



COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Hello Coopers Lane Family & Friends!

We're racing towards the half-term break, but we still have lots of wonderful learning to share with you before we get there.

This week, there are also a few important reminders for you about the procedures we have in place in school. We all need to make sure we don't become complacent!

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

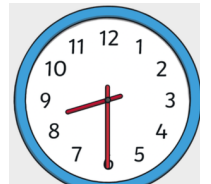


Covid Updates

SENSIBLE QUEUING



We have noticed that some families are arriving at school very early in the morning and starting to queue on the street before it is necessary. The gate opens at 8:30am and most mornings the bulk of the queue is through the gate by 8:35am. It really is not necessary to arrive at school until 8:30am, so please don't come to school before this. Some children are currently queuing for half an hour every morning and this just isn't necessary.



DROPPING CHILDREN OFF SAFELY

Some parents/carers are dropping children off outside the school gates and leaving them to walk into school on their own. This is not acceptable. All children must be walked to their classroom by their parent/carer. If you drive to school, you must park and walk with your child. Only Year 6 children with permission from the Head Teacher may walk on their own.



FACE COVERINGS



Some people are becoming complacent and not wearing a face covering at drop off and pick up. Wearing a face covering protects other people you come into contact with. Please help prevent the spread of Covid-19:

- Wear a face covering when queuing outside the school gate and when walking through the playground.
- Keep 2m apart from other families at all times

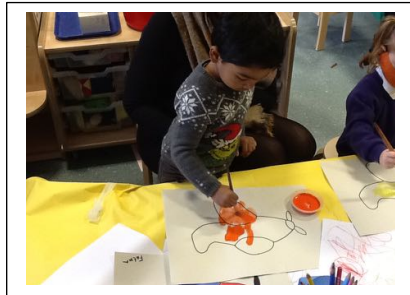


PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL

Once again there are a number of people who arrive at school and think it's acceptable to walk right to the front of the queue and push in! This is incredibly disrespectful to the other adults who wait patiently to come into school. If you are doing this, please stop. Have respect for others!



NURSERY



In Nursery this week we have been celebrating the life of Bessie Colman by painting aeroplanes. We've also been reading the story Owl Babies and the children retold the story. Some children played the owls while the rest of the children played the wind, rain, thunder and the warm sun.

RECEPTION



This week, we have been learning about each other's families and talking about our home life. We made our own family trees, which are now displayed proudly in our classrooms



YEAR 1



We started reading the wonderful book 'Beegu' and made our own Beegu's out of playdough. We then wrote how Beegu was feeling.



YEAR 2

In Year 2 we have been learning about Mary Seacole. We recreated some of her famous natural remedies. We used aloe vera, ginger, lemongrass and much more. It smelt amazing! We also created our own 'Friendship Recipe' and added qualities you need to be a good friend. We



put them into our cake case and created the most 'perfect friend'.



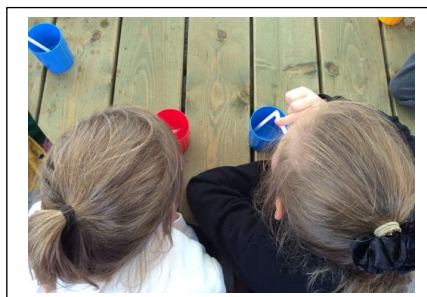
YEAR 3



Year 3 have had another great week! We have been learning about the Bronze Age and excavated some interesting artefacts. We've also created our version of Tingatinga art using chalk pastels and bold colours.

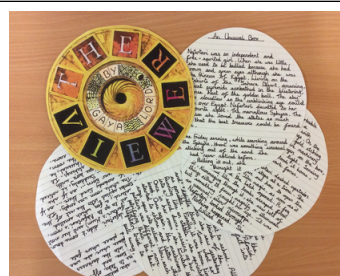


YEAR 4



As part of our Science topic 'Sound', we created water whistles to investigate how pitch changes. We had great fun, so did Mr Sparkes!

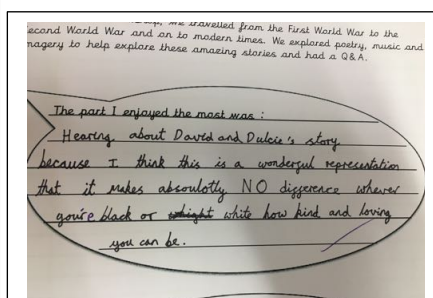
YEAR 5



Year 5 have had another fabulous week of learning. We published our Viewer stories that are all about a curious character who finds an unusual box and we are really proud of our work. In Computing we really enjoyed programming our own light shows inspired by the Northern Lights and can't wait to perform them to the class next week.

YEAR 6

This week we joined the RAF Museum on a journey through time exploring the lives of RAF service men and women from African and Caribbean heritage. In the virtual workshop, we travelled from the First World War to the Second World War and on to modern times. We explored poetry, music and imagery to help explore these amazing stories and had a Q&A. We learnt that there was only one black pilot in WWI and there was a 'colour block' in place at the beginning of both WWI and WW2 which did not allow anyone that was not white to fight in the army.



We have also been learning to code using Scratch and have made our own computer

OTHER NEWS & NOTICES

WE Scare Hunger

We will be taking part in this event once again this year in order to collect donations for the local foodbanks. All through the week of 2nd – 6th November we will have containers on the school gates where you can donate tins or packets of food. This year more than ever, your support is needed so that we help to eradicate hunger



from our community.



We will be kicking off our Food Bank Collection with a no cost dress up day on Monday 2nd November with the theme: We Scare Hunger. Children are invited to wear something that scares away hunger, so this could be a superhero costume, a Halloween costume or even a magical costume! We would like our children to be as environmentally friendly as possible so please reuse as much as possible, or why not make a costume at home. We'll leave this to your imagination! Please make sure your child's costume is appropriate for school, so no scary masks and make sure it is something they can wear comfortably all day.

Forgotten Items

There have been a lot of parents coming to the office each morning with forgotten PE kits, lunch boxes etc that then need to be delivered to class. Please try your best not to forget such items in the morning, as we really are trying to avoid unnecessary visits to classrooms during the pandemic. Your help with this would really be appreciated.



Starting Reception September 2021

We know how important applying for a place at primary school is and want to help you make an informed decision. Due to the current pandemic we are unable to offer our usual open days in school. However, we would like to invite all prospective parents and carers to join one of our virtual meetings in November, where we will provide you with information about the school, followed by a question & answer session with the leadership team and our Reception Phase leader. In addition to this, we have created a wonderful film that explains how and what the children learn in Reception at Coopers Lane. You can access the film and other information, including how to book a place at one of the virtual meetings, via the school website:

<https://www.cooperslane.lewisham.sch.uk/admission-to-reception-for-2021/>

Dates for the Diary

Monday 2nd November: **We Scare Hunger** – dress up day and collection for food bank

Parent and teacher meetings via zoom

(more information about booking to follow):

Tues 10th Nov & Wed 11th Nov: Nursery

Wed 11th Nov & Thu 12th Nov: Reception, Year 1, Year 2

Wed 18th & Thu 19th Nov: Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

