



COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Hello Coopers Lane Family & Friends!

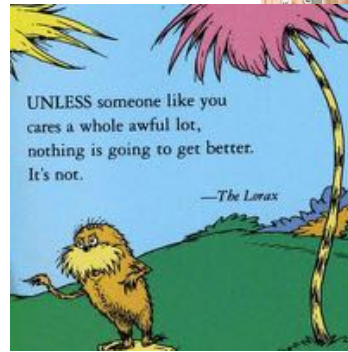
& so, we find ourselves in the last week of term!

What a strange year 2020 has been so far. We have missed you all so much and we are so excited about returning to school in September and being back together again.

This week began with Mr Hooper reading the wonderful book, **The Lorax**, to the whole school during assembly. The **Lorax**, by Dr. Seuss is a light-hearted but cautionary tale with a very important message. If we do not collectively take responsibility for taking care of the environment, then our own world will soon be like the one that the **Lorax** left behind.

We also had our first groups of "catch up" classes in our playgrounds yesterday and it was so good to see the children smiling, laughing and joking with each other as they shared what they have been doing over the last few months, and played some games together too.

We can't wait to see more of you later this week. ☺



Black Lives Matter

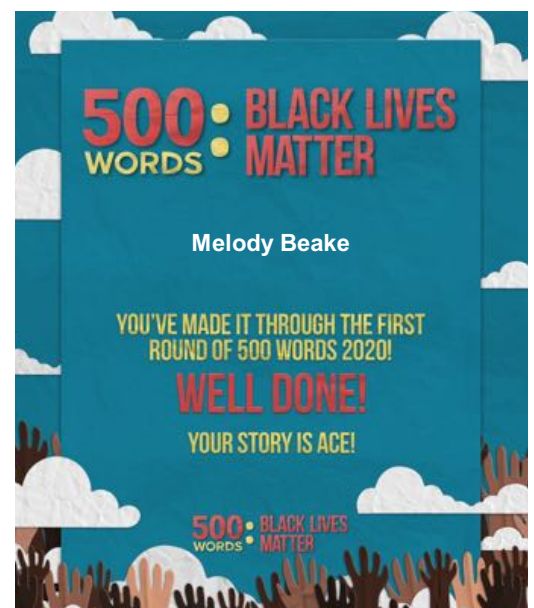
We sent details out to you all two weeks ago to encourage as many of you as possible to enter **Virgin Radio's** story-telling competition, which is aimed at children between the ages of 5 and 13.

We are so proud of the gorgeous Melody in Farrington Class who wrote an entry and has made it through the first round of the competition. What a star you are, Melody!

We wish you every success for future rounds too. Here is Melody's certificate:

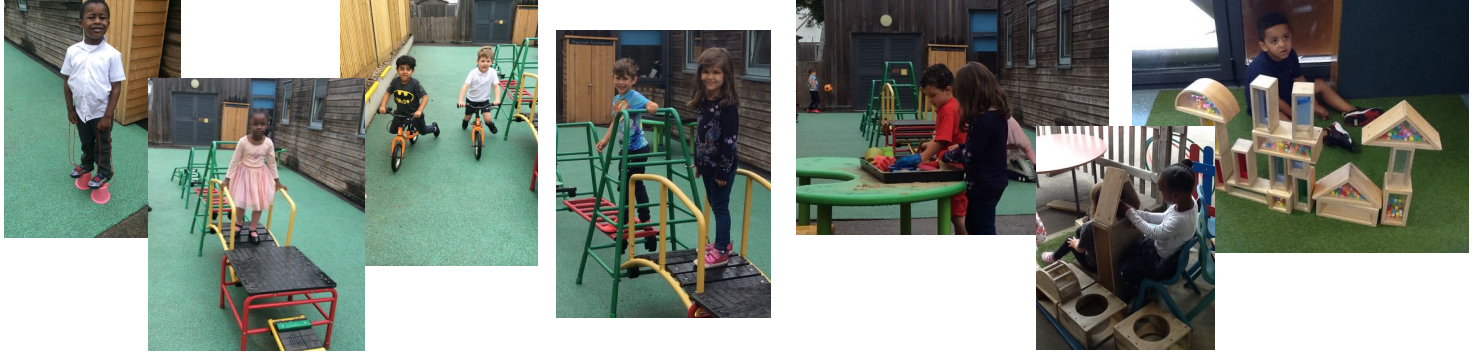
"No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."

- Nelson Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom



In school at Coopers Lane

In Early Years, the children have been busy exploring the outside areas as much as possible, working on their physical development and sharing equipment with their friends. They have also been getting creative, building lots of interesting things, like Jaxson's castle of obstacles; and, staying in tune with the changing times, Shayla opened up her own socially distanced hair salon too. What fun!



The Early Years team also shared the most wonderful story with their children and we would like to share it with you all at home too as it really touched our hearts here at Coopers Lane. It's called, **While We Can't Hug**, and we hope that you take a moment to watch it with your child, discussing how difficult the past few months have been, but that we are all adapting and finding new ways to share our love for each other. Hopefully hugs will be back in again soon... But until then... Enjoy these gorgeous ideas:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29eVlOdQYP8&feature=youtu.be>

They wanted to give each other a great, big hug.



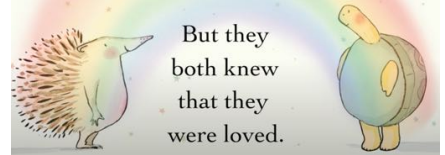
"There are lots of ways to show someone you love them."



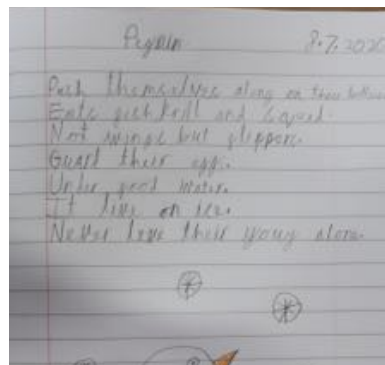
And Hedgehog wrote one back.



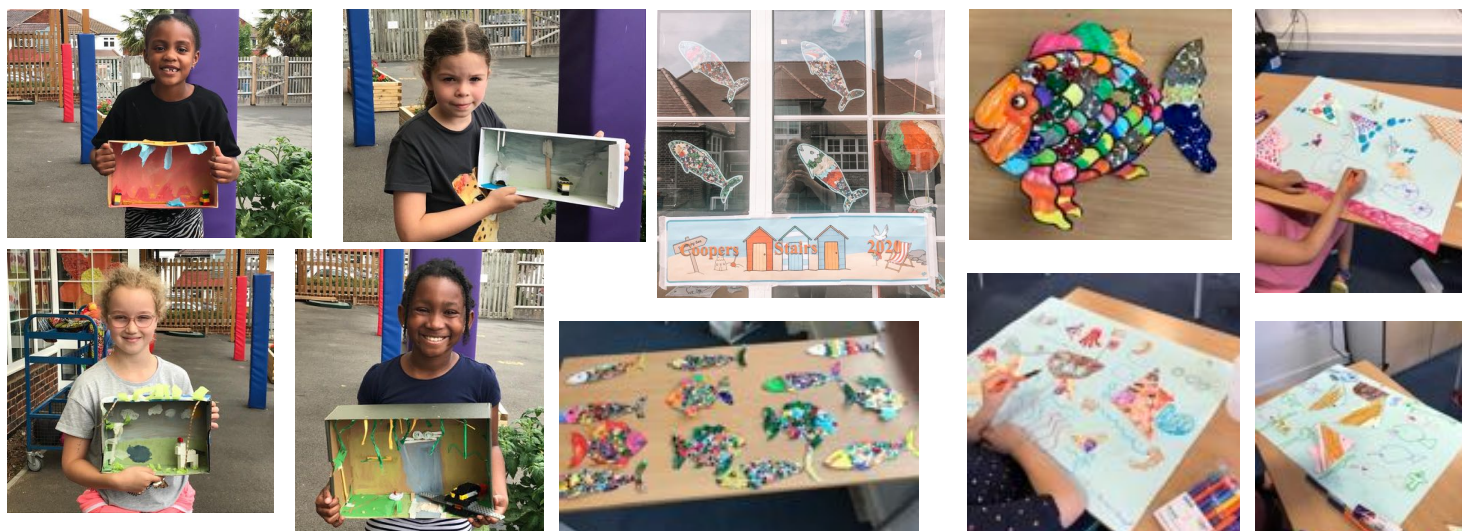
But they
both knew
that they
were loved.



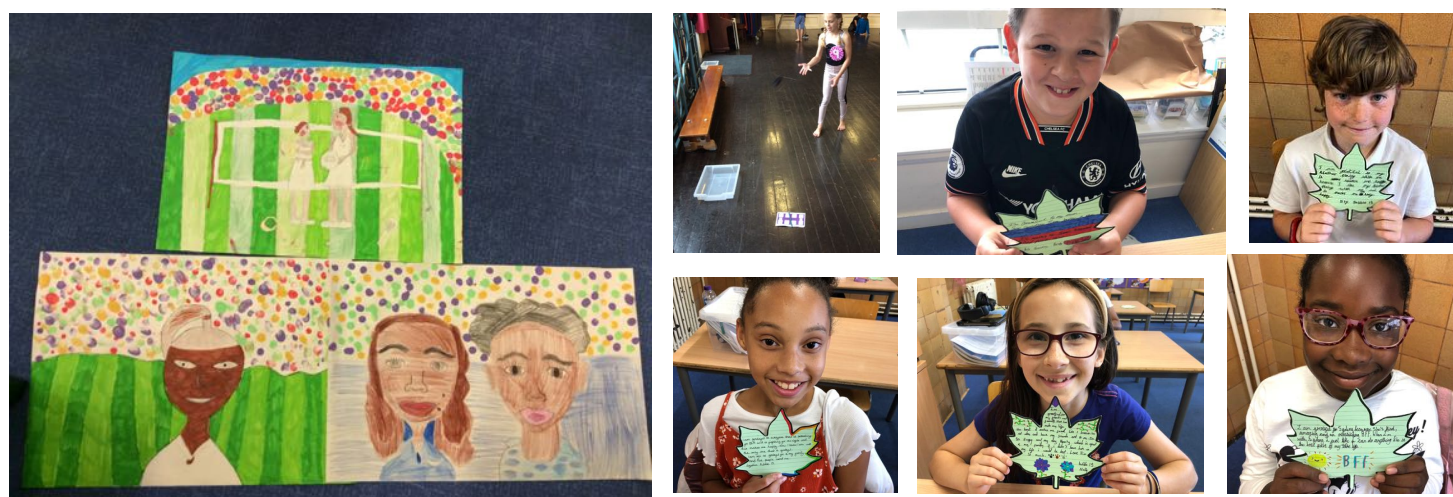
Year 1 have been designing and completing their own PE workouts – Joe Wicks style – and also went out to the Peace Garden to collect some natural materials to create minibeast pictures with. They have also written penguin acrostic poems, made polar bear information posters, and used wax crayons to make an Antarctic design, followed by watercolours to paint the sea and the sky. They focused on using some warm colours as well as cold colours to show some contrast between the sky and the ice. So many new skills!



In Years 2 and 3, the children have been creating 3D habitats for different animals, and they have also recreated our annual Broadstairs trip with CoopersStairs 2020 themed activities! Bringing Summer to the heart of Coopers Lane.



In Years 4 and 5, the children created Wimbledon-inspired pictures, and used fingerprints to create the effect of a crowd watching a match – so clever! They also held their own Sock Olympics as the real Olympics has been cancelled. How creative can you be with a pair of socks?! They also made their own gratitude leaves after Mr Hooper's assembly about the **Gratitude Tree**.



In Year 6, the children have had an incredibly busy couple of weeks planning, preparing and putting into action their amazing Enabling Enterprise projects. It has been fantastic to see such enthusiasm, positive competitiveness, and creativity as they worked in teams to create their amazing products. From slime to hama bead keyrings to the highly popular and current tie-dye facemasks, we truly do have some entrepreneurs on our hands. Bravo, Year 6!



At Home with Coopers Lane Kids!

We have loved receiving your pictures and videos from home!

We are so proud of you all – big and small! – for keeping up the learning throughout this difficult time.

Here are some pictures that have been sent in over the last couple of weeks...

Adeeva

Hi I am Alessia And today I'm going to talk about what I love in all girls and how they are what they are and what they are.



After these lines on the red ice sheet, they
said, "So far, good. The line is clear on the
ice when the sun is low in the sky."



Four bones are cartilage and not the foot bones. All their skin huddled they eat a lot of fatty food and their favourite is a seal but most off their subjects get seal said.



After lunch found a hole of getting good to
swim. The cooling fan had the polar bear hole
went at 57°C.



Sayan



Harry W



Max



Hanem

Thunk of the week

A think 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.



What does the back of a rainbow look like?

Who am I?

Amy Riley

What is my job?

Assistant Head Teacher

What's my favourite food?

Pizza and crisps – but not at the same time!



What do I like doing?

I really like going to the theatre because before I was a teacher I used to work backstage as a Stage Manager. I worked at The Churchill Theatre in Bromley, the West End and toured around the country with shows as well. There weren't very many women doing that job, so I felt like a role model showing other women that they could do it!



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

I have run two marathons; one in Prague with my big brother and one in London



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

I decided early on to try and go for a walk everyday to get me outside for some fresh air and help keep my mind clear. It quickly became a personal challenge and over April and May I walked over 425km, which is over 265 miles. That is the same as walking from London to the Lake District. My legs and feet definitely need a rest now.



What is your Lockdown Silver Lining?

Spending more time talking to my friends and family on the phone or on a video call, especially my two brothers who live in different countries. I have also loved having the time to watch all the flowers and plants grow through the springtime.

Home Learning

You will see that Google Classroom is still being updated this week 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!

We would love to share photos of work or activities your children are doing with others!

So if you would like to show off what you have been doing throughout the upcoming week 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!

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:

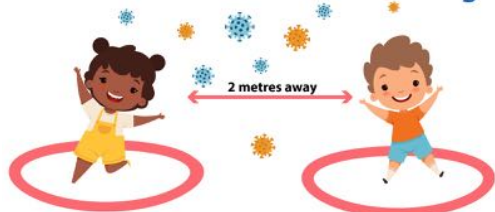
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User name: year5@cooperslane.org Password: spacetravel Code: cfqv7yw	User name: year6@cooperslane.org Password: democracy Code: ex73foj

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.

Let's Practice Social Distancing!



We would like to take a moment to explain to you all that although the social distancing measures have changed from 1m to 2m, we have had no updated guidance on how this looks in schools as yet. Therefore, we will be maintaining the 2m rule.

LIFE AT COOPERS LANE

We would like to send so much love out to our amazing Year 6 pupils who are ending their final days with us here at Coopers Lane this week. Speaking to parents and carers on the gates, we know that they don't quite feel ready for you to be leaving... But we have seen how much you have grown over the past few months and, despite everything, you have blossomed and matured beyond recognition, and you are so very ready for Secondary School. We can't wait to give you the best send off that we can under the given circumstances.

The Class of 2020 – we will never forget you! 😊



Have a great week. Keep safe. Stay Alert!

Love from, All the Staff at Coopers Lane xxx

