



COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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YOUNG VOICES

This week started with a bit of magic! I was lucky enough to join some of the school choir at the Young Voices concert at the O2 on Monday evening. Our children sang their hearts out, along with 9000 other children from schools across the south east. It really was a magical night and we are incredibly proud of the Coopers Lane Choir for representing the school so wonderfully. Singing in the O2 Arena is something I think we will all remember for many years to come! Thank you to the parents, carers and family who came along to watch.



As you know, the NEU is holding a teacher strike next week, which will impact on the school. After considering the information I have been provided by the NEU union, the **school will be closed to the children in years 1-6 on Wednesday 1st February**. Only the nursery will remain open. As I have communicated already, the decision to take strike action is not taken lightly by any teacher. The NEU union are striking in protest of teachers' pay and conditions, and school funding. Teachers across the UK are asking the Government to listen to their concerns and reconsider their stance to protect education, and enhance the recruitment and retention of teachers. Thank you for your support and understanding on this matter.

Have a lovely weekend.



BIKEABILITY

Some of the children in Year 5 had their bikeability cycling course this week. They learnt all about road safety and were taken out on local roads to put what they learnt into practice.



NURSERY

This week in Nursery we have been talking about friendships and working together as a team. As you can see, the children all had a big part to play in building this magic house. They used lots of imagination and describing words to build this fantastic construction. How amazing does it look! George built London Bridge with the large blocks in the garden. His friends loved it. Layke made a yummy colourful ice lolly for her friend with the duplo.



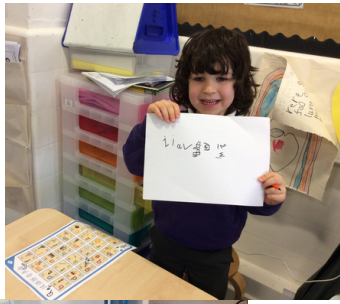
RECEPTION

This week reception have enjoyed making stir fry to celebrate Luna New Year. We named and talked about the healthy ingredients, then chopped up the vegetables. The children showed excellent knife skills when chopping the vegetables. The best bit was eating the stir fry at the end. It was delicious!



YEAR 1

In Year One this week we did some brilliant writing. Following on from our acting in role as Rapunzel and our trip up to the tower, we wrote a diary entry from the point of view of Rapunzel. We remembered to include capital letters and full stops. Some of us even included adjectives and feelings when describing our day. Our teachers were so proud of our writing. We also celebrated the Luna New Year! This year is the year of the rabbit. We did lots of fun activities such as writing our names in Chinese, using the Chinese alphabet! We made chatterboxes and collage lanterns as part of our learning.



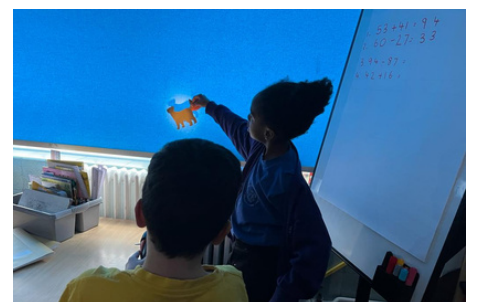
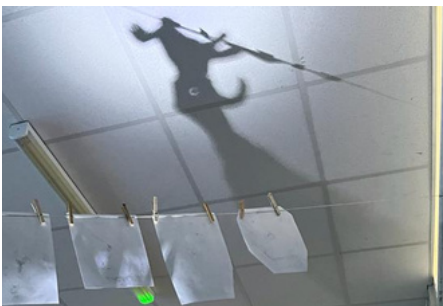
YEAR 2

In English, something very mysterious happened...we cannot say too much otherwise the magic will break, but next week we will be writing the most captivating and exciting adventure stories you've ever read! In geography, we looked at different landmarks in Africa and sorted them into physical and human-made landmarks. In PE, we are continuing to practise and learn how to skip; the children have been excellent partners by supporting and coaching each other.



YEAR 3

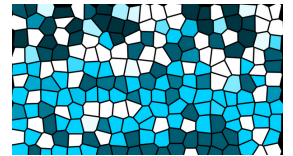
This week Year 3 were exploring shadows in Science. We used animal puppets to create different sized shadows on different surfaces. We really enjoyed learning about how shadows are made.



YEAR 4

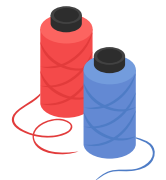
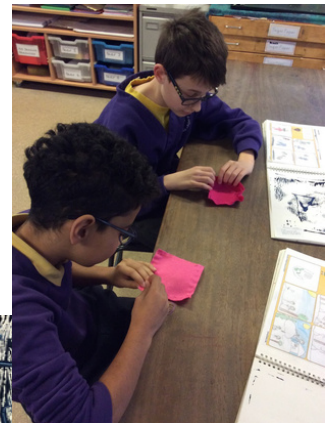


In Art with Mrs Webb this week, we were finishing off our Roman and Modern mosaics, using paper. Many Roman Villas had mosaics on their walls and floors for decoration. We used different coloured and shaped tiles and noticed the various styles of mosaics.



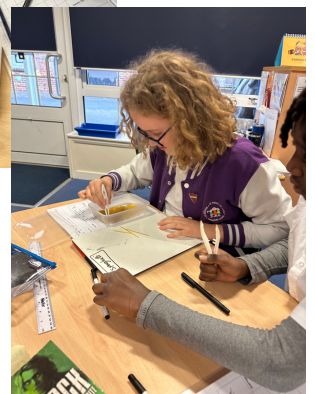
YEAR 5

In Year 5 we are loving our art sessions with Mrs Webb where we have started a project called Talking Textiles. Here are some examples of the amazing work we have produced where we have been exploring and experimenting with different textile techniques. We have been learning how to create different textile techniques so that we can design and then make our own textile stories.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have been learning all about evolution in Science. We wanted to learn more about Charles Darwin and his theory of 'Natural Selection', so we conducted an experiment to help us understand why different finches survived on each of the different Galapagos Islands. Using pointy tweezers and blunt pincers to represent the birds' beaks, we attempted to pick up a variety of different seeds and food types. We discovered that different types of beaks were more successful at picking up certain types of food.



PTA UPDATE

Cèilidh with live band

Friday 3rd February @ 7pm

Tickets on sale now for our cèilidh night (next Friday 3rd Feb). Come join us for an evening of music and dancing, a few drinks and a cake competition – so get baking !!!! There's a great prize for the winner !!

Tickets are available for £5 online:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ceilidh-dance-party-night-tickets-472564110977>) and £6 on the door.

All tickets include a dram of whisky or something non alcoholic if you prefer, so it's an event strictly for adults only.

A poster for Cèilidh Night. It has a dark blue background with musical notes and a treble clef. The text is in white and pink. It says 'COOPERS LANE PTA INVITES YOU TO OUR CÈILIDH NIGHT (WITH A LIVE BAND) FRI 3 FEB @ 7PM KS2 HALL, COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL'. Below this, it says 'DOORS 6.30PM | TICKETS VIA QR CODE £5 | ON DOOR - £6 | CAKE COMPETITION | LIMITED BAR | OVER 18'S ONLY'. There is a QR code and a small icon of a phone with the text 'GET TICKETS HERE'.

Annual General Meeting Weds 22nd February @ 7.45pm



Our next meeting is a really important one - our AGM. This is where the Committee reports on what the charity has achieved this past year, then resigns - and we vote in a new committee to run the PTA until 2024. The meeting will take place at Il Porto, the new local pizzeria, located just up the road from school, that is run by one of our lovely families. We can promise there will be pizza for everyone !

We need at least 12 members present at this meeting to meet our legal requirements as a charity, so please, please do come along if you can - we promised to keep it as brief as possible! If you can't make it in person, we will be providing a way to participate virtually - please register here (<https://forms.gle/bHZ25WhjDUoczpbN6>) for that.

If you're interested in joining the committee and helping us organise fundraising for the school, this is a great opportunity - and if you'd like to chat about it beforehand, please do drop us a line, we'd be happy to talk. We are looking in particular for a Deputy Chair and Secretary, so do let us know if you are interested.

