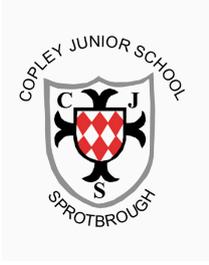


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National Accreditation Success!

Congratulations to our enthusiastic Green Team, led by Miss Walker, as they have achieved the **National Eco-Schools Bronze Award**. This is a national award that recognises schools that actively involve pupils in developing environmental awareness across the curriculum. Well done to everyone in the Green Team! For more information, please visit the Eco-Council page of the school website.



National Design Champion!

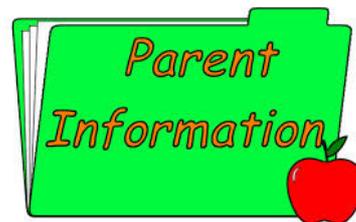
We thought our pupil entries for the Times Tables Rock Star competition to design a unique avatar were excellent. We selected school winners and submitted entries for the national final. Sadly, none of our pupil entries succeeded further in the competition but we were very excited that both Miss Havercroft and Miss Walker, who entered the teachers' competition, did progress through to the final stages. As you can imagine, this has generated much friendly competition in school between the two teachers! There was a very loud cheer at the end of this week's staff meeting when we clicked onto the website and saw that Miss Walker was selected as the national winner with her avatar design below!



Digi-Print Competition

Mr Sayles has been delighted to receive so many high quality entries for his digi-prints competition, which will form part of our work for E-Safety Week in February. The results and winners will be announced soon.

School Development Updates



Parent Presentations: Year 6 Assessment

Thank you to Year 6 parents/carers who joined us at the three assessment presentations delivered this week. The parent evaluation results are shared on the 'Parent View' page of our website at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/our-community/parent-view>

Parent Presentations: Year 3 - Year 5

Assessment expectations and procedures have changed very significantly in recent times. We hope that as many parents in Year 3-Year 5 as possible will be able to join us on one of the dates below so that we can provide information about how we assess children's attainment and progress through school and ways in which you can support your child at home.

Year 3-Year 5 Assessment Workshops -
2.30pm on Mon 30th Jan, 9am on Tues 31st Jan and 5.30pm on Wed 1st Feb.

Each session will last about 30-40 minutes. If you would like your child to join you for the 5.30pm session, they would be most welcome to come along.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Opus Band Practice - Please could all Opus instrumentalists return the consent form sent out last week by **Monday 23rd January**. The first Opus Band Practice will take place on Wednesday 1st February and we require all consent forms as soon as possible in order to make all the arrangements.

Young Voices - The Children's University has informed us that we can add 4 hours into children's passports for the afternoon rehearsal and concert last week. All the rehearsal times in school also count. Please take your passport to Miss Havercroft for signing next week!

Indoor Athletics

Well done to our Athletics team who competed against other local schools at Dearne Valley this week. Our pupils demonstrated enthusiasm and excellent sporting behaviour throughout, achieving good success in some events and they gained 3rd place overall. Congratulations to Barnburgh Primary who were overall winners on this occasion.



CSA News

Next meeting - Our next CSA meeting is on **Wednesday 25th January** at 6.45pm and you are most welcome to join us as we plan our next CSA events. Details of CSA events and minutes of CSA meetings can be found on the CSA website page at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/our-community/csa>

Year 6 Visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park

This week's Year 6 Visit to the Wildlife Park was a perfect excursion for their 'Frozen Kingdom' creative learning project. As well as touring the park and seeing the polar bears, children took part in interactive workshops to find out more about evolution and adaptation of species.

To see a gallery of photos from the day, please visit the Year 6 class page at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/classess/year-6>

There is also a quick link on the home page.



School Diary

Next week Year 4 children are visiting the Methodist Church as part of their 'Godly Play' sessions. Children will leave school at 1.10pm and will be back in school by 3.15pm. Please remember your coats!

Thurs 26th January - Aquamarine Class

Friday 27th January - Emerald Class

Invitations to School Lunch

Thank you for your response to our invitation to share a school lunch with your child/ren on either 1st February, 3rd February, 7th February or 8th February.

We want to make sure everyone who wishes to join us is able to do so. Slips were sent home last week to confirm the place/s given. We have just four parents/carers who wanted to come on days when all the available places have been taken. We still have very limited places on 7.2.16 (Farmhouse Pie/Ravioli) and 8.2.17 (Roast Beef/Vegetarian Sausage) so please let us know by Wednesday 25th January if you would like to join us on either of these dates. Alternatively, if these dates are not convenient please leave a note with the school office and we will arrange further dates.

If you have booked lunch with your child/ren, please arrive at **11.55** and your child/ren will meet you in the entrance and take you through to lunch.

Attendance

School attendance target = 97%		
Pearl	99.1%	Lates = 5
Opal	95.7%	Lates = 3
Aquamarine	91.8%	Lates = 2
Emerald	98.4%	Lates = 0
Tiger Eye	93.5%	Lates = 1
Diamond	95.4%	Lates = 3
Amethyst	93.9%	Lates = 3
Jet	97.3%	Lates = 1
Weekly average attendance for the school = 95.5%		

House Point Success

House point rewards are awarded to pupils at different stages of achievement as follows -

- 50 - 50 house point certificate
- 100 - bronze badge
- 150 - silver badge
- 200 - gold badge
- 300 - special award badge
- 400 - Head teacher's award badge

These rewards are cumulative through your child's time at Copley Junior.

Well done to **Erin H** in Year 5 who was presented with her 300 House Point 'Special Award' badge in our Friday Achievement assembly.



Sheffield Hallam University Students

We are pleased to welcome four trainee teachers to support their teacher training programme. Our students will be visiting one day a week in Year 3 and Miss Mellor's class and they have a four week block of time in school before the Easter holiday. The placement enables the trainee teachers to observe good practice and to

support small groups and teaching, under the guidance of the class teacher.

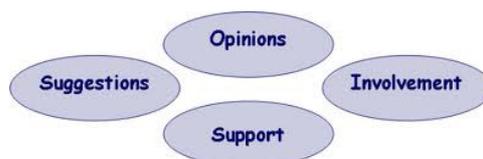
School Uniform

We greatly value your support in ensuring children wear smart school uniform. Our uniform policy, with a gallery of photographs, is available on the school website at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/day-by-day/uniform>

Recently (as some of the girls in Year 4 have told me!) there has been a competition to see who can 'get away' with the biggest hair bow! This competition has been brought to a speedy end. In particular, we ask that children do not wear 'JoJo' bows to school - these are brightly coloured, jewelled and very large, so much so that children have had to move to see round children's heads in class to view the whiteboard. Hair bows should fit easily into the palm of a child's hand as a guide. Bows that match school uniform colours (black, white, silver, grey, red) are ideal. Vivid and large JoJo bows are lovely for out of school and parties but are not appropriate for school uniform. We value your support in this matter.

Parent Forum



Our next Parent Forum meeting is on **Friday 10th February**.

Our two main agenda items are:

- Assessment practice and sharing information with parents
- Promoting enjoyment in reading

If you have any ideas you would like to share please contact the Parent Forum member in your child's class (details on the Parent Forum website page) or email the school office.

Best Wishes,
E.A. Crayton
Head teacher