



Copley Junior School

Newsletter

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What a busy and action packed final week of half term with: two high quality parent express events; Year 3's visit to Magna; a choir workshop session for the Year 5 children working with Opera North; our half termly Parent Forum meeting; a 'Bible Explorer' R.E. session for Year 5 from our visiting specialists; the finals of our highly contested intra-school Multi Skills competition as well as our usual range of extra-curricular activities including Active Games, Aromatherapy, Archery, Sand Art, Yoga, Cheerleading, Science Magic etc. It is lovely to see our pupils so engaged by our vibrant curriculum delivery.



This week
Aromatherapy Club
made soothing bath
oils

Pom poms at the
ready in
Cheerleading Club



Year 6 investigate the
adaptation of species in
Science



Science Magic Club - Children carry out two or three experiments each week. Here children investigated how you can make a fresh egg float in water by adding salt to make a strong saline solution. Children discussed the buoyancy of the egg and the density of the saltwater solution.

Year 5 Parent Express - Thank you to parents/carers and relatives who joined us for their presentation. I am sure you will agree that the children presented their learning in a very creative and imaginative way!

Year 4 Parent Express - Once again, thank you for your fantastic support of this event. It was lovely that so many parents/carers and relatives were able to attend. Year 4 children have worked very hard in their company teams to make a range of bath products including bath salts, lip balms and body oils, beautiful packaging and very persuasive leaflets and posters. We certainly have some budding entrepreneurs and persuasive sales people in Year 4! Following the express event, children were busy counting the money and working out their costs and profit margins, so we will let you know when the final calculations have been completed.

Photographs of both express events will be posted on the class pages in due course.

One Minute Silence

We came together as a school community on Thursday to observe the national one minute silence following the terror attack in Manchester.

In an age appropriate assembly I discussed the events that had happened, that such events are very rare and I reflected on the kindness and humanity of most people, that was certainly reflected in the Manchester event and the courage of the emergency services and local people.

ChildLine have put together some information giving advice to parents and children on how to address concerns if your child is worried. You can access this information by following the link below:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/>

Hot Weather

What a hot and sunny week it has been in school! We have ensured that children keep hydrated through the day and our beautiful school grounds provide areas of shade for break times. Please ensure that your child has a sun hat to wear and that a long lasting sun cream is applied at home before they come to school in the morning.

When it is very hot we relax our uniform rules and allow children to take off ties and undo top buttons. Please could you ensure that your child comes to school every day in their full uniform and school tie after half term and we'll make the necessary arrangements depending to the weather conditions.

Peripatetic Music Lessons

Thank you to everyone who returned reply slips to indicate that your child would like to take part in peripatetic music lessons from September. Miss Passant will send our request for teaching hours to the Music Service and we will confirm arrangements in due course.



Fund Raising for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance

We are very proud of Joshua L in Year 5 who has decided he would like to support the work of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Joshua has bought a jar full of sweets to school and he would like to invite children (and adults!) to bring in a £1 and have a go at guessing how many sweets in the jar. The child with the winning or nearest guess will be given the jar of sweets and Joshua and his mum will send all the proceeds to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.



Children can bring their money to have a guess until Friday 16th June.

Well done to Joshua for his initiative and kindness! Please do support Joshua's fund raising if you can.

Magic Themed Book Collection - Can You Help?

Please could you help us by checking that children return any books with a magic theme by **Friday 9th June**. This should allow for plenty of time for children to finish reading any book that they have just started. We really value your support with this as we need to ensure all books have been returned before we order any more.

The book titles that are outstanding are:
Magic Tricks with Coins and Cards - J. Banfield
Rose - H. Webb
Aladdin and the Magic Lamp - C. Bowen
Alice in Wonderland - L. Carroll
Goblins - P. Reeve
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets - J.K. Rowling
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - J.K. Rowling
Flood and Fang - M. Sedgwick
Nina and the Travelling Spice Shed - R. Madhvi
The Children's Book of Magic - P. Kieve
The Lost Book of Happy Endings - C. Duffy

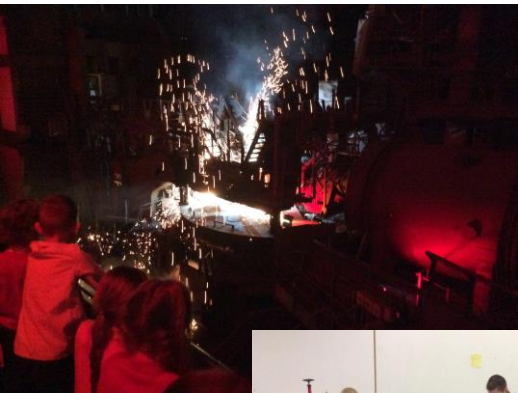
Year 3 Visit to Magna

To launch their new Science project on 'Mighty Metals' Year 3 visited the Magna Science Adventure Centre on Thursday. The children had a day of hands-on experiences as they experienced the wonders of Science and Technology by watching displays, taking part in workshops and exploring the interactive exhibits.

A full gallery of photos is available on the Year 3 class page of the website at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-3>

There is also a quick link on the home page under 'Latest Additions'.



Sporting News

Thank you so much to Miss Keep who has really engaged children across school with our new intra-school **Multi Skills Competition**. Children have practised their skills over a number of weeks, have recorded their scores and have been very keen to improve their personal performances.

On Friday the final results were announced and certificates presented to the following children in our Achievement Assembly:

Highest Scoring Girl and Boy

Year 3 - Emelia D (570) and Luke B (554)
Year 4 - Connie M (562) and Jude T (620)
Year 5 - Ella S (571) and Joshua C (635)
Year 6 - Georgia F (752) and William L (612)

Most Improved Boy and Girl

Year 3 - Luke C-S and Emily T
Year 4 - Joshua H and Meghan J
Year 5 - Joshua L and Brooke C
Year 6 - William L and Maisey D

Highest Scores for each event within the time limit set:

Skipping: Georgia F (151)
Step Ups: Sophie M (85)
Sit Ups: Peyton H and Madeleine W (56)
Sprint: Too close and too many to call!
Basket Ball Bounce: Billy J (165)
Star Jumps: Brooke C (146)
Long Jump: Billy J (1.89m)

All that remains is to award our lovely new trophy to the winning House, which we will do after half term.

Miss Keep has recorded all the children's scores so that when we hold our Intra-School Multi Skills Competition in 2018 the children can keep track of their sporting improvements year on year.



P.E. Kits

Please could all parents ensure that children bring their school P.E. kit every Monday and that it is taken home for washing on Friday. P.E. is timetabled across school but there will be occasional times when P.E. is moved to accommodate other curriculum activities. Sadly, some children are forgetting to bring their P.E. kit to school and this means they cannot take part in lessons. We value your support to make sure children have their kit in school and so have full access to P.E. lessons.

Diary Dates

Year 4 Visit to Castleton - On Thursday 8th June Year 4 are visiting Castleton to launch their Mountains project.

Year 4 BBC Music Day Project - On Friday 9th June our Year 4 children have been invited to take part in a massed Samba workshop and performance in Sir Nigel Gresley Square in Doncaster (outside the CAST Theatre). As Samba is carnival music children are encouraged to come to school in bright and colourful clothes, so it will also be a non-uniform day for Year 4. There will be lots of Samba playing on the day and the massed samba performance will take place from approximately 10.30am until 11.30am. Parents and relatives are most welcome to come and join us there! BBC Look North is planning to film on the day so our children may appear on the local news. Please could parents in Year 4 complete and return the permission slip and the voluntary donation of £4 to cover the cost of the coach on **Wednesday 7th June**.



Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you for the vouchers sent in so far. We are collecting these until 30th June and hope to be able to purchase new playtime equipment with any funds that we raise.

CSA News

Bags2School - A recycling bag was sent home this week. If you have any unwanted second hand clothing, bedding, household linen, soft toys etc. this can be recycled. The bags we collect are weighed and the CSA receives a payment based on the weight of the recycling collected. Our next Bags 2School collection is scheduled for **9am on Monday 19th June**. Please bring your bag on the morning of 19th June or, if it helps, your bag can be dropped off at the school office on Friday 16th June.

Father's Day - Following a suggestion from parents the CSA is organising a Father's Day event, where children will create a lovely gift ready for Father's Day. Tickets can be purchased at morning break on **Thursday 8th June** and **Friday 9th June**. The children's craft sessions will take place at lunchtime on **Monday 12th June** (with priority given to Year 6 pupils as they will be on their residential visit from Tuesday 13th June), **Wednesday 14th June** and **Friday 16th June**. A text reminder with details about the ticket sale will be sent out after the holiday.

CSA Meeting - Our next meeting is at 6.45pm on **Wednesday 14th June**. Please join us if you can as we plan our Summer Fair.

Holiday Dates

As you know from the website calendar and dates published through the year, school closes for half term on **Friday 26th May**.

We have two staff training days on Monday 5th June and Tuesday 6th June when our teaching team will be reviewing our coverage of the curriculum and developing our school improvement plans for next year. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on **Wednesday 7th June**.

Best Wishes,

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Head teacher