



COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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REFLECTION

It has been an emotional week in school, after receiving the very sad news of the death of a parent from our school community. Zoe Scott, mother of children in year 2 and year 6, very sadly died unexpectedly at the weekend. Zoe was a much loved member of the school community and will be missed by everyone who knew her. Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this time. We will, of course, support the family in any way we can over the coming days and beyond, and I know the school community will do the same. This is an immensely difficult time for the family, so please be mindful of their privacy at this time.

Thank you for your support.

As we come to the end of the week, we are reflecting on the past year, as we mark the one year anniversary of the start of the war in Ukraine. Our thoughts are with the families who continue to be impacted so heavily by this terrible war. As a Rights Respecting School, we believe that everyone has the right to live without the fear of war and conflict. By teaching the children about their rights, and the responsibilities that go with them, we are helping to ensure that there is a brighter future for all.



I am thankful for our strong school community and for the support we give each other.
Have a lovely weekend.



GOODBYE



We say a sad farewell to Kerry from the admin team today, as she leaves us to start a new exciting chapter. Kerry has worked at Coopers Lane for 8 years and she will be missed by everyone. We are so grateful for all she has done to help us at Coopers Lane and wish her every success in the future.

We will have less capacity in the school office for the time being, so please be understanding of this. Our wonderful admin team will be working very hard to ensure the school continues to run smoothly, but it may take us a little longer to respond to queries while we adjust to the changes.

STRIKE

The NEU are holding a Teacher strike on Thursday 2nd March. All classes, apart from the nursery, will be closed on this day.

**Thursday 2nd
March
Only nursery
open**

BLUE ZONE	GREEN ZONE	YELLOW ZONE	RED ZONE
sad tired	happy calm	frustrated worried	angry terrified
sick bored	feeling ok ready to learn	silly excited	yelling hitting
I can try... stretch	I can try... drink water	I can try... deep breaths	I can try... take a break

FREE PARENT WORKSHOP

You may already know that since the beginning of this school year we have been using our **Zones of Regulation** with all the children at Coopers Lane to help support them with identifying their emotions and managing their feelings. All staff have received training in how the Zones work, and group now makes use of this every day, applying it age-appropriately from Nursery through to Year 6. The Zones of Regulation can be used at home too!

We are extremely lucky that Charlie Pinnel from the Drumbeat Outreach team in Lewisham will be coming in to deliver some training for parents in school on **Monday the 20th of March 9.00-10.00am** and we would love you to come along. Put the date in your diary, as this is sure to be an incredible session!

NURSERY

This week has been so much fun, on Tuesday we celebrated Pancake Day, choosing our favourite toppings to put on our pancakes, yum!

Our topic this half-term is growing, so we helped to make our new Role Play Area into a Garden Centre. We have been busy buying seeds, pots and flowers to make our garden look beautiful.



RECEPTION

This week we have loved Forest School. Last week we heard the birds singing and spotted a few early nests, so this week we decided to make bird feeders from collected pine cones and seeds. We also noticed that the willow is starting to bud and grow it's first leaves.



YEAR 1

In Year 1 this week we launched our new writing provision 'The Drawing Club'. With 'The Drawing Club' we get to explore a new story or traditional tale every week. We are introduced to new vocabulary and help create actions to help us remember the words. We then have to draw a picture to go with the story! We worked really hard on this throughout the week. We even began using some of the vocabulary in our writing. Our teachers are so proud of our first attempt at 'The Drawing Club'.



YEAR 2

Year 2 have had a great week and we've enjoyed learning about multiplication in maths. We've used concrete resources to help us understand that there can be multiple groups of equal amounts. In English, we've started reading a new story called Meerkat Mail and we're now learning so many facts about meerkats.



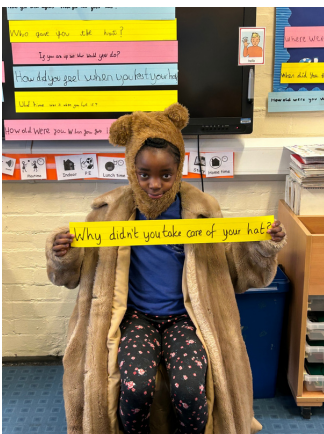
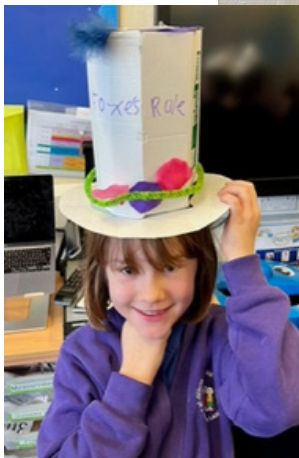
YEAR 4

We are officially author illustrators! After spending weeks researching, planning and re-drafting we have finally published our own picture books. We have had the BEST time and are so proud of what we have achieved. We all think that our writing has really improved too.



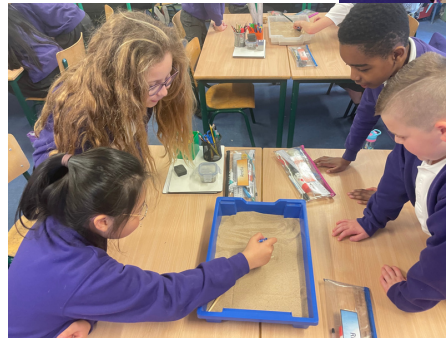
YEAR 3

In English this week, we have been exploring a new text 'I want my hat back' by Jon Klassen. We have designed our very own enchanted forest on lining paper, using a range of materials. We designed and built homes for the animals in the book. Then, we explored the hat and made our own hats. To end the week, we used questions to hot seat characters. Here are just some of the activities we have completed.



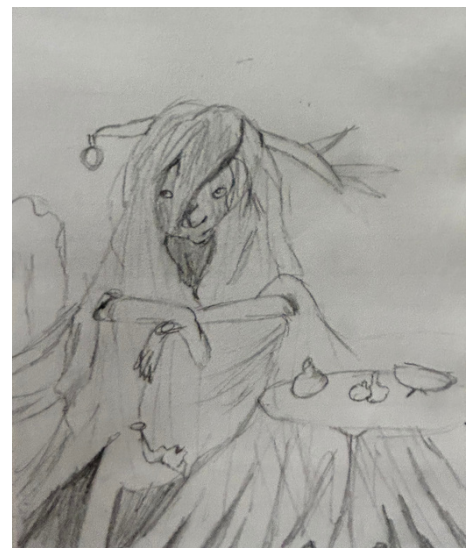
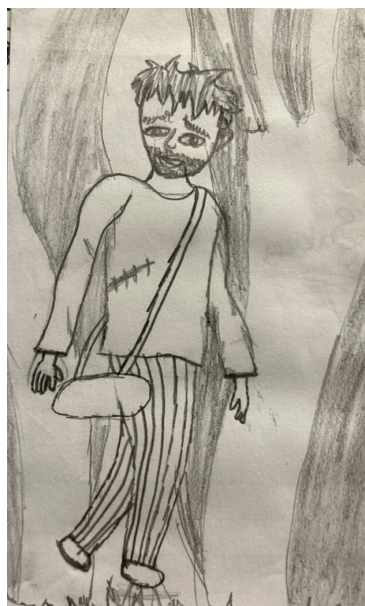
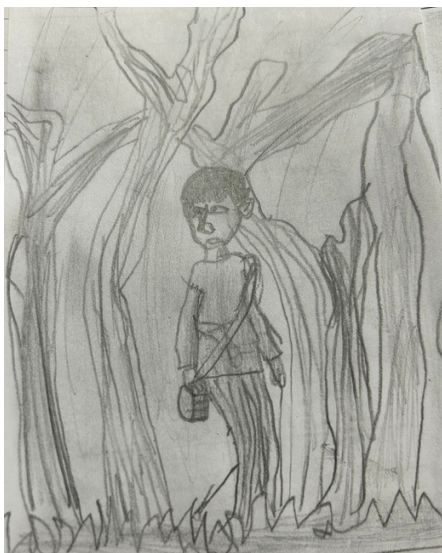
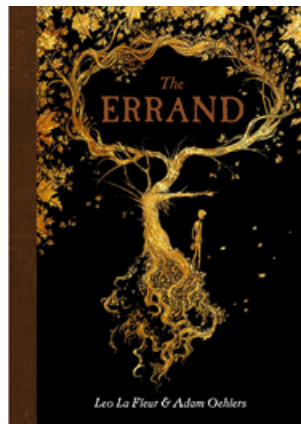
YEAR 5

In English we are writing to inform and we created our own paper mâché planets, which we will then make information booklets about. We thought about what our planets would be made of and what the life forms that lived there would be like. In History we started our new topic 'Anglo-Saxons and Vikings' and had great fun being archeologists and digging in the sand to find artefacts. Thinking like historians, we asked questions about each item and thought about who might have used it, what it was made of and what it was used for. Then we created our own amazing Anglo-Saxon brooches. In Science, we also had a great time learning about gravity. We had to see whether Aristotle's or Galileo's theory about gravity was correct by carrying out our own test. After lots of experimenting, we found out that Galileo was right and that if objects are the same size and shape then it doesn't matter how much they weigh, because they will fall at the same rate.



YEAR 6

After introducing a new text called *The Errand* by Leo LaFleur, Year 6 have been immersed in activities this week including oral story telling, writing sentences using figurative language and drawing pictures of the characters. This work will help feed into the pupil's retelling of the story in their own written words



PTA UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM earlier this week. It was great to see so many of you there - we hope that you enjoyed the amazing pizza! At the meeting we elected a new committee, who will now run the PTA for the next 12 months. Those elected were:

Claire Carter - Chair
Ella Porter - Secretary
Amanda Woodburn - Co-Treasurer
Esther Alvarez - Co-Treasurer
Tom Royal - Trustee
Jacks Lampon - Trustee
Sam Holder - Trustee



Huge thanks to Baci & the staff at Il Porto for hosting us. The pizza was delicious and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Make sure you check out this new local pizzeria, located just up the road from school. You won't be disappointed.



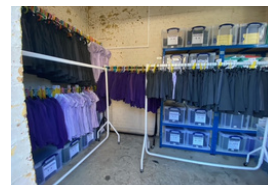
Quiz & Pizza Night Fri 24 March @ 7pm



Tickets are now on sale now for our annual quiz night
Entry is £5 online via Eventbrite & £6 on the door

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/annual-quiz-night-tickets-527143980837>

There will be a pop up pizza stall in the playground, run by Dough n Go, as well as a limited bar and a raffle. So grab your friends & family, form a team of no more than 8 people and come along to one of our most popular fundraising events! Over 18s only please.



Preloved Uniform Shop reopens!

The PTA were busy over the half term break and with some help from our lovely volunteers, we have given our preloved uniform shop a makeover! It is now so much easier to find what you are looking for and to sort out donations much quicker. The makeover has also given us a chance to see exactly what stock we have and what we need. We really need purple cardigans in all sizes as well as PE t-shirts in all colours and Coopers Lane backpacks. We DON'T need any more donations of grey items or white polo shirts as we have tons!

We have also sorted out all our lovely purple gingham dresses - so get your order in now for the summer term.

The shop will be open on a weekly basis, **every Monday from 3pm - 3.30pm** from next week and you can always order online too!

<https://cooperslanepta.co.uk/second-hand-uniform/>