# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter
# Friday 8th May 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.

**Coppice secures its 3rd School Games Gold Award!**

We are thrilled to announce that The Coppice has achieved the School Games Gold Award for the third consecutive year! This award celebrates our ongoing commitment to physical education, school sport and the promotion of healthy, active lifestyles.

A huge well done goes to all our children for their enthusiastic participation and fantastic sportspersonship at EVERY event they enter. Our children always make us extremely proud, especially with the fantastic array of compliments that the organisers of the events pay us.

I also want to pay tribute to Mrs. Bell (Year 4 Year Leader and Class Teacher) who continues to drive the standards we set ourselves at The Coppice - they couldn't be achieved without everything she does. A massive thank you Mrs. Bell for what you do for our school and children!

Next year, because we have had three Gold Awards in three successive years, if we continue to perform at the same level, we will be accredited with the highest level of award: Platinum. Therefore, here's to another fantastic year of teamwork, determination, and achievement at THe Coppice!

**Children mark David Attenborough's 100th Birthday!**

This afternoon, all of our children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 watched a live assembly to celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday.

The children learnt that in 1976, the BBC began production on David Attenborough's **Life on Earth**. No-one had ever attempted a natural history series on this scale before. It was a wildlife blockbuster: a three-year, hair-raising odyssey around the world, travelling to 40 countries, across a million miles, and filming over 600 species.

Sir David is a 'National Treasure' and it is vital that our children are aware of the incredible legacy that he has created, and also the huge impact that he has had in raising awareness of conservation and environmental change.

Given our focus on careers in the world of science, and the importance of broadening our children's understanding of the impact of human beings on the world, this event was extremely valuable.

David Attenborough's work has significantly shaped how we view and care for the natural world, making this a strong and relevant link for evidencing our PSQM work and inspiring pupils.

## The Big School Workout with Joe Wicks!

Linked to giving our children as many fun, healthy activities to partake in as possible, all classes in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will be joining Joe Wicks live next Thursday (14th May) as he leads a high-energy workout for children to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week.

The workout will last for thirty minutes and, because of this, all of the children will be allowed to come in their P.E. kits.

Schools across the country will be taking part together at this event (organised by Picture News), discovering how moving our bodies can boost our mood, build resilience, and support our mental wellbeing.

Nursery and Reception pupils will also have the opportunity to partake in the Joe Wicks event for an age-appropriate amount of time and can wear P.E. kit too.

This should be a really fun event and we are all (including staff) looking forward to it!

As I have written about on many occasions in this newsletter, as a school, we are absolutely committed to supporting our children's mental health in a variety of ways. Therefore, this is good time to remind you of the following websites and services which can used to help support your whole family's mental health, which can be found on our school website using the following link:

https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/parent-resources/mental-health-well-being-and-support-for-families/

In addition, we also now have the WEST service which I have written about a few times in the last couple of weeks:

https://camhs.hacw.nhs.uk/west/

Other useful inks are:

https://www.onside-advocacy.org.uk/melo

https://luminova.app/

## OPAL Play Open Morning sessions for Parents & Carers:

Just a further reminder that following the success of our OPAL Parent & Carer sessions last year, we are running two more sessions at the end of this half term:

**Thursday 21st May: 9.00am - 9.45am (*Rec / Yr1 / Y5 / Y6 children)***

**Friday 22nd May: 9.00am - 9.45am *(Y2 / Y3 / Y4 children)***

There will be teas and coffees available in the main Junior hall from **8.30am - 9.00am** following drop-off.

Once the children have been registered you will be able to meet them in the playground at **9:00 am for 45 minutes of OPAL fun**.

Please let us know on the google form **(link below)** if you are able to make it.

It would be lovely for the children to have a Parent, Grandparent or Carer attending if possible. However, If you are not able to attend, we will be hosting more OPAL Parent & Carer sessions in the Autumn term.

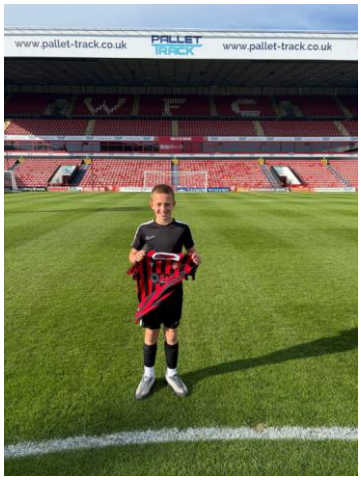
All children from Reception through to Year 6 will be joining in with their designated session, whether they have an adult attending or not.

https://forms.gle/xKF5ncZh4cycXQQw9

We greatly look forward to seeing you all at this very special event. It's going to be a huge amount of fun so please attend if you can.

# Celebration Time

Huge congratulations goes to Curtis from 6L who has signed an apprenticeship with Walsall Football Club. Obviously, this is an incredible achievement and we are extremely proud of Curtis for being awarded this massive opportunity. It is richly deserved for all of the hard work and dedication that he has put in over a number of years. Curtis now embarks on an incredibly exciting journey which will see him travelling all over the country in order to play other academy teams. Curtis is an excellent role model for our school and we know that he will be the same when representing Walsall. We wish you all the very best of luck Curtis and will follow your progress with great interest. Obviously, I'll be thrilled if, one day, you sign a contract for my team: Liverpool! :-)




# Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate

# Attendance Figures

| TOP ATTENDANCE 27th April - 1st May (last week) | | |
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| | 1D | 99.31% |
| | 4B | 98.06% |

| TOP ATTENDANCE 5th - 8th May (this week) | | |
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| | 2W | 100% |
| | 5GB | 99.6% |

# Music Listening and Appreciation

**This week's playlist was:**

**Western Orchestral Strings**

**1) Paganini - Caprice No.24 (c.1810)**

**2) 2CELLOS - Thunderstruck (2014)**

**3) Leroy Anderson -The Waltzing Cat (1950)**

**4) Barber - Adagio for Strings (1936)**

**Next week's playlist is:**

**Geographical Focus: Europe**

**1) Sergei Prokofiev - Peter and the Wolf (Main Theme) (1936)**

**2) Carl Orff - O Fortuna (1935)**

**3) Toni Kitanovski - Show Me (2011)**

**4) Amália Rodrigues - "Grândola, Vila Morena" (Audio 1974)**

**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)**