



COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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THANK YOU



Welcome back! I hope everyone had a really lovely break.

I'm looking forward to another exciting term at Coopers Lane, although it doesn't really feel like the summer term yet! What a wet and windy start it's been this week!

I enjoyed a wonderful trip to Sydney over the break and met up with an ex-Coopers Lane teacher, Ms Mansfield. It was really lovely to catch up with Ms Mansfield, who has been living in Sydney for almost two years now. She sends a big hello to everyone here.



This is a significant week for me, as on Sunday I'll be running in the London Marathon. I've been training really hard over the past few months, so it's exciting to be so close to the actual event. Thank you so much for the support you've given me, both with your generous donations and with the kind words of encouragement. Although it's been quite a challenge, I've enjoyed training for the marathon and I'm really looking forward to it. Most importantly, I've raised over £6000 for The Huntington's Disease Association, which is absolutely amazing.

Thank you so much!

Have a great weekend.

Paul Hooper's JustGiving Page



SUMMER TERM KEY DATES

May

- 1st Knightsbridge Class Assembly 9am
- 6th-12th Deaf Awareness Week
- 7th London Bridge Class Assembly 9am
- 9th S.Kensington Class Assembly 9am
- 13th-16th Year 6 SATs Tests
- 24th Y1,2,3 Sports Day
- 27th-31st Half Term Break



- 18th Charing Cross Class Assembly 9am
- 22nd Summer Fair 12-4pm
- 26th St Paul's Class Assembly



June

- 5th Inset Day: school closed
- 7th Y4,5,6 Sports day
- 10th-14th year 1 Phonics Screening



July

- 9th Reception Sports Day 9:15am
- 10th Nursery Sports Day 9:15am
- 9th/10th Year 6 Performance
- 16th-18th Reception Graduation
- 19th Broadstairs Trip
- 22nd Year 6 Graduation & BBQ
- 23rd Last day of term for the children



COOPERS LANE
PTA 

Coopers Lane Primary School Summer Fair

Saturday 22 June 12-4pm
Adults £1, under 16s free

Please join us to celebrate
Windrush Day as well as the official
reopening of the **Peace Garden**

Licensed bar Ice cream Food stalls 50p games YogaKids
Bouncy castles Storytelling Performances Raffle
Lots of activities for the whole family!

Grove Park Library Gardens is officially

LONDON'S SECOND SADDEST PLAYGROUND

Join us for the first meeting of
Grove Park Library Gardens Friends.
Help plan the future of this park
and show it the love it deserves.



GROVE PARK LIBRARY GARDENS FRIENDS

Join us for our first meeting
Saturday 20th April 2pm
Grove Park Community Library
Groveparklibrarygardensfriends@gmail.com

NURSERY

This half term is all about 'Traditional Tales'
The story this week is 'The Three Little Pigs'
and the children have loved retelling and
acting out the story together. We have been
making some props to help us.



The children have loved dressing up in the
costumes from our 'Fancy Dress shop.' Look
at Jacob with his Batman outfit and long
boots ready to save the world

Wow, look how much the magic beans have
grown over the holiday!!!!



RECEPTION

Now that spring is here, we have spent lots
of time outside organising the Reception
garden. At Forest School we planted
sunflowers, peas and wildflowers. We are
looking forward to looking after them and
watching them grow over the coming weeks.
As part of our work for Earth Day we have
been thinking about how we can look after
our planet and even made our own save the
tree posters. The children came up with
some great ideas to help protect our planet;
recycling and reusing items, turning off
lights, computers, laptops and TVs when
they're not being used.



We have been busy designing our own printing blocks using styrofoam this week. First we made indentations in the styrofoam using a blunt pencil or ball point pen. We then rolled ink using a roller onto our printing block. Next we placed the paper on top of the printing block and rubbed firmly. After that we peeled off the paper to reveal our gorgeous print. We then created a reduction print by making more indentations and printing another colour on top.

Our mini-topic this week has been animals. We looked at a range of different animal types and then sorted and compared them.

YEAR 1



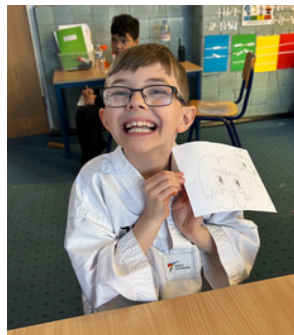
YEAR 2

Some mysterious things have been happening in Year 2, but we can't really say too much more so that we protect the magic... Because of this, the children have started writing some fantastic adventure stories. In PE, Year 2 have been using the climbing equipment- the adults were so impressed at how sensible the children were and the level of determination to climb up the ropes was fantastic.



YEAR 3

This week Year 3 had their launch day for their new spring term project all about the amazing countries of China, Japan and India. As part of our topic, we have taken on the challenge to walk the length of the Great Wall of China by the end of the term! We started the virtual walk on our launch day and we also made volcanoes using paper, recreated the Great Wall of China out of marshmallows and sticks, created Chinese Dragons and to finish the day, we drew Mandala patterns.



YEAR 4

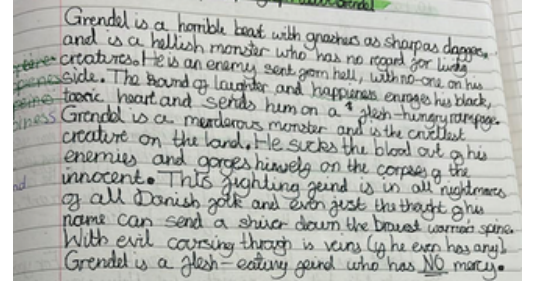
Lillypads take over Coopers Lane! Year 4 couldn't believe it on Monday, when frogs and lillypads suddenly appeared in the hall. We found out they had been taking over the school since February and flying mysteriously through the town in our book 'Tuesday'. We became detectives and created our own evidence boards, then we created and performed our own news report, acting as some of the local residents who had witnessed the crime.



In our writing lessons this week we started reading Beowulf, which is the oldest English story that we have a record of. It is a gruesome tale of a cruel creature called Beowulf who terrorises a village.

We wrote fantastic descriptions of this beast using adjectives, alliteration and thinking carefully about how we could describe this monstrous murderer. Then we used drama and hot seated each other, imagining that we were villagers and thinking about how we felt. After this, we wrote letters to loved ones explaining what awful things had been happening and we used repetitive phrases for effect (e.g. 'No plans, no prayers, no sacrifices could save us from this never-ending nightmare').

YEAR 5



YEAR 6

Year 6 have enjoyed launching into our new topic this week: North America! We learnt that there are 23 countries in the continent of North America and we located these on a map using Atlases.

We then used role play to explore the conflicts between the European explorers who first arrived in North America and the Native Americans already living there and how they eventually learned to trade with each other.

Our scavenger hunt helped us to discover many of the amazing human and geographical features of this diverse continent!



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.



TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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