



COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY



It was lovely to see so many of you at the parent/carer's meetings this week. There was an amazingly positive buzz all around the school on both evenings! I hope you found the time with your child's teacher useful and that you feel equipped to support your child at home with their next steps in learning.

Thank you to Mrs Burton for organising the book fair this week. It was a great success and really wonderful to see so many of the children heading out with a new book to read at home. If you couldn't make the book fair, don't forget to make use of the £1 voucher. There are lots of books on sale for £1 in all of the major book shops!

On Friday, we celebrated Red Nose Day, by dancing our socks off at year group discos. It was a fun filled morning and I loved watching (and joining) the children shaking their moves around the dance floor. Of course, our aim was to raise lots of money for Comic Relief and once again the Coopers Lane community came up trumps. We raised an incredible



£627



Thank you for your generosity!
This money will be put to good use, supporting charities both in the UK and around the world.

Have a great weekend.



RAMADAN MUBARAK



Millions of Muslims in the UK and around the world, including many of our Coopers Lane families, are observing the holy month of Ramadan. It is a month of fasting, reflection, community and family time. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and it has a special significance in Islam. During this period, Muslims are encouraged to fast and to give to charity, to show kindness and patience and to strengthen their relationship with God. Fasting during Ramadan is meant to encourage spiritual reflection. Children aren't required to fast, however some of the older children choose to join their families in fasting.

The Islamic calendar follows the lunar cycle. Ramadan is expected to last 30 days, with fasting starting on Monday 11 March and predicted to end on Tuesday April 9, with the sighting of the new crescent moon.

If you want to wish someone a good start of Ramadan, it is customary to say "Ramadan Mubarak", which means "Blessed Ramadan". You can also say "Ramadan Kareem", which translates as "Generous Ramadan". **'Ramadan Mubarak' to all of our Muslim families.**

SWIMMING GALA

Last Friday, some of the children from Year 5 and 6 took part in the Saxon Crown swimming gala. The children were great ambassadors for the school and demonstrated our school values wonderfully. Well done to all of the children and a special thank you to Mrs Burton for arranging the gala.



PTA UPDATE

OUR BIG SPRING PROJECT - REVAMPING THE PEACE GARDEN

Thank you to all our volunteers who have helped out over the past few weekends with the garden revamp. It's been great to see the progress we are making. There is, however, still lots of work to do, so we will be back in the garden on Sat 23 March where we will be levelling the old decking area, moving 16 tonnes of topsoil, painting the fence and laying even more membrane!

This is the last volunteering date before the Easter break and we would love to get these jobs done before the holidays, so please do help out if you can! Please meet at the black gate at the top of Coopers Lane from 9am. If you can spare even an hour, please do come along, as many hands make light work! Please note that you will be unable to bring children with you due to health and safety reasons.

Sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/7XW8M>

When we come back in mid-April we will be building the planters (with the support of a professional carpenter!), starting to construct the living wall as well as the new benches, storage units and water capture system for the garden and forest school. Dates for volunteering after Easter will be confirmed shortly, so keep an eye on our social media over the break. We will also be planning some weekday planting dates that will be during the school day, so if you can't help at the weekends, maybe this is where you could offer your support.

It is taking a huge community effort to get this project completed on time – 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



EASTER EGG APPEAL

We will be collecting Easter Eggs again this year for the local food bank. This was a really successful campaign last year and lots of families were provided with chocolate eggs that were kindly donated by the Coopers Lane community. If you would like to donate an egg, please bring it to the school office by Monday 25th March.



NURSERY

This week we have been looking at and learning about Mini-Beast, The children have loved listening to the stories by Eric Carle. They have painted some lovely Butterflies.

We have also been celebrating St Patricks Day by making hats and colouring in some Shamrocks. The children were able to (with a little help from an adult) move our beanstalks from the small pots into one big pot. They have grown so tall already! Look at us sharing a large sheet of paper to draw our shapes. We drew circles, squares and triangles.



RECEPTION

This week in Reception we have been talking about growing. We spoke about how plants need water, light and the correct temperature to grow. We have planted our own cress using yoghurt pots, cotton wool and cress seeds. We can't wait to watch them grow! Thank you to those parents who have already decorated the stones as fruit and vegetables for the mud kitchen. We can't wait for the children to start using them.



YEAR 1

We had so much fun this week exploring paint and colour. We went over to the art room to do some painting. We painted beautiful scenes from the story the rhythm of the rain by Grahame Baker-Smith. We did lots of talking around mixing colours together to make new colours. We really took our time with our painting and they turned out absolutely beautiful!



YEAR 2

Year 2 enjoyed immersing themselves in poetry this week and learnt different poems off by heart. In Science, we've been learning about microhabitats. In maths, we've been measuring using metre sticks and rulers and deciding whether different objects should be measured in centimetres or metres.



YEAR 3

Year 3 have had a very energetic and exciting week. First in PE they shimmered, shuffled and balanced their way up and across the equipment in the gym. Then they shook their pants in the hall at the Red Nose Day disco.



YEAR 4

Although plastic is useful, it's a big problem. Unfortunately, plastic can turn into a bad toxin called leachate. I satou encountered plastic and thought it wasn't a problem until the goats in her village died from plastic. I satou likes in a small Gambian village where they use plastic for drinking and bags and sweet wrappers. But little did they know, the plastic they were throwing away on the ground had an impact. 24 on Lilles: I satou knew that the more plastic people threw on the ground, the more animals would die. Fantastic TED talk
Sadly, loads of animals in the real world die from eating plastic. One when I went to Broadstairs there were loads of plastic in the sea.



Year have been environmental activists this week, learning all about how plastic can affect our planet. We are reading 'One Plastic Bag', which is all about women recycling plastic bags in Gambia and this inspired us to write passionate and persuasive 'TED Talks'. We used powerful fronted adverbials to really convince our audience.



all the fish that we eat have probably eaten plastic from the sea so we have actually eaten plastic. Did you know, at least 12 million tonnes of plastic end up in the ocean every year? I satou lives in a small house with an aluminium roof over her head. One day, I satou finds a plastic bag she doesn't know how bad plastic can be. Lots of children in her village were drinking water from plastic bags but soon, one plastic bag turns into two then three then ten.
Sadly the more plastic increases, the more landfills build up with rubbish. We must end this because ~~more~~ plastic bags start in a stream then river then the ocean. I've encountered many horrible things such as foxes lying on the floor dead from eating plastic. But so many people around the world are helping our planet. Even the women in Gambia are helping. You can too. Another thing about our beautiful planet being hurt is that the more water animals eat plastic the more toxic they will be. Fantastic

YEAR 5

This half term in Computing we have been using the Micro-bits. We have been writing code to create name badges, a beating heart and most recently emotion badges.

The children have learned that a Micro-bit is a tiny computer and have thoroughly enjoyed using this technology.



YEAR 6

This week year 6 have enjoyed reading our World Book Day book 'The Rhythm of The Rain'. We discussed the journey that the raindrop took around the world in the book, and made our own mini water cycles in a bag to show the different processes that are involved. We have hung them on the window so that we can see what happens to the water when the sun heats it up. In writing we have thought about the idea of the 'journey' that different objects take and have written some wonderful poems about our chosen objects.

