The Coppice Whole School Newsletter
Friday 13th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children.

Children in Need!



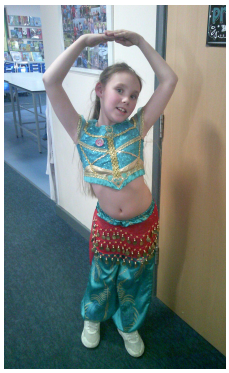
It was a joy to see both children and staff arriving at school this morning all dressed up in their outfits and excited for the our Special Children in Need day.

Raising money, in order to help put a smile on the faces of other children in need of help, is of great importance to us as a school so thank you to you all for your generous donations. You'll still be able to donate through ParentPay over the weekend if you wish.

To celebrate the day, we held our annual talent show for Years 2-6 as well as a range of other activities across the school. Due to the timing of this newsletter, I am unable to announce who the overall talent show winner was but I will make sure that I do so in next week's edition.

Below you can see some photos from the day, which sum up what a great time was had by everyone!











Remembrance:



On Wednesday at 11am, we marked Remembrance Day by holding a two-minute silence across the whole school. We also held Remembrance assemblies in all classes across the school.

As I always say, we strongly believe as a school, that it is vital to make all of our children aware of the importance of this event and feel it is our duty to ensure that the sacrifices that our servicemen and women have made throughout history and into the present day are forever remembered and fully understood.

As you can see in the photos below, Mrs. Ashwell and I took four children from our school to the memorial service at Drake's Cross. One of these children is the daughter of an ex-serviceman and the other three were representatives from our School Council.

The children did their school and local community proud by laying a wreath on behalf of the school, and joined other local schools, including Woodrush and Meadow Green, in showing their respects. As always, we were extremely grateful to be part of this service and our children's conduct was exemplary.

It is always a huge honour for us as a school to attend this service, and is something that we do every year. It is crucial that we show our respect for, and gratitude to, both current and ex-service for the sacrifices that they make on our behalf.









Parent and Carer Meetings - thank you!

I just want to extend a huge thank you to all Parents and Carers who attended our Parent and Carer meetings this week in order to to view your child's work and to discuss your child's progress with their Class Teacher.

It has been an absolute pleasure to see you all here supporting your children. If, for some reason, you were unable to attend the meetings, it is still vital that we see you so please get in touch with your child's Class Teacher - thank you.

Spoz visits The Coppice!

On Monday 9th November, Year 6 took part in a poetry slam workshop led by Spoz, an award-winning local performance poet. The poetry slam was a qualifying round for the Verve Poetry Festival Schools' Slam Competition.

The children spent the day working hard in teams to write and perform poetry on the theme of 'Wonder', this year's National Poetry Day theme. We were particularly impressed with the level of creativity demonstrated and the confidence that shone out from every child when each group got up to the mic to perform their poems to the rest of the year group.

It was a very close call again this year with lots of great poems to choose from, but a massive congratulations goes to Noah, Leighton, Andrew, Caleb, Oscar B and Isaac, who made up the team that was chosen to represent us this year at the Verve Poetry Grand final, taking place in February 2027 at the Hippodrome Theatre in Birmingham

As always, Spoz thoroughly enjoyed his visit and was full of nothing but praise and positive words for the children, which they thoroughly deserve.



We are really grateful to Spoz for choosing The Coppice as one of the participating schools in the festival and for the massive effort he put into making sure our Year 6 children had an enjoyable and engaging day!

Reception Celebration assemblies:

We held our first Reception celebration assemblies on Thursday afternoon of this week and it was a joy for both Mrs. Ashwell and I to present certificates and team point medals to some of our youngest children.

As always, the pride on the children's faces when they heard their names called out and when they get to come and stand in front of their classmates and hold their certificates, is always a really special moment.

Some of the reasons given for why children had received certificates on this occasion were simply wonderful: 'being a great role model for others', 'always being a really enthusiastic learner' and 'always being such a kind friend'.

We will be having many more Reception celebration assemblies over the course of the academic year and greatly look forward to presenting many more certificates then!

Next week, Mrs. Ashwell and I will also visit each Reception class in order to read a story each to the children, which we are very much looking forward to.

Celebration assemblies for Years 5 and 6:

Also this week we held our Celebration Assemblies for Years 5 and 6 where we celebrated all of the excellent learning that took place over the first half-term of this academic year. It was really lovely to spend this time with our oldest pupils and to hear all of the fantastic reasons for why children received trophies on this occasion.

Through these trophies, we recognise the many and varied talents of our children and ensure that all children feel that they have something to aim for. This very much fits in with our vision of wanting The Coppice Primary School to be a school where, by the time a child leaves us in Year 6, there has been **'none of their talents left undiscovered'.**

As always, I was wowed by what special children we have here at The Coppice and the incredible things that they are capable of, and the fantastic qualities that they possess.

We also presented our Gold, Silver and Bronze Team points. medals

Celebration Time

Coppice pupils and staff mark Remembrance Sunday and do us all proud!

Also on the Remembrance theme, on Sunday 8th November, some pupils of the Coppice Primary School attended the local Remembrance Parade. They are all members of 1st Tidbury Green (Wythall) Scout Group and the groups represented ranged from Beavers through to Scouts. We are extremely proud of all of these pupils for how well they represented their groups and school. Our very own member of The Coppice lunchtime team: Alison Neighbour (a.k.a Beaver Leader: TigerLily) also represented the Cubs - well done Mrs. Neighbour!



Pictured from left are Sienna (2D), Luke (3L), Jenson (3L), Ben (3L), Logan (4B) and Natasha (2S). Sienna and Logan are also pictured right







Also representing the Beavers were **Ellis, from 2P** (far left) and **Oscar, from 2S** (front left corner of the group photo. **Mrs. Neighbour (TigerLilly)** can also be pictured in the background.

Pictured proudly having the honour of carrying the flag (right) for her Brownies' Group at the Kingswood Sunday service for Remembrance on Sunday, is **Elsie-Mai, from 4TR**. A huge well done Elsie!







Proudly representing the cubs at the Remembrance parade was **Jacob, from 5C.** As you can see in Jacob's face, the pride in being part of this event is very evident.

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE 2nd-6th November (last week)		
	2S	99.31%
	3K	99.67%

TOP ATTENDANCE 9th - 13th (this week)		
	1T 2P	100.00% 100.00%
	4B	99.33%

Music Listening and Appreciation

This weeks playlist was :An emotional rollercoaster

M - Daryl Hall & John Oates - You Make My Dreams Come T (Lyrics)
T - Lord Huron - The Night We Met (Lyrics)
W - Verdi's Requiem: II. Dies Irae
Th - Peripetie - Arnold Schoenberg

Next week's playlist is: Music for dancing

M - Avicii - Levels
T - Zara Larsson - Lush Life (Lyrics)
W - Martynas - Hungarian Dance No.5 in G Minor
Th - Billie Jean - Michael Jackson (Lyrics)

That just leaves me to wish you all an enjoyable weekend with your children. We look forward to seeing all of the children, and you, bright and early on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)