



COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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COLLABORATION



The sun came out to see us this week in school, which was a joy. We all have different feelings about the seasons, but for me seeing blue skies and feeling the sun on my face always fills me with energy!



Collaboration is important to us at Coopers Lane and this comes in many forms. We're part of a nationwide organisation called Challenge Partners, which allows us to collaborate with other schools all around the country. As part of this, members of

our leadership team visit other schools and this week Ms Riley spent time at a large infant school in South West London, helping with a school review. Collaborating with other schools in this way is incredibly valuable, as we are able to see and learn about different approaches, which can then be put in place here at Coopers Lane. I will be visiting a school in Liverpool in March to help with their review and I'm looking forward to learning from them too.

Next week, our school council will be visiting a local school in Lee to learn about the positive changes they have made to their playtimes. The children will then be coming back here to help us plan changes at Coopers Lane.

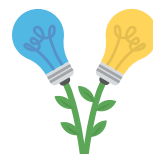
Collaboration with the wider school community is also very important and the PTA are doing just this with the exciting Peace Garden Project they are working on this year. The PTA have taken on designing and building a new and improved garden at Coopers Lane that will be enjoyed by all of the children. You can find out how to get involved later in the newsletter.

Finally this week, just a reminder about giving your thoughts on pupil wellbeing and safety by completing our short survey. Thank you if you have already done this. The information you provide will help us to adapt our PSHE curriculum to ensure we teach the children about safety in our local area.



WELLBEING SURVEY

Have a lovely weekend.



UPCOMING DATES

JANUARY

30th Angel Class Assembly
31st Green Park Class Assembly

FEBRUARY

1st Canary Wharf Class Assembly
6th Safer Internet Day
7th Embankment & Westminster
Horniman Trip
8th St Paul's Horniman Trip

MARCH

5th Embankment Class Assembly
7th World Book Day: Dress Up Day
13th & 14th Parent/Carer & Teacher Meetings
15th Red Nose Day Discos
18th & 19th Y4 School Journey
20th Farringdon Class Assembly
26th Tower Hill Class Assembly
26th Y6 Horniman trip

NURSERY

Another exciting week in Nursery making penguins to go on our display in our class. Look at Jessica and Jesse making their own Penguins. The rice has been a popular activity, as you can see here, scooping and pouring it into a container. We played a new game outside this week. We had to lay down and put the hoops from one cone to the other without getting up, it was brilliant!



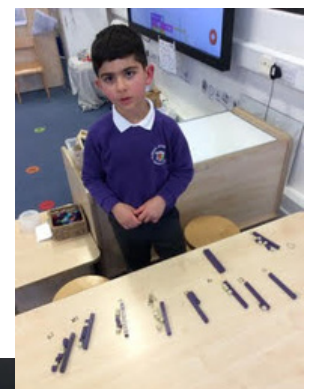
RECEPTION

We have been learning about the dentist and the important job they do to help look after our teeth. We learned the different names of teeth and the jobs they do when we're eating food. In maths, we have been exploring capacity and ordering numbers. We had the tricky job of trying to balance an object on the scales, using cubes. Olivia-Joy showed the value of perseverance and took her time to add cubes and observing how the scales changed! We were so proud when she proudly explained how she had balanced the scales and could tell us why.



YEAR 1

This week in Year 1, we have been looking at numbers from 10 to 20. We looked at how the number changes once we get into two-digits, using dienes, tens frames and Numicon. We were set a challenge to see if we could make a number line from 10 - 20 and Ryan was more than up to it! In the block area, inspired by our learning about Hinduism last week, Frankie and Aziz built their own holy building.



YEAR 2



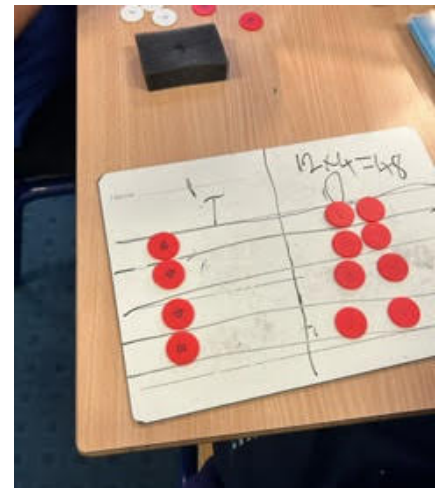
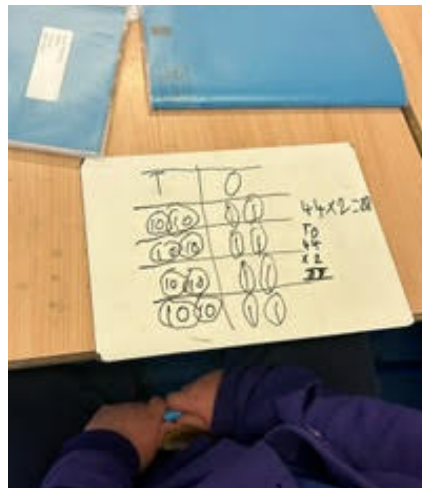
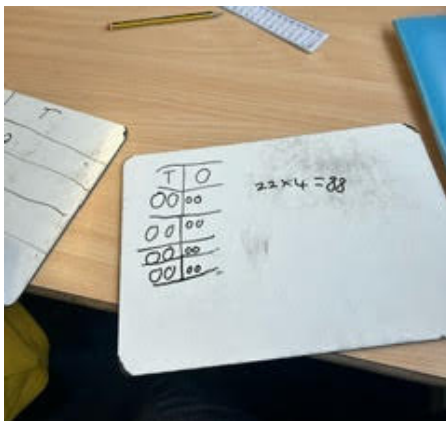
Year 2 have been working hard in their PE lessons, learning different ways to pass and control a ball. In maths we have been learning about money including knowing the value of different coins, adding amounts and how to make amounts in different ways. In English, we've been inspired by The Lion King and written a setting description of the opening scene; we have used interesting adjectives, prepositions AND conjunctions in our sentences!



YEAR 3

In year 3 this week we have been looking at multiplying a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number using representation. We used counters, column method and our amazing maths skills!

In PE, as a release from the challenging maths work, we were learning contemporary dance moves such as cannons and various transitions. We look forward to forming a small routine and growing in confidence in our ability to shine on stage!



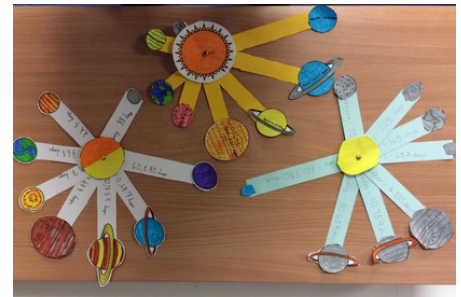
YEAR 4

This week in Year 4, we have continued to read *How To Be a Lion*. The main character in our book, Leonard, has run into some trouble with three fierce lions who are telling him he has to eat his friend. Leonard doesn't know what to do so, to help him out, we created a consciousness alley to give him some advice!



YEAR 5

This week in Year 5 Science, we learnt how long it takes for each of the 8 main planets in our solar system to orbit the sun. We found out that it actually takes 365.242 days for the Earth to fully orbit the sun and this is the reason for a leap year every 4 years. Mercury is the closest planet to the sun and therefore the quickest to orbit at 88 days, whilst Neptune is the furthest taking 60,190 days (248.6 Earth years) to orbit the sun. We created rotating models to present our new knowledge of the planet movements.



YEAR 6

Year Six have thoroughly enjoyed their topic this half term: The Industrial Revolution! As part of this topic, we have spent the last few weeks thinking about the jobs that children had to carry out including working in coal mines, factories and as chimney sweeps. We were appalled to discover the horrific and dangerous conditions that they had to work in and so we decided to write persuasive speeches to politicians to ask them to change the laws surrounding children in the workplace. This week we all presented our speeches to 'parliament' and we did an amazing job at putting across our ideas in a formal and polite manner.



Can you help? Peace Garden Redevelopment

Join us to help create
a fabulous new
space for
the kids
& staff

Lots of opportunities
to contribute to
a lasting
legacy



Get in touch if you can help
info-pta@cooperslane.org

PTA UPDATE

OUR BIG SPRING PROJECT

This year the school has asked us to help rebuild and refresh the **Peace Garden**. Created several years ago as a quiet space for pupils and staff to enjoy, this garden has become quite worn out and most of it needs significant refurbishment or replacement. The space is currently too dangerous to be used, which is such a shame.

This is a big project and as well as funding it will require a lot of time and effort from the school, the committee and our community.

The project is likely to involve:

- **Removal of the current garden furniture – flower beds, woodchip area, and decking**
- **Designing and planning a new garden space**
- **Purchasing the required materials**
- **Building and installing the new garden**
- **Installing a new rainwater collection system and solar lightning**

We are currently working on a project plan with the school and the Green Team, which we will share shortly including dates when we will be on site, clearing & planning the space.

Can you help with any of the above? Are you, or do you know, a landscape or garden designer? Are you a builder or a carpenter? Do you run a garden shop or hardware store? Are you a whizz with plants and trees?

Can you help us dig out and remove the old garden – most likely on a weekend – or build the new one?

It will take a big community effort to get this project completed – but the result should be a fantastic resource for the school. We are aiming to reopen the garden at the Summer Fair in June, so we only have a short period of time to get the project completed. There's more information [here](#), or if you think you might be able to help in any way, please drop us a line [here](#). Thank you!

AGM - SAVE THE DATE - WEDS 21 FEB 2024 @ 7.45pm

Our first meeting of 2024 will be our Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Please make a note in your diary: we will be hosting our first meeting of the year on Weds 21 February @ 7.30pm.

We will be hosting the meeting at Grove Park Community Centre (previously known as Grove Park Library) and there will be drinks & snacks available.

As per our constitution, we will be disbanding the current committee and re-electing all roles. This meeting requires around 15 people present, and is vital to maintain our status as a charity so please do join us if you can.

The committee roles that will be re-elected are:

*** Chair * Secretary * Treasurer * Trustees (x4)**

Our current secretary will be stepping down, so we are particularly looking to fill this role as well as adding another 1 or 2 trustees, so we can ensure representation across the whole school community, especially from KS1 parents.

If you might be interested in joining the committee and would like to discuss what's involved, please drop us a line and we'll be happy to chat – info-pta@cooperslane.org