



COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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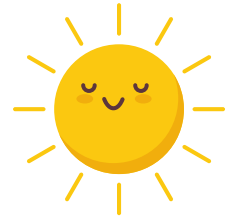
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OUTDOOR LEARNING, SPACES AND PLAY!



I am sitting in for Mr Hooper today, and I'm happy to say it's been a really great week of learning and play. I heard amazing things about the Knightsbridge assembly. Thank you to our families for coming in to support the class. I also got to go and watch Nursery and Year 1 in action, during maths learning time - which I loved! But the highlight for me has been the time I've spent outdoors - in the forest school with Reception and in the playground with KS1. The change in temperature and (brief) appearance of the sun definitely lifted our spirits this week.



It's also so exciting to see the development of the Peace Garden. Our dedicated team of PTA members and volunteers are creating such a beautiful space for everyone to enjoy. We are looking forward to sharing this with the community in the coming months. Please read the PTA update on page 5 for further details.



And that leads me on to asking for more help! We are working on developing the Reception outdoor area, and are in need of some support. If you have anything lying around at home that you think we could use, we'd love for you to get in touch. See the box below for ideas of possible items for donation. If you are keen gardener or a skilled woodworker or have any creative skills to offer, please get in touch with the team - or send me an email lblack@cooperslane.org



Enjoy the long weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday!
Ms Black

OUR FABULOUS FOOTBALLERS!!!

On Saturday our Y5&6 girls football team made us very proud! They showed great team work, determination and skill to get through to the final of the Shield. They ended up winning on penalties with some great saves from Renae and great goals from the girls. The final will be held on Saturday 18th May on Blackheath (look out for further details.) We would love as many supporters as possible to show the girls the support they deserve!



RECEPTION DONATIONS WANTED

"Someone's trash is another person's treasure" say the Reception team. If you have a clear out this Bank Holiday weekend, please think of us. We need donations for our outdoor area... wood off-cuts, guttering, old wellies, tyres, rope, trellis, outdoor equipment (in good condition), old boxes, pots and pans, crates, old jewellery, keys, artificial grass etc. We've started to develop the space (see pictures above) but are keen for more! Thank you



NURSERY

In Nursery this week the lovely weather has finally let us play in the garden for longer. We loved being in the sand, moving it around with the diggers. Look at Denis and Adriel exploring our 2D shapes. Zunaisha and Klea enjoyed making star biscuits together in the play dough area. Jenson was in the office and called the Police, Denis came running.

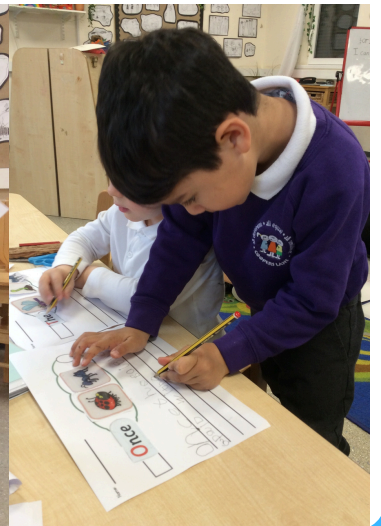
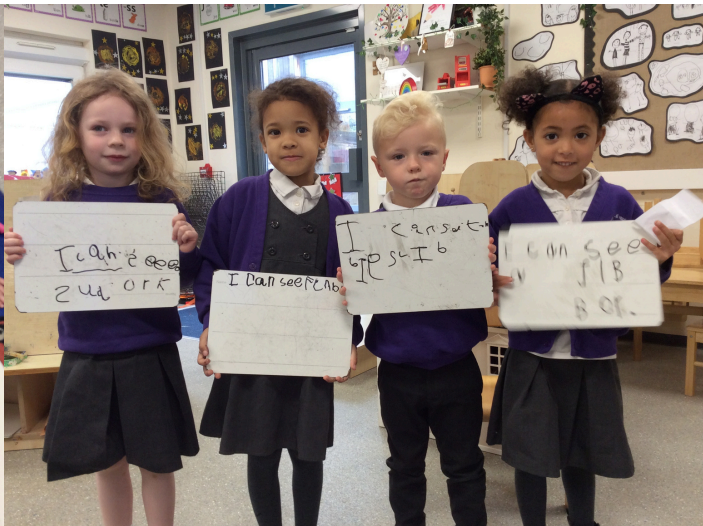
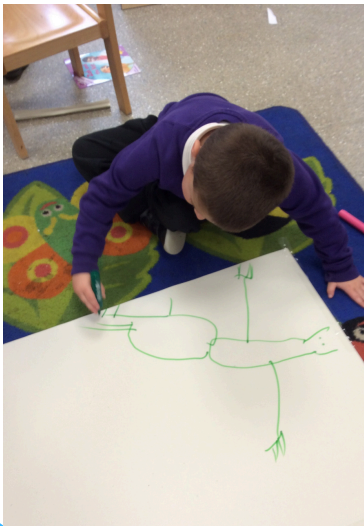


The Nursery Team



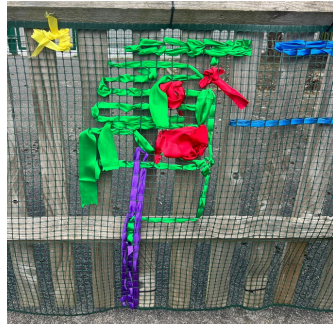
RECEPTION

What a busy week Reception have had. We have loved using some new equipment in our outdoor area, including a weaving wall, a den and a teepee. We have tried our hardest with our writing this week. We have been writing everywhere, even on the floor! We are so proud of the children and look forward to another fun filled week.



YEAR 1

We really made the most of the sunnier weather this week. Ryan and Aziz helped Mrs Pepper weed the outside planters ready to plant new seeds. Amaia and Agatha worked together to make a tree complete with roots using the transient art. Clover enjoyed using ribbon to weave a tree on the fence. Haven't they all done a great job?!



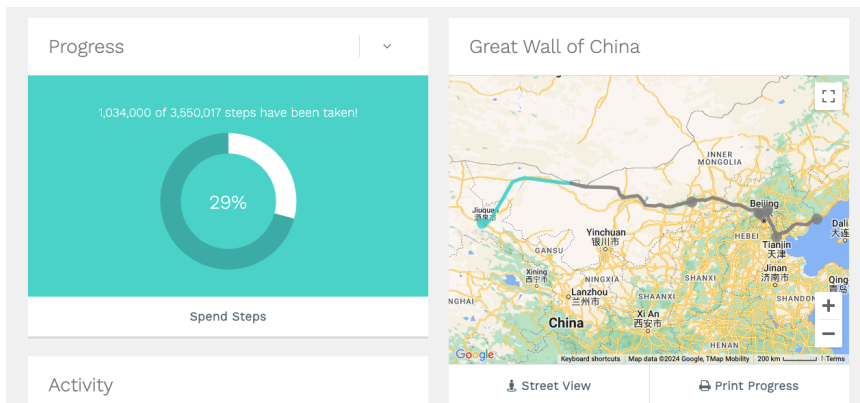
YEAR 2

We've been really inspired by our new English unit - Anansi the Spider. We can retell the story to you. We enjoyed re-creating the setting in a rainforest in Ghana and learning about Ghana. In PE, we've been focusing on gymnastics and different types of rolls.



YEAR 3

Year 3 are challenging themselves to walk the length of the Great Wall of China in hope to raise money for resources and trips for our topic. A sponsorship form has been sent out to all grown ups today and we wanted to update you on our progress so far.



Milestones



Milestone 1 / 7

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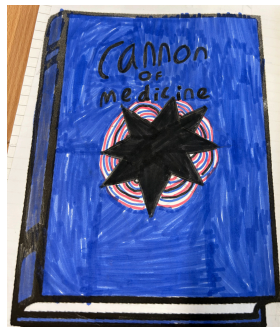
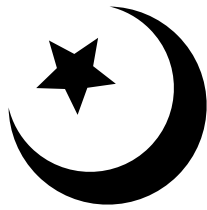
YEAR 4

Year 4 have been welcomed into the wonderful world of Valerie Bloom this week, as we started to explore her incredible poetry book 'Hot Like Fire'. We have taken the poem 'Seasons' as our inspiration and have begun to write poetry reflecting the four seasons, using metaphors and personification. To go alongside our poems, we are creating some artwork. Check back in next week's newsletter to see the finished art with all four seasons.



YEAR 5

This week in History, we learnt all about the spread of Islam and some of the incredible contributions made to science, mathematics and art. We learned about Avicenna, a famous Islamic doctor and philosopher, who started writing books about medicine from the young age of 16. We found out that he went on to write over 450 books, his 'Cannon of Medicine' is his most famous. In it, he explains how doctors must treat patients, what they must do before operating on a patient and how to use medicines to cure illnesses. Take a look at our front covers for his book, inspired by Islamic art.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have been learning about the effects of plastic pollution on the ocean and its living inhabitants. We learnt about some shocking facts about the amount of plastic in our oceans and the effect it is having on marine creatures and then wrote our own messages to prevent people from polluting our oceans. We also collected our own plastic waste and used it to create collages of a range of sea creatures, thinking carefully about the colours and patterns we could create. It made us realise how much waste we produce and how devastating its use is for our Earth.



PTA UPDATE

SAVE THE DATE!!

It's time to start planning our biggest event of the year - our SUMMER FAIR !

Please save the date in your diaries now - **SAT 22 JUNE 12noon to 4pm** - we can guarantee lots of lovely stalls, 50p games & activities, a licensed bar and an amazing array of delicious food stalls. We are celebrating Windrush day and will be officially opening the Peace garden, so don't miss out!

As always, we will need your support and help to make the fair a success and raise lots of money for our incredible school. Keep an eye on social media on how you can support this event.

OUR BIG SPRING PROJECT - REVAMPING THE PEACE GARDEN

There has been lots of progress with the peace garden over the past few weeks. We will be back in the garden after the bank holiday weekend to start spreading the play bark as well as filling the beautiful planters made by parent Sam Fathi and our volunteers and getting ready to start planting in the next few weeks.

We only have 6 weekends left before fair in June, and still have lots to do to ensure the garden is ready in time for its grand reopening. So, we will need lots of support from our community - this is the last push to get the garden ready for the summer fair and we really need your help !

Look out for more opportunities to volunteer over the next few weeks. Thank you to everyone who has helped out so far. It has been really appreciated.

PENNY WARS IS ON !!

Penny Wars has started ! How is your class getting on? Don't forget you have two more weeks to fill your class jar, so get digging down behind the sofa and under the bed to find any spare pennies. Bring them to school and the class with the highest monetary total at the end wins a prize ! Last year you raised over £800 - can you beat that total this year??

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop reopened this week and was really busy ! We need some more volunteers to help us manage the queues, so please do let us know if you can help by signing up here:

<https://volunteersignup.org/HK3LQ>

We will be restocking our logo PE t-shirts in time for school sports days, so if you need a new t-shirt, please buy them from the PTA rather than Bromley Schoolwear as the profits go directly back to school. Reception parents - we will be restocking all colours in the smaller sizes over the next few weeks, so make sure you pop by the shop once you know your team colour !

