



COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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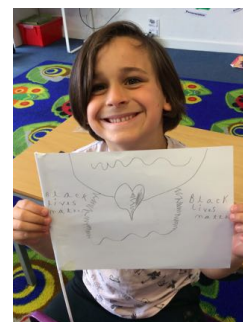
Hello Coopers Lane Family & Friends!

Well, what a wonderful week it has been as we welcomed back even more pupils – seeing so many smiling (sometimes sleepy!) faces first thing in the morning has made school feel a little more ‘normal’ than it has in months. Our classrooms are busier, with bubbles expanding but staying within the recommended numbers for keeping safe, and our staff are filled with **HAPPINESS** to be back with more of our children. As we know how much many of you are missing Coopers Lane, we will continue to work hard to maintain our links between home and school. School is not the same without you all!

Black Lives Matter

Following on from last week, we will be using this space in our newsletter to share informative video links and articles linked to Black Lives Matter. We will also be sharing some of the work that the children have been doing as we focus on educating and supporting them to understand the history behind the movement, the protests happening all over the world, and the way many of our families will be feeling right now. It is our **RESPONSIBILITY** to take this moment in time very seriously and lead with changing attitudes.

Black Lives Matter has been a focus for all classrooms this week – in school and at home – with some classes sharing stories to spark the discussion around ‘difference’, some creating flags and posters in support of the protests, and some writing letters to Donald Trump to express their views. We have been overwhelmed with the beautiful way in which our children have articulated their feelings, and we are proud to share some of their work from this week.



Here are the links to two wonderful stories read aloud online. Some of the children will have watched these and spoken about them this week, but we would encourage you all to watch these at home as a family, keeping the dialogue of self-**LOVE**, acceptance, equality, **RESPECT** and celebrating difference alive. Next week, we will move towards sharing pivotal moments in Black History.

A Bad Case of Stripes: <https://youtu.be/cKaQXmRvpvw>

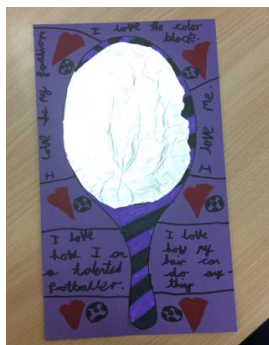
Mixed: A Colourful Story: <https://youtu.be/mn0ep5u0kZo>

The Mirror Challenge

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we have spent time this week supporting children in school to build on their self-belief and self-**LOVE**. We feel that this is so important after the months of change and unrest that the first half of 2020 has brought to us all. We shared the idea of *The Mirror Challenge* with you and we hope that you have enjoyed putting this into practice. It may feel strange at first but the research behind daily affirmations and time dedicated to really focussing on what you **LOVE** about yourself is so powerful.

In school, Bubble 15 fully embraced the challenge – making mirrors of their own, drawing self-portraits and adding their positive comments to themselves around the outside of their pictures/mirrors. Such a wonderful idea and so proud of you all for being so creative with the challenge. Now, remember, these positive comments need to be said daily in order for our minds to allow us to truly internalise them... Our brains are very clever so we have to retrain them to the mindset that we would like.

NO ONE IS YOU, AND THAT IS YOUR POWER

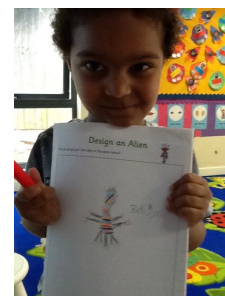
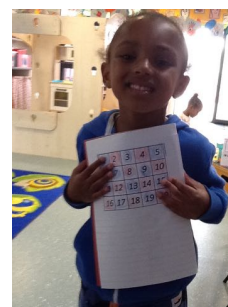


We would **LOVE** you to share your self-**LOVE** statements via twitter @CoopersLaneSch or email into tbonner@cooperslane.org to see your Mirror Challenge photos and statements in the next newsletter. Perhaps you would make your own mirrors too? We can't wait to see them all.

And remember, if you are struggling at home, then please seek help at:
www.place2be.org.uk/page/get-urgent-help/

In school at Coopers Lane

In Early Years, the children have been very busy; this has included making towers using the construction equipment, learning about odd and even numbers, designing aliens and enjoying role-play too. The beaming smiles say it all. ☺



It has been a tough week in Year 1 as the children have been adjusting to learning at tables after such a long time away from school. However, we could not be prouder of the **RESILIENCE** the children have shown. Staff have kept the learning creative and fun, as practical as possible, and outside when the weather has permitted. We will be setting up some outside activities next week to support them further with this. Here are some beautiful pictures of the children doing P.E., creating stunning nature artwork and paintings based around their Lion learning, as well as their thoughtful Black Lives Matters flags already shared above.



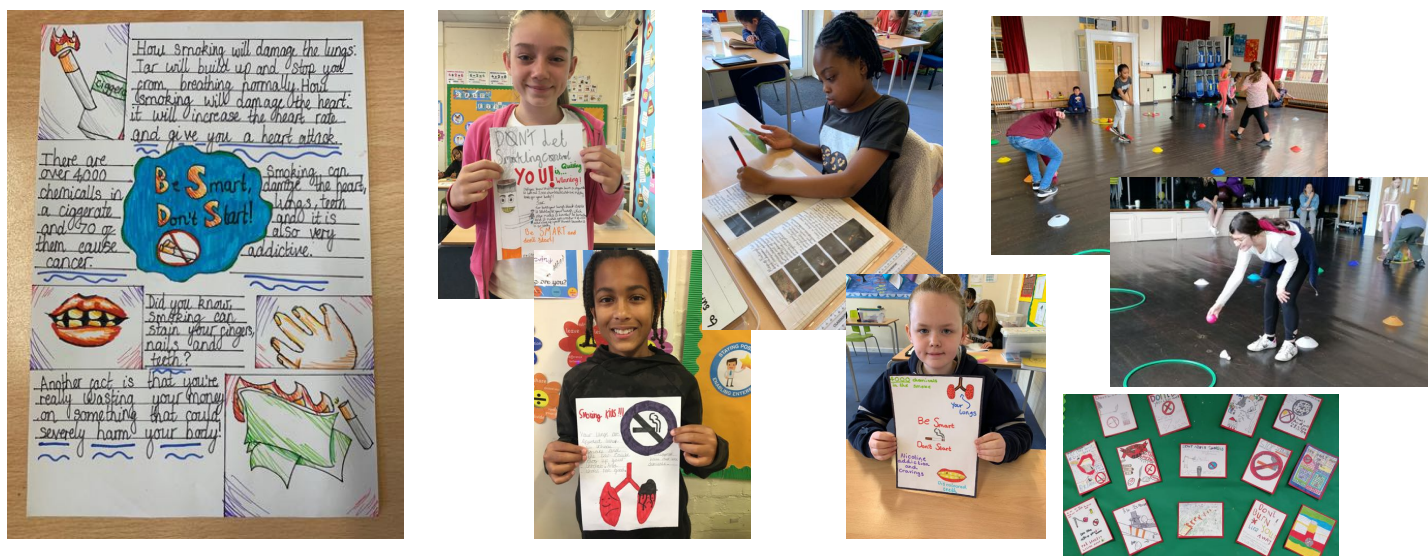
In Year 2 and 3, they have been studying plants and flowers in Science so they have been busy making a bouquet, and used vegetables to print a garden. In English, they set up individual time machines (under tables) using material to cover them, then drew their own time machines and described them. They wrote letters inspired by 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and created more beautiful artwork based on Mrs Webb's collage fish lessons and exploring warm and cool tones inspired by Van Gogh. Keeping that learning creative and fun! Bubble 2 also had a surprise on Wednesday when they spotted that the courgettes in the garden have begun to bloom! How wonderful!



In Years 4 and 5, the children completed a science experiment where they tried to make the Queen's coins as shiny as possible using vinegar and salt. They also used their outside time in Forest School to create art challenges. One of the highlights of the week was creating their own storyboards, backgrounds and stop motion films using Playmobile characters! They also studied the art of Piet Mondrian and created their own collages in his style, in addition to their *Mirror Challenge* mirrors above.



In Year 6, the children have been busy designing anti-smoking posters, working on their throwing accuracy in P.E. and creative writing based around the animated film *Francis Brandywine*.



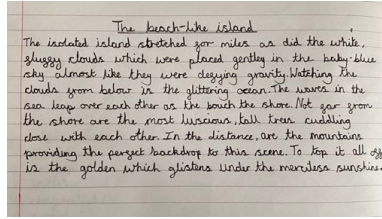
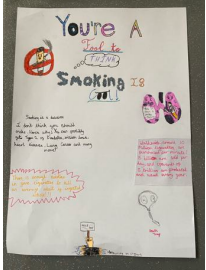
At Home with Coopers Lane Kids!

We love receiving your pictures and videos from home so do keep sending them in. We know how tough it can be learning at home for everyone – big and small! – and we miss you all terribly. Here are some highlights sent in from this week...

Herbie (Y4) has been very busy reading his way through the rainbow over lockdown! What a fabulous display of some fantastic books. Have any of you read any of these books? Let us know what your favourite books during lockdown have been.



Amaya (Y6) has been busy every day completing some absolutely stunning pieces of work – here is just a selection from last week. Well done, Amaya!



Ethan and Adil (Y3) were super proud of their gorgeous 'Nature Art', while Amelie (Y3) also created a truly stunning piece of finger print art following Mrs Webb's lesson. Wow, wow, wow!



Send your pictures in via tweet or email.

Remember: We would love to see some of the things you have been doing at home. We would also love to share them with others! If you would like to show off what you have been doing throughout the week in next week's newsletter, then please email any photos to tbonner@cooperslane.org or tweet them directly to our school Twitter account. Obviously, we can't publish all photos sent to us in the newsletter, but we may be able to tweet them for you. So look out for us on Twitter too @CoopersLaneSch!

Thunk of the week

A thunk is a simple looking question about everyday things that stops you in your tracks and helps you start looking at the world in a whole new light.

Which is heavier – an inflated or a deflated balloon?



Getting to know...

Who am I?

Imogen Mansfield

What is my job?

Y3 Class Teacher



What's my favourite food?

Definitely crisps! Although these are the pancakes I made recently and they were incredible!



What do I like doing?

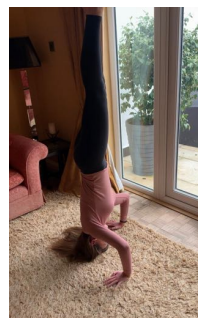
Spending time with my family and friends, exercising, cooking and baking. Before lockdown, I loved going out for food/shopping too!

Something people don't know about me is...

I used to compete for trampolining and gymnastics.

What have I been doing at home to stay busy during lockdown?

I have been enjoying my exercise each day – I even learnt how to do a headstand again! I have spent a lot of time playing with my dogs and I have really enjoyed being at school with the key worker children.



What is your Lockdown Silver Lining?

Spending more time with my family and having the time to appreciate all the lovely things that we can sometimes take for granted.

Home Learning

You will see that Google Classroom is still being updated with a variety of work in each of the Year Group's Classrooms, some changing to topic themes and all having a mixture of subjects. The teachers are enjoying making videos for you so you can see what they have been doing at home or at school, or just to read you a story. There may not be quite as many as you have been used to as all teachers are now back in school as well, but we will – of course – continue to share as much as possible to keep you busy!

Communication is key between home and school, and it is something we have been thought very carefully about. You should have your child's class teacher email. Primarily these emails are for you to contact them about work set on the Google Classroom that your child may struggle with or you have a query about, but they are also for you to send photographs of school work, or anything else your child might have done that they would like to share with their teacher. Please share anything your child is doing with them – the teachers love receiving photographs from you!

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Google Classroom

If for any reason when you log in to Google Classroom and the screen is blank, please do not worry. Follow these simple steps:

1. Click on the + symbol on the top left (it says join your first class)
2. Enter the class code (now shown below with the login details) and click join

You will now be back in the Year Group Classroom. Please ensure you monitor your children when using Google Classroom, making sure they do not change any settings.

If you have been struggling to open documents in the Google Classroom app, we advise you to access it instead through your internet browser (Chrome, Safari, Firefox etc.).

Here's a reminder of login details:

User name: nursery@cooperslane.org Password: paddingtonbear Code: v4igba4	User name: reception@cooperslane.org Password: outdoorarea Code: cl7oxpv
User name: year1@cooperslane.org Password: playtime Code: ljxduqs	User name: year2@cooperslane.org Password: lunchtime Code: 4erzz7k
User name: year3@cooperslane.org Password: savagestoneage Code: iksmcuz	User name: year4@cooperslane.org Password: rottenromans Code: 4whdxc6
User name: year5@cooperslane.org Password: spacetravel Code: cfqv7yw	User name: year6@cooperslane.org Password: democracy Code: ex73foj

If you are having any issues with the Google Classroom service, please log a call via email to googlehelp@cooperslane.org

Please include your child's year group, a brief description of your issue and a contact telephone number.

Wherever possible we will try and contact you to help resolve your issue.

Staying Safe at School

Thank you to everyone for sticking to our drop off and pick up plans – it really has made the school day start and end smoothly, and is keeping us all safe. It is so important that we stick to these guidelines moving forward to minimise contact between bubbles.



We can help control the virus
if we all **STAY ALERT**



Stay at home as
much as possible



Keep your distance
if you go out
(2m where possible)



Work from home
if you can



Wash your
hands regularly



Limit contact with
other people



Do not leave home if
you or anyone in your
household has symptoms

STAY ALERT • CONTROL THE VIRUS • SAVE LIVES



Have a great week. Keep safe. Stay Alert!

Love from, All the Staff at Coopers Lane

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