



COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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UNDERSTANDING

I am sure that many of you will be aware that the National Education Union (NEU) has announced that teachers plan to strike on a number of days in February and March, over pay and school funding. The **planned strike days** are as follows:

**Wednesday 1st February, Thursday 2nd March,
Wednesday 15th March, Thursday 16th March**

At this stage, I do not know how this will impact on Coopers Lane School, but my advice would be to make childcare arrangements in case they are needed on the planned strike days. I will update you next week once I have more information and a clearer picture. Although everyone will have their own views on the strike action, please be respectful towards others. Teachers who strike will not have taken the decision lightly and your understanding on this matter is much appreciated.



Have a lovely weekend



DR BIKE

Dr Bike visited school this week. Some of the children in year 5 will be completing the Bikeability cycling course next week, so he came in to tune up their bikes. He also gave the school bikes a health check, to make sure they are ready to be loaned out over the spring and summer. Dr Bike will be back later in the year and offering a free bike check up to everyone. We'll let you know the date once it's confirmed.



UPCOMING EVENTS



February



3rd PTA Ceilidh Night
7th Charing Cross Class Assembly
7th safer Internet Day
8th Angel Class Assembly
22nd PTA AGM



March

2nd World Book Day
7th Embankment Class Assembly
9th Green Park Class Assembly
16th Farringdon Class Assembly
24th PTA Quiz & Pizza Night
29th-31st Y4 School Journey
30th Tower Hill Class Assembly



Thank you

Last term we raised an incredible £3,500 for the school with your support - find out more [here](#).

Upcoming events

This term we have a number of exciting events planned that we hope you'll be able to attend:

Cèilidh with live band

Friday 3rd February @ 7pm

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 22nd Feb @ 7.45pm

Annual PTA Quiz & Pizza Night

Friday 24th March @ 7pm

You can find more info on our events/meetings on our website:

<https://cooperslanepta.co.uk/latest-news/>

Cupboard Calamity - Can You Help?

If you've visited our pre-loved uniform shop lately you might have noticed that it's a bit of a mess. We're very lucky to have a cupboard provided by the school, but with only a few broken plastic crates and some bent shelves we're struggling to keep all of the uniform that's donated well organised, and it's getting harder and harder for us to find items when they are requested.

We want to fix this, and we're planning to do so during February half term. We plan to:

- Completely empty the cupboard into storage
- Re-sort everything inside
- Dispose of the broken shelves and boxes
- Fit more, and stronger, shelves
- Put all the uniform back, sorted into crates by type and size

We think this will all take one or two days - but can you help? Perhaps you could:

- Help us buy the shelving and racking - does anyone have access to a discount?
- Help us empty and sort the cupboard
- Help us carry everything to storage and back - do you have a van?
- Help us build and install the shelving - we'll need a few people to DIY it

If you think you might be able to lend a hand with any of the above, [please drop us a line!](#)

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NURSERY

This week in Nursery the children have been loving the cold weather and the ice in the garden. They have been picking it up and looking through it. They found it everywhere, even in the pots and pans in the mud kitchen. We have also been celebrating Chinese new year. The children dressed up and had a go at writing numbers in Chinese.



RECEPTION

This week in Reception we have been continuing with our topic "people who help us." We have been looking at dentists and the children have pretended to be dentists. In our home corner we have a garage and the children have been very helpful trying to fix the cars with our tools such as drills and hammers.

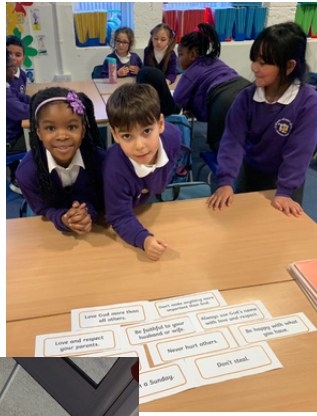


YEAR 1

We became actors this week and immersed ourselves in the role of Rapunzel! We used hot seating to ask questions to 'Rapunzel' and had to answer them whilst in role, imagining we were trapped in a tower.

Did you know Coopers Lane has its own tower? We had the opportunity to go up there in small groups this week, to give us a sense of how Rapunzel might be feeling. It really helped us with our acting!



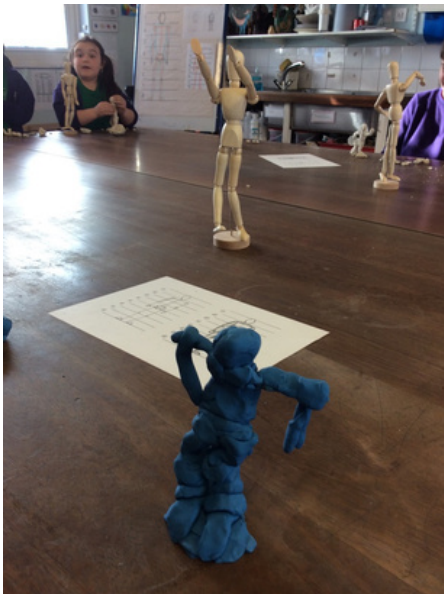


YEAR 2

In RE, Year 2 have been learning about the 10 Commandments. We tried to order them based on importance and also thought about what our own 'golden rule' would be. In English, we have been basing our writing around The Lion King. We created a conscience alley and tried to persuade Simba to either enter or not enter the elephant graveyard; in order to do this, we used powerful adjectives. In maths, we used our ten frames and counters to find the missing number in calculations.

YEAR 3

In Year 3 in Art this week, we were looking at proportions of the body and tried to create a person in proportion using plasticine. It was so much fun and we are all very proud of our models.



YEAR 4

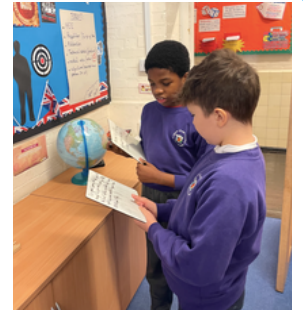


In Year 4 we spent quality time reading in our fabulous library this week. Covent garden enjoyed discovering lots of new titles and we shared them with our talk partners.



YEAR 5

This week we continued learning about space in science and found out how long it takes for all the planets to orbit the sun. Mercury only takes 88 days, which means some of us would be 44 years old if we lived there! In Computing, we began to create our games on scratch using the chrome books. We created all our assets and then started looking at the code we would need to write for our game. In English this week we received a mission message telling us that our new task was to sell Alex Rider's bike. First we became experts and then we used our persuasive powers to write and record a radio advert. Here we are editing our work on whiteboards with each other before writing in our books.



YEAR 6

This week we have been immersing ourselves in what life was like for children during the Industrial Revolution. We thought about what we learned about the different roles that children had and the experiences they might have had. We used the drama technique of hot seating to interview each other to gain a better understanding of some of the dangerous and exhausting work that children undertook and empathise with them.

