



COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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DEAF AWARENESS



What a glorious week it's been at Coopers Lane. We were treated to two fabulous class assemblies this week, both London Bridge and South Kensington put on wonderful shows for their parents and carers. Absolutely brilliant! On Thursday, Dough 'N' Go came in to the Nursery to make Pizzas with the children and it was such a lovely event. A huge thank you to the Payne family (especially for my delicious pizza!). More on this later in the newsletter. We have had a wonderful week celebrating Deaf Awareness week. Deaf Awareness is something we practice on a daily basis at Cooper Lane, but on this special week, we take part in Deaf Awareness activities right across the school.

Reception and Year 1 learned about what being deaf means. They had lovely discussions about how they might feel if they couldn't hear and what sounds they would miss and following this they will be creating artwork to represent these sounds.

Year 2 learned about the charity, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and learned about the incredible work the Hearing Dogs do and how they are so important to the Deaf people, lucky enough to have one. Year 2 enthusiastically produced posters to share the information they have learnt.



Years 3 and 4 discussed what they knew about being Deaf Aware and made Deaf Awareness posters to share around the school. Year 4 also sang and signed songs they have been learning during their signing lessons, the signing was amazing! Our lovely Ms Lloyd led an assembly for years 3 and 4, all about Deaf Awareness, she also shared several books about deaf children with her class.

Key stage 2 had an art lesson with Mrs Webb this week, where she turned her voice off and used gesture and pictures alone to deliver the lesson. The children really focused well to ensure they understood the instructions – Thank you so much Mrs Webb! Each class in key stage 2 also learned about the amazing work Hearing Dogs do and how clever they are.

What a busy week! Have a lovely weekend

PTA UPDATE

TOY DONATIONS WANTED !!!

TOYS (3-11 YEAR OLDS)
SPORTS EQUIPMENT (3-11 YEAR OLDS)
SOFT TOYS
SCOOTERS/SKATEBOARDS
LEFTOVER PARTY BAG FILLERS /CRAFT KITS
RIBBONS

DONATIONS MUST BE CLEAN & IN FULL WORKING ORDER

PLEASE DROP OFF AT SCHOOL OFFICE OR CONTACT US
DIRECTLY TO ARRANGE LARGE COLLECTIONS FROM
YOUR HOME



FINAL DROP OFF DATE 7th JUNE



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!

WISH LIST

Following a few enquiries from parents regarding how they can make donations to the school we have decided to open an Amazon wishlist.

This list will enable us to purchase much needed items for different year groups and items that we may not otherwise be able to afford.

Our list will be constantly updated as items are required within the school so please keep checking for new additions.

We've already had some items purchased, so thank you so much!

If you would like to make a purchase please follow the link below

[WISH LIST LINK](#)



Thank you for your continued support.

PATTERN & PRINT CLUB

PATTERN & PRINT CLUB

A monthly club for spending quality time together with your child/children whilst being creative, inspired and learning new techniques alongside others.

OUR SESSIONS

Hosted at Grove Park Community Library SE12
For adults with children in Reception - Year 6
Once a month on a Saturday morning.

Session 1 - 9.45am - 10.45am

Session 2 - 11.15am - 12.15pm

Booking in advance required.

Find out more:



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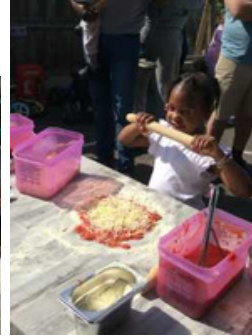
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NURSERY

This week we have had a really busy time, Squeezing five days into four. Dad's pizza event was very successful and we enjoyed every mouthful of it.

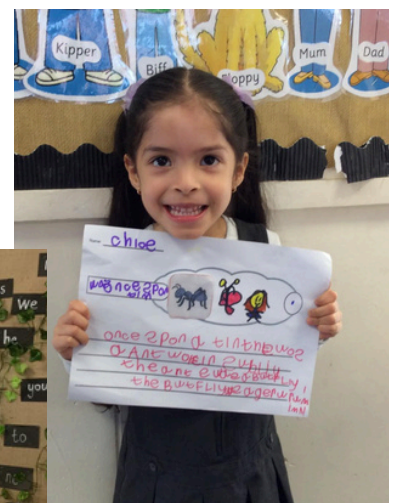
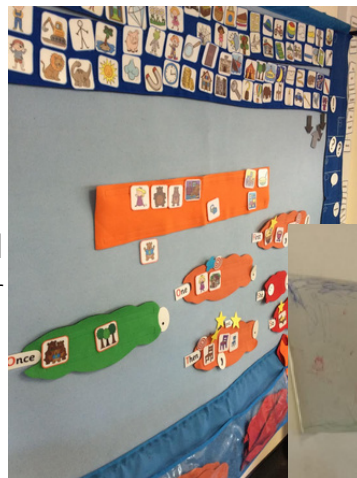
(Thank you to the Payne family).

We have been continuing with our traditional tales. The children have been fully immersed in the story. They made their own goat horns and loved tossing the troll into the river from the bridge.



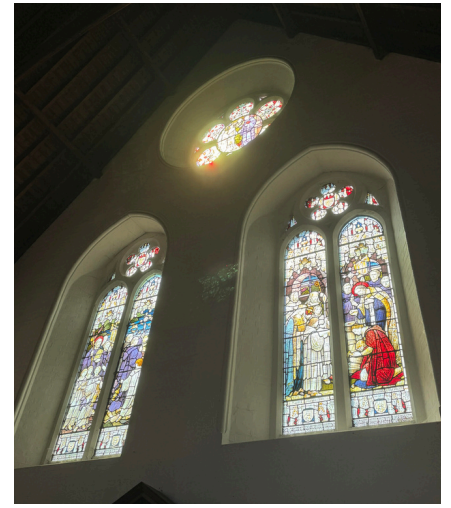
RECEPTION

This week we have loved making up our very own bug stories using the Might Writer pictures and writing frames. Chloe, our budding author, even wrote two stories! We have also loved learning how to sign BSL for Deaf Awareness Week and have chosen our own sign names.



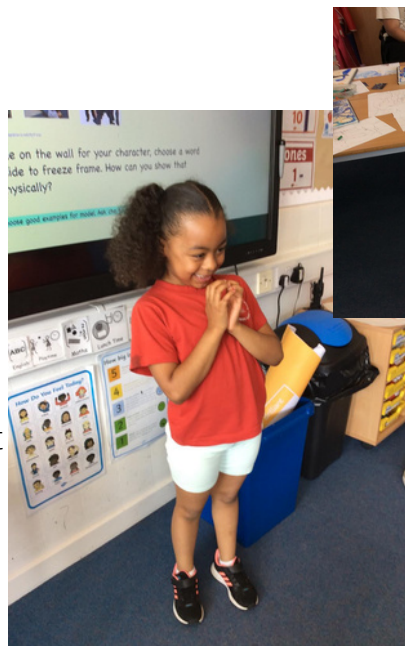
YEAR 1

Year One have had such a fun filled week! The week started off with London Bridge's class assembly. A huge well done to the class for working so super hard, what a fabulous assembly! The whole of Year One visited the local church where we learnt lots about Christianity and looked closely at important parts within a church. We observed the intricate details within the beautiful stain glass windows too and learnt about the stories behind the imagery within them. During provision at school we created our very own stain glass windows using tissue paper and card. We had so much fun!



YEAR 2

Year 2 are very much enjoying the sunshine this week! In maths, some children have been practising addition using giant Numicon. In English, we've been acting out the different emotions that the characters in Anansi the Spider felt during the story. In art, we were inspired by Van Gogh's A Starry Night to create our own versions using pastels. Our beans have grown SO much this week and are ready to be planted into pots!



YEAR 4

POETRY SLAM up in year 4 this week! Taking inspiration from Valerie Bloom, we have created our own poem based on the four seasons. We used personification and metaphors to bring the seasons to life. As well as this we have continued our Maths learning of decimals, explored how humans can impact the habitats of animals and we are loving our book written by Marcus Rashford 'The Breakfast Club Adventures'



YEAR 5

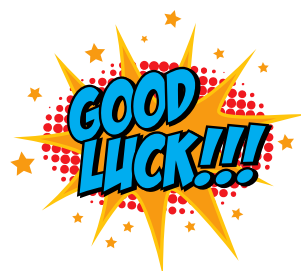
This week in Year 5 we have become storytellers. We began by watching popular storytellers Michael Rosen, Diane Ferlatte and Phil the Storyteller to find out what skills it takes to be an exciting storyteller. Next, we created story maps detailing the key parts of the story of Beowulf and Grendel. We then worked in groups, with each member of the group responsible for telling a different part of the story. We had great fun focusing on skills such as repetition, using actions, encouraging audience participation and changing our tone to represent different characters.



YEAR 6

We are so proud of all the children in Year 6 for the hard work they have put in this year. Next week they have a busy week as they take their SATs test, which are the assessments children across the country take at the end of primary school. We wish all of our amazing children the best of luck for next week. We know everyone will try their best and this is all that matters.

We are very proud of you all



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION

13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

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CENSORED

DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact with strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

TikTok can be addictive, especially for young people: compulsive repeated use can interfere with sleep patterns and be a distraction from other activities. The platform recently introduced default usage time limits of 60 and 100 minutes for new members under 18 (in the UK, children with TikTok average 102 minutes per day on the app), but these restrictions can easily be removed in the settings.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-16s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

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