside and enjoyed a dance party in honour of all of our teachers. I just want to take the opportunity to remind everyone how hard our teacher's work every day for all of our pupils. We are so lucky to have such a kind, caring, hardworking team here to help make our Coopersale Family the one we all love.



World Mental Health Day

On Tuesday 10th October, we celebrated World Mental Health Day. All children were allowed to sign up to two different activities that they thought would help their mental health. These activities included: reading, dancing, music making, yoga, colouring and walking in the forest. A great afternoon was had by all, and we left feeling calm and happy! *Amy: I picked disco dancing because it meant I could have lots of fun and let out lots of energy.*

Uniformd – second-hand uniforms

When you are considering new uniform, please remember that our online second-hand uniform buying platform is now open.

Here you will find a number of school uniform items, in good second-hand condition resold at a very low cost to you. Please follow this link to browse the uniform on offer and steps to purchasing: <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/308>



We would be very grateful for any uniform donations to be handed in to the front office. Please don't throw items away if they no longer fit. If they are clean and looked after – we will take them from you.

KS2 all in football event.

On Friday 6th October, 6 children went out to take part in the KS2 'all in' football event. They spent the session taking part in lots of football skills focusing on control, passing accuracy and shooting. Each activity earned them points for our team. The session then ended with the children taking part in some small matches against other teams. I am delighted to share that the team came first – winning themselves some very lovely gold penathlon medals! Well done to all the children pictured here who took part.



Harvest festival and food bank collection



On Wednesday 4th October, all children in the school had the opportunity to go over to the local Coopersale Church (St. Alban's) for a Harvest celebration and service led by Revd. Olivia. We learnt about ways in which we can give to others and help others. We also took part in lots of beautiful singing.

A big thank you to everyone that donated food to our Epping Forest food bank. These items have been delivered. Once told, we will send you information from the food

bank on the total weight of our donations. A big thank you again!



Goodbye to Mrs Hatcher

We are incredibly sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Hatcher this half term. Mrs Hatcher is well known, respected, and loved by so many of our families due to her endless roles she has undertaken for us in school. Over the years, Mrs Hatcher has helped so many of our pupils in ways she probably doesn't even realise. Although we are saddened to see her go, we are delighted to know she is staying within the education sector and pursuing her interest in SEND. We wish her all the best in her new role, and know that her hard work, passion and care for our school and our pupils will be truly missed. Good luck Mrs Hatcher and thank you!



Welcome to new staff

We welcome Miss Dumbrill to our school team, who will be joining us from 13th November. Miss Dumbrill will be our new Pastoral Assistant/HLTA (currently Mrs Hatcher's role).

Reception

Reception class have settled in well. They have been learning all about our school rules, how we treat others, and good learning behaviours. We have started phonics lessons and starting learning how to form different letter, and what sounds they make. We had made lots of new friends and love having lots of opportunities to play, grow and learn together. We enjoy story time together, and talking about all of the different characters and events that happen in the books that we read.

Now we have settled in nicely, we are enjoying the launch of our learning journey 'Wild and Wonderful'. We are excited for our Tiger Tea Party when we come back after half term.



Year 1 and 2

Year 1 and 2 have had a fantastic start to their 'fire fire' learning journey. They have been learning all about the great fire of London: how it started; how it spread; how it ended and the rebuilding process. As part of the learning, they had a fantastic in school workshop. Below you can see some of the activities the children took part in across the day to help deepen their learning.

In English, they have also been learning about diary entries. They explored who might write a diary, and what content might be included, before writing their own as if they were around during the great fire itself. The children used some fantastic description to describe the events, and learnt all about writing in first person.



Year 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 are loving learning all about life during the stone age. We have been history detectives learning how different life would have been back then. We have also been using soap to make our own 'stone age tools', this proved challenging as we learnt how hard it was to cut a hard material (would have been stone back then) without any sharp tools to help us! In science we used starburst sweets to investigate how different types of rocks are formed. We also got creative by building our own stone henge models out of biscuits and icing.



On our trip to Thorndon country park we used our imaginations to go back in time to the stone age. We built shelters out of natural materials and hunted mammoths with spears to gather skins to keep our shelters water tight. We looked at nuts and berries that could be gathered near the camp and created fires in our camps using friction fire lighters. In the afternoon, we used natural resources to create paints and stains to create a flag for our tribe and decorate our dens. We even caught a glimpse of a Gruffalo! We are really proud of how hard the children worked, their creativity and team work.



Year 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 are loving learning all about life during the Victorian era. They have been history detectives with lots of sources of evidence to help them learn all about what happened and the impact it has had on us today. As part of their learning, they enjoyed a trip to Braintree Museum to learn about school life during the Victorian times, explore different Victorian objects and their uses and about Victorian toys and games. It was safe to say they had a shock of a lifetime when they saw first hand how strict teachers use to be!



In Art, they printed 2-layer repeat pattern prints inspired by William Morris. Using this material, they practised their sewing skills to put their material together to make finger puppets. Thank you to all the family members that supported us with this. We look forward to making the puppet sets, and putting on our puppet shows next half term.

PTA events and updates

AUTUMN TERM 2023	
DATE	EVENT
Friday 15 th September 2023	AGM (9am start)
Friday 13 th October 2023	Disco (after school)
Friday 10 th November 2023	Bake Sale (after school)
Wednesday 15 th November 2023	Bags2School collection
Friday 24 th November 2023	Adult's Quiz Night (evening time)
Friday 24 th November 2023	Pantomime (school time)
Friday 24 th November 2023	Xmas art competition (due date)
Friday 1 st December 2023	Christmas Fayre (after school)

SPRING TERM 2024	
DATE	EVENT
Friday 12 th January 2024	PTA meeting (9am start)
Friday 2 nd February 2024	Spring Term Discos (after school)
Friday 16 th February 2024	Bake Sale (after school)
Friday 8 th March 2024	Mother's Day Gifts (school time)
Friday 8 th March 2024	Adults' Quiz Night (evening time)

SUMMER TERM 2024	
DATE	EVENT
Friday 26 th April 2024	PTA meeting (9am start)
Wednesday 1 st May 2024	Bags2School collection
Friday 24 th May 2024	Bake Sale (after school)
Friday 14 th June 2024	Father's Day Gifts (school time)
Friday 28 th June 2024	Summer art competition (due date)
Friday 5 th July 2024	Summer Fayre (after school)

Thank you to every PTA volunteer who helped with the school discos last week. Once we are told, we will let you know how much money was raised from the event.

Please look at the calendar of events to the side and mark them in your diary. The Panto (Jack and The Beanstalk) has already been booked for all children in the school to enjoy – paid for by the PTA from their fundraising.

Another huge thank you to the PTA who agreed at the AGM in September, to commit £1000 towards educational visits this year. This money will reduce the costs to the school and you as parents, ensuring our visits can continue.

Today, we will be uploading the AGM minutes onto the PTA webpage. Follow the link here:

<https://www.coopersaletheydongarnon.essex.sch.uk/about-our-school/friends-of-coopersale>

Key Dates for Autumn 2 half term

30 th October:	All pupils welcomed back to school for Autumn 2
30 th October:	Year 5&6 Victorian workshop in school led by Epping Forest Museum
31 st October:	Flu immunisation day for consented pupils
1 st November:	Year 6 sports leader training in school
3 rd November:	Year 5 Parents 'puberty talk' information session 9.00am start
8 th November:	Remembrance service in the hall for Years 1-6
10 th November:	World Science Day
13 th - 17 th November:	Year 1 – Year 6 assessment week
13 th – 17 th November:	Anti-bullying week
16 th November:	Non-uniform day for 'Anti-bullying week'
17 th November:	Non-uniform day for 'Children in Need'
17 th November:	Year 6 Parent and Pupil residential meeting 9.00am to 9.30am
17 th November:	Year 6 Parent sex ed information session 9.30am to 10.00am
22 nd November:	Reception and Year 5 road safety
23 rd – 29 th November:	Book fair in school. Purchases can be made after school in the hall all week.
24 th November:	Non-uniform day to bring in a tombola donation for next week's PTA Christmas Fayre
24 th November:	PTA funded whole school pantomime.
24 th November:	PTA and Miss Nicholson's Marathon fundraiser adults quiz night
1 st December:	PTA Christmas fayre 3.30-6.00pm
2 nd December:	Epping Town Christmas Market
7 th December:	Christmas jumper day (children can wear instead of their normal jumper/cardigan)
8 th December:	Reception class Christmas concert to parents 9.15 – 10.00 (booking info to come)
15 th December:	Year 1 & 2 Christmas production to parents 9.15-10.00am & 2.15-3.00pm (booking info to come)
18 th December:	Christmas communion service for all pupils at our local Church
19 th December:	Christmas lunch at school
20 th December:	Non-uniform day for Christmas celebrations (including Class Parties after lunchtime)
20 th December:	Last day of Autumn term. 3.15-3.20pm finish as normal.

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.