



COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Well Done!

We've come to the end of the first half term of the year and it fills me with pride to reflect on the many achievements the children have had in this time. Well done to all the children, staff and families for such a successful half term. I had the pleasure of watching two more class assemblies this week and it was incredible to hear from the children about everything they have learnt. It really is great to be a part of the Coopers Lane School Community!



Have a wonderful half term break.



WE SCARE HUNGER

Remember: Monday 1st November

We are going to scare hunger away from the world with our annual charity event.

The children are invited to dress up in costumes that will help scare away hunger; this could be a spooky costume, a superhero or maybe a magical character! All we ask is that you try to bring in an item for the food bank, so we can help people in our local community who need a little support. Please make sure any donations are cans, jars or packets (no fresh food please). Toiletry items are also welcomed. Thank you for your support.



MOONSHOT

Last year we made it to the North Pole and back! So this year the PTA have set an even more ambitious target... **we're heading to the MOON!**

We want all of the children to take part in this year's active travel event by joining our epic space race to the moon. Starting on the 8th November, we want everyone to try to walk, ride, scoot or wheel to school as much as possible. We will keep a tally of the distance covered over 4 weeks to see if we can make it to the moon! Find out how to sign up here: <https://www.cooperslanepta.co.uk/moonshot>



MEET THE NEW TEAMS

This week we would like to introduce our new members of the Green Team, Rights Respecting Rangers and School Council. We can't wait to get started on leading projects and spreading the word around our school community on important issues such as how we can make our school more eco conscious and how important our rights are. Watch this space for big things to come!



"I am looking forward to creating posters to encourage people to take part in our WE events and hopefully, this year, we will invite a street artist in to create rights murals in the playground"

Zakki Year 4 Rights Respecting Ranger.

"I can't wait to take part in assemblies to spread the message about the importance of rights"

Lola, Year 4 Rights Respecting Ranger.

"I want to encourage people to take part in different events to help people around the world"

Archie, Year 3 School Council member.

"I would like to create a playground charter to make sure that everyone has a happy, safe lunchtime"

Edie, Year 3 School Council member.



NURSERY

We had a treat in Nursery this week! Over the last few weeks we have been working hard to demonstrate the school values. We've learnt lots of Dojo dollars for being superstars, so we took them to Mr Mole and asked if we could buy some milk shake. It was yummy!

There's always so much to do at Nursery. We especially love pretending to be Patsie and playing schools in our new jungle area outside.



RECEPTION

This week, the children have been really driven by their own interests... and have gone vehicle mad! Sami made a shipping container to carry trucks and cars and decorated it at the painting easel. Ruby made her very own fire engine, with buttons to start and stop the engine. Ilyas made a boat using a plastic container, which he then tested in the water area outside! It's really lovely to see the children using the continuous provision so confidently and we can't wait to see what else they get up to after half term! What an amazing first half term it's been!



YEAR 1

We have had a busy last week of term! The children have written their very own 'FunnyBones' story and have also been learning about part-wholes in maths.

Green Park also loved receiving their Dojo Dollar reward and had a great time on the KS2 playground!



YEAR 2

Year 2 have worked so hard this half term and we're so proud of how far they have all come already. This week we have created some fantastic portraits of Mary Seacole and written biographies all about her. In Geography, we've learnt about oceans and continents. Westminster class loved performing their class assembly in front of an audience!



YEAR 3

Year 4 have been busy this week! On Monday we had a visit from Ug, the Stone Age man who taught us all about the evolution of man. We also excavated artefacts to understand how people in the Bronze Age lived. Finally, as part of our joint RE and DT day, we learned about Sikhism, how the religion began and their belief in being selfless (Sewa). As part of this we baked bread to give to our families at home.



YEAR 4

In Year 4 this week, we have been continuing with our 'Sound' topic in Science. We went on a sound walk around the school and had to be extremely quiet so that we could pick up on the tiniest of sounds. We then had to categorise them into sounds with large amplitude and those with small amplitude. As you can see, we had a lot of fun!



YEAR 5

In geography, we completed our River Deep, Mountain High topic by learning about dams and flooding. Our challenge was to create our own raft, using just lolly sticks and masking tape, to save people from floods.



In computing, we learnt about the Caesar cipher and how it can be used to send secret messages. We used the iPads to create our own messages for our partners and enjoyed discovering what we each had written.

YEAR 6

This week year 6 have been busy coding and making our own computer games using Scratch. We made games that involved moving characters who collected items in order to gain points. We then added enemies that our characters had to avoid! It was so much fun debugging problems and seeing our games come together.

"I like that we got to create lots of different characters and that we managed to make a whole game." Kian.

"At one point we had a problem because our enemies didn't move, but I managed to use some different blocks to make it work and I was really proud when I fixed it."

Ryan.



AUTHOR VISIT

We were really lucky enough to have a visit from the author Matthew Wainwright last week. Not only is he an amazing author, Mr Wainwright is also a Coopers Lane parent! The children in Year 6 had a writing workshop with him.

He spoke to the children about his experience of writing a book, and then got them excited about reading by getting them to read and act out sections of his book using appropriate accents.

