



COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week Ending 11th March 2022

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IT'S QUIZ NIGHT

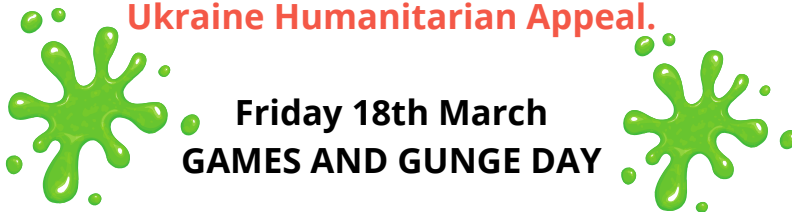
I hope it's been a good week for you all and that you've enjoyed seeing the lovely blue skies and feeling the touch of the sunshine. It certainly feels like spring is almost upon us! Tonight sees the return of the PTA Quiz Night, after a 2 year break because of Covid. The quiz is always great fun and a great way to spend a Friday night. It's not too late to join in the fun, so do try to come along tonight for 7pm in the school hall.

Have a lovely weekend.



GAMES AND GUNGE

This year we have decided to have a joint charity event to raise money for **Comic Relief** and the **DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal**.



We are asking the children to bring in loose change in exchange for a games hour.

Nursery & Reception: games provided
Year 1-6: children can bring in **one** game
(no electronic devices or games please)

The children will also have the opportunity to pour gunge over Mr Hooper!

£2 for a cup of gunge

£5 for a bucket

£10 a bucket for parents at the end of the day!



COVID UPDATE

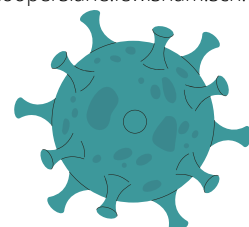
Children and adults who test positive for Covid are still required to isolate at home for at least 5 days. They can then return to school after 2 consecutive days of negative tests.

This does mean we are still faced with challenges at school in terms of staffing. At times your child may not have their usual class teacher or teaching assistant, but we will do our best to keep any disruption to a minimum.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support on this matter.

For detailed information about Covid, please see the school website:

<https://www.cooperslane.lewisham.sch.uk/covid-19/>



SCHOOL REVIEW

To help us with our school improvement work, we are part of a national organisation called **Challenge Partners**. One of the benefits of our membership is an annual peer review of the school. A review team consisting of senior leaders from other schools and a lead reviewer from Challenge Partners work with the leadership team at Coopers Lane to complete a 3 day review of the school.

At the end of the review the school is graded in 3 areas; leadership at all levels, quality of provision and outcomes, overall effectiveness. Coopers Lane achieved **LEADING** in all areas, which is the highest grading. We are very proud of this outcome and would like to share some of the positive comments from the report:

- *Leaders have carefully built, over time, a vibrant, inviting and wholly inclusive school environment. Staff and pupils are well cared for and, together they learn well. Attitudes and behaviour are excellent.*
- *Leaders have created a genuinely 'happy' school, where pupils and staff want to be. People look out for one another and show genuine concern for their welfare.*
- *Pupils across the school have a strong voice, which is listened to and acted upon.*
- *Key Stage 2 pupils have become more confident and fluent in their reading.*
- *Teachers have high expectations of children in the Infant phase.*
- *Pupils are strong advocates of change.*
- *The school offers an excellent enrichment programme.*
- *School staff care deeply about the welfare of pupils with additional needs.*
- *There is never an occasion where a child, who needs support, is overlooked.*



You can read the full report on the school website:
<https://www.cooperslane.lewisham.sch.uk/peer-review-report/>

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS



A huge congratulations to our school football teams. The Y5/6 girls came 1st and the y5/6 boys can 2nd in the league. This is a fantastic achievement and we're very proud of both teams. They are both through to the cup, with the boys playing on Saturday 12th March and the girls playing on Saturday 19th March. Good luck Coopers Lane.



NURSERY



Our topic in Nursery is still growing, so the book we chose to read this week was Jack and the Beanstalk.

As you can see, we have been really busy. The children have been painting and decorating leaves to make a very long beanstalk that goes across the classroom. Ella and Hanan had great fun acting out the story. Ella said "I found this big bean. I will throw it out of the window and when I wake up in the morning. It will be a big beanstalk."

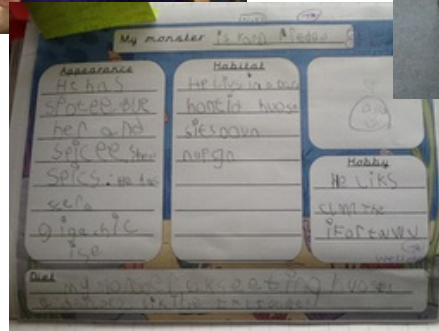
RECEPTION

We have had such fun at Forest school this week. We have been discussing all about spring and the changes in the seasons. We have been making and weaving our own bird's nests from fallen branches. Which lead on to discussions about how birds are getting ready to build their own nests for their eggs. We also spotted lots of fluffy buds that were forming on the trees and our willow arch. We were so happy to see a few leaves starting to grow and to feel the warm sunshine on our faces.



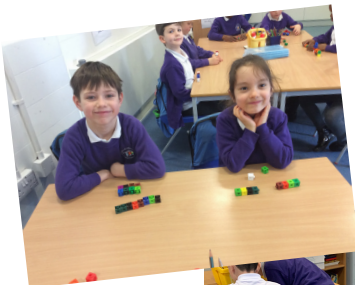
YEAR 1

The children have been having lots of fun in the provision this week. Some children made fishing rods in the construction area. Most of the children have made royal crowns too. They've have written fact files about their own made up monsters in English.



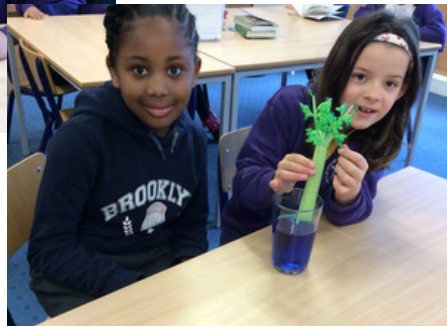
YEAR 2

We've been learning about compass directions in Year 2 and we worked in pairs to give each other directions to key landmarks in Kenya. In maths, we have been mastering number and thinking about different ways to make 8.



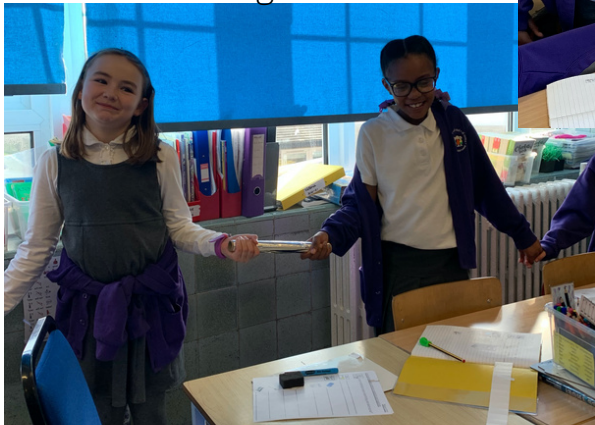
YEAR 3

In Year 3, we have started a new history topic learning all about the Plantagenets. We created puppets of Plantagenet kings and queens including King Henry II. We have also been learning about the transportation of water in plants. Here you can see our experiment involving celery, food colouring and water. We left our celery plants in the food dye for 48 hours and regularly observed it to see the changes.



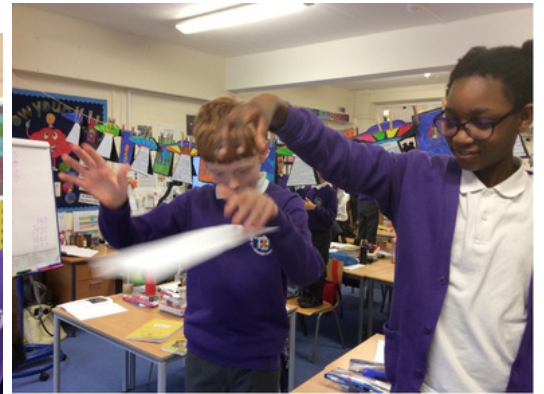
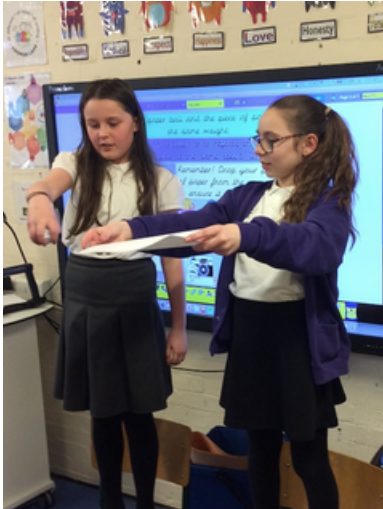
YEAR 4

This week Year 4 have been learning about insulators and conductors as part of the Science focus 'Electricity'. We used an energy stick to create a human circuit to investigate what materials were insulators and which were conductors. We enjoyed our investigation.



YEAR 5

In science this week, Year 5 have continued our work on 'Forces'. This week we learnt about how air resistance creates friction and so an object with a greater surface area falls to the ground more slowly. We used two pieces of paper, which were exactly the same, but scrunched one into a ball. This was the one that fell more quickly.



YEAR 6

This half term, year 6 are learning about Judaism. This week we learnt about Jewish Holy books, and we found out the Torah contains 613 commandments which Jews should follow when living their lives. We considered which rules we wanted to live our lives by and selected a few of them to decorate.

We even had a go at writing some of our rules in Hebrew- we had to remember to write from right to left on the page!

