



# COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## GOALS



It's been a wonderful week in school, even though it's been a very wet one! The children have settled well after the half term holiday and it's been lovely to see such happy, smiling faces through the week.

As we start the second half of the school year, it's a great time to check in on our goals and think about what we want to achieve over the coming weeks and months. Lots of you have been asking me about my training for the London Marathon, which is one of my goals this year. It's going very well so far and I'm

actually really enjoying getting outside and re-discovering a love of running. The marathon is just 8 weeks away, but I'm feeling very positive about it. I'll be running in aid of The Huntington's Disease Association and I've had lots of parents and carers kindly asking how to sponsor me, so the link to [my Just Giving page is here](#). I really appreciate any support, but I know how difficult times are at the moment. Just cheering me on is the best support anyone could give!

Next week, the PTA will be selling pre-loved world book day costumes after school on Thursday. You can find more information about this on the next page of the newsletter. World book day is on Thursday 7th March and it's always one of my favourite days of the year, because we get to immerse ourselves in wonderful stories... and dress up of course!



Have a lovely weekend.



## THE RCC

The RCC (Rubbish Collecting Club) have been busy keeping our school grounds clean, and clear of litter! Led by Ben and Jack Crispin, this is a self-created and self-managed team.

And we love just how enthusiastic they are about looking after our school environment.

Ben and Jack have big ideas, so watch this space to see what the RCC do next...!



## BIKEABILITY



Some of the children in Year 5 took part in Bikeability this week.

Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. It helps children to learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads.



## PTA UPDATE

### OUR BIG SPRING PROJECT - REVAMPING THE PEACE GARDEN

So, as the weather hopefully starts to get a bit better, we are embarking upon the first stage of our peace garden revamp. Over the next few weekends, we will be clearing and preparing the garden so that we can rebuild the decking area and clear the flowerbeds and woodchip areas so that we can install new wooden planters and a rainwater collection system as well as start to plan the planting scheme.

This is a really big project and the PTA needs as much support as possible from the school and our community to make sure we can deliver this much needed space for the kids.

If you or anyone in your family, who has an interest in gardening and building, and would like to get involved, please click the link below:

#### **Peace Garden Project - I'd like to help**

Weekend clearing dates are:

Saturday 2 March - 9am to 12noon

Saturday 9 March - 9am to 12noon

Saturday 23 March - 9am to 12noon

Please note that you will be unable to bring children with you due to health and safety reasons. If you can join for three hours or just one hour - every little bit of help will be appreciated!

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.



### WORLD BOOK DAY PRELOVED COSTUMES & HOOPA LOOMPA CHOCOLATE BAR SALE

You definitely don't want to miss this! Will you be lucky enough to find one of ten golden tickets? Our World Book Day preloved costumes and Hoopa Loompa Chocolate Bar sale is taking place on Thurs 29 Feb @ 3.15pm just inside the green gates. Please note that there are limited stocks of our special edition Hoopa Loompa bar ... thanks to Adrian Legoux for his awesome wrapper!



### NEW COMMITTEE FOR 2024/25

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM in person and online earlier this week. Your support is much appreciated. For those who were unable to attend, your newly elected committee members are as follows:

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

Many thanks to all the committee members for putting themselves forward.

This term we are focusing on growing and mini-beasts. We have planted beans and have been talking about what will help our seeds to grow. We have been reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and have loved acting out the story and using Giant voices. We have been very busy at the craft table using different materials to make a giant beanstalk for the classroom. The growing theme doesn't stop there. We have our very own Garden Centre in the classroom where the children have loved buying and giving flowers and pots to their friends and to the adults.



## NURSERY



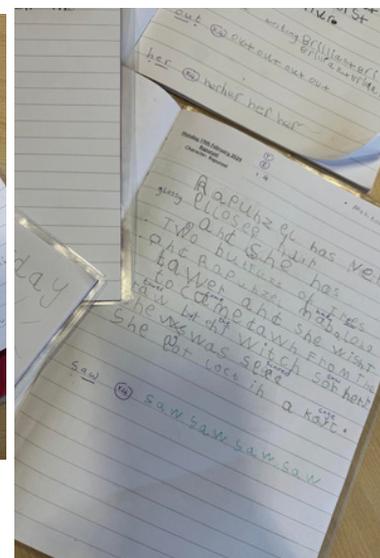
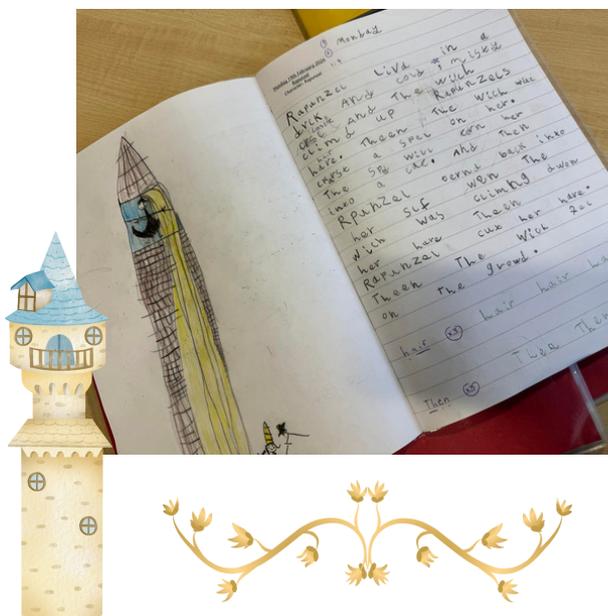
## RECEPTION

This week we have been reading the story of 'Bog Baby.' We created our own Bog Babies by painting rocks blue. Then we cut out tails, feet and wings, and stuck on eyes. In the story the children don't look after Bog Baby very well, so we wrote our own instructions about how to look after him.



## YEAR 1

We have had a fantastic start back at school. This week we did lots of exciting writing in Drawing Club. We read the story of Rapunzel by Bethan Woollvin. We are becoming super confident with saying our ideas out loud before we start writing. We have been learning about how to use commas within our writing too. We will be focussing on this for the next few weeks.





**YEAR 3**

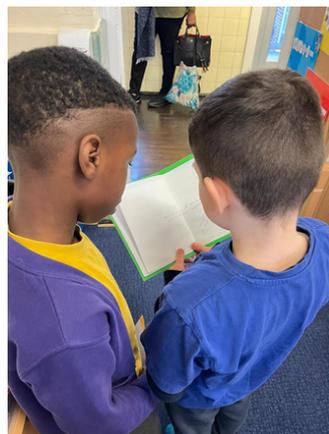
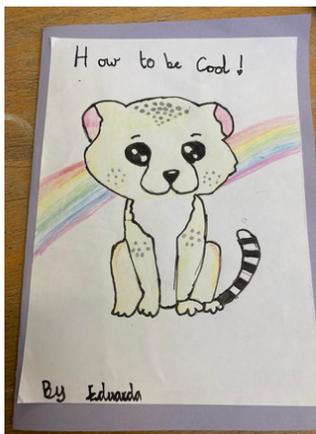


In English this week, Canary Wharf, Victoria and Charing Cross put together a final performance to showcase their 'I want my hat back' learning. They worked in groups to devise a scene, made their props and performed to the rest of Year 3 and their grown ups. Year 3 have absolutely loved this unit and we are so proud of them!



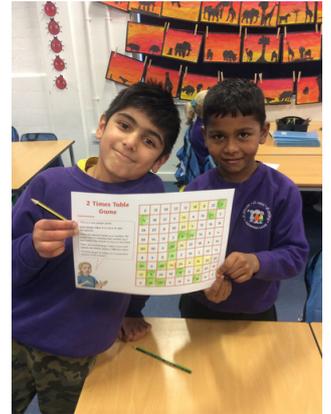
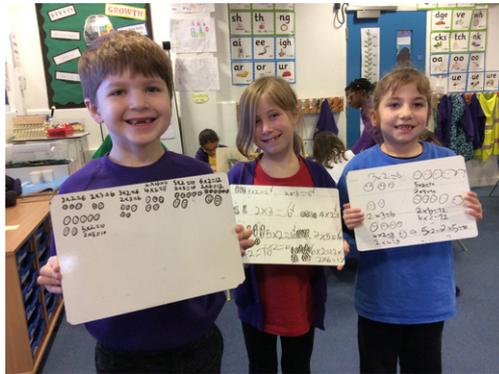
## **YEAR 4**

There's been an amazing amount of hard work and creativity in Year 4 this week! Not only have we been showing great perseverance with assessments, but we have also pushed ourselves to make our own story books based on our fantastic class book, 'How to be a Lion'. They are really incredible books that show off the wonderful writing we've been working on over the past couple of weeks. The children have worked so hard to create these amazing books, and we are really proud of them all.



## YEAR 2

Year 2 have been working hard this week learning how to multiply and divide numbers. We've been practising our 2 times table too! In English, we've started reading 'Meerkat Mail' and have been inspired to learn more about meerkats; did you know, meerkats can handle the venom of some snakes?



## YEAR 5

This week in Year 5, we started our new science topic learning all about forces. We learnt about the force of gravity and found out the difference between mass and weight. We then studied two theories: Aristotle's theory, that the heavier an object, the faster it will fall and Galileo's theory that two objects of the same size will fall at the same speed regardless of weight. We used empty, half full and full water bottles to experiment this. We found out that Galileo's theory was correct, regardless of weight, the pull of gravity on objects of the same size is equal.



## YEAR 6

We have enjoyed starting our new topic about 'Economic Activity' this week. We have learnt about trade and investigated which countries we import goods from and export goods to. We then looked at some specific foods and used atlases to identify where they were imported from. It was fun using a colour-coded key to identify these countries!

