

Coppice School Newsletter

July 2023



Dear Families,

How time flies when you are having fun - we are not quite sure it is the end of the school year already, but here we are!

There have been many successes and achievements over the year for the children, some of our proudest moment include:

- Coppice Got Talent, Karaoke nights in the Community, Meaningful links with other schools, The Trust Olympics, France Residential, Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions, Work Experience Placements, Residential home visits, Tree and Tiny Forest Planting, The re-opening of our school swimming pool, attendance at career fayres and STEM events , Post 16 market stall in Doncaster, holiday clubs, Art Gallery and Parent events at school.

We have had a really productive year at Coppice, resulting in many changes, here are some of our highlights:

- Improvements to the school environment linked to Biophilic Design Principles - The school has new flooring, new blinds, new furniture, and over the summer some of the school will be re-painted. The staff have embraced these changes, and are working hard to ensure learning environments support positive wellbeing and sensory needs.
- Developments to the school curriculum to ensure it is appropriate and meaningful to all of our learners.
- Occupational Therapist input - working with children and upskilling staff to support meeting our children's sensory needs whole school.
- New staff who have joined the school bringing different levels of expertise. We have revised the school vision together, along with parent and carer views taken from Annual reviews, feedback etc. The School community are collectively now working towards the 'No Limits' Vision.

We really have had a fabulous year at Coppice, it goes without saying that the children and young people, as always, make us so proud - we recognise all steps towards progress and our young people are amazing! I feel so honoured to lead a school where the staff do really care about the children, and this is always at the centre of any decisions that we make.

We look working to building closer relationships with you all next year, have a lovely summer, take time to relax and just be present with your children, remember that having fun doesn't need to cost a thing, you are doing an amazing job as a parent, and you are enough!

Take Care and we will see you in September

Natalie Swearman



Headteacher

Our Vision

'No Limits' - An ambitious offer to all pupils which develops and nurtures...

Life-Long Learning & Knowledge

Interests & Opportunities

Mental Health and Positive Wellbeing

Imaginative and Meaningful Experiences

Togetherness & Inclusivity



A Message from our Chair of Governors

Dear Parents, Pupils and School Staff,

As we are drawing towards the end of another school year we can reflect on the many changes, both exciting and challenging, that we have seen.

We welcome all new members of staff and give our best wishes to those who have left Coppice School.

Natalie has successfully guided the school in transforming it into an even more welcoming and bright place to learn and gain knowledge.

The Governors recently went on a 'learning walk' around the school visiting all the classrooms. We were pleased to see all the pupils busily engaged in a range of activities. We are looking forward to visiting the classrooms again in the near future.

The Board of Governors would like to wish everyone a restful holiday, and we look forward to seeing pupils, parents and staff in September.

Yours sincerely

Paul Burns

Hello's & Goodbye's

During yet another busy term, we are delighted to announce the arrival of staff new to Coppice, who will take up their posts in September. They are Ester, Lorraine, Rhian and Bethany who will become new teachers across school. Ivana, Josiah, Alice, Olivia, Rose & Katy who will all take up their new positions of Classroom Support Assistants and Rachel who is now our New Office manager.

We are also sad to say 'Goodbye' to the following staff and wish them the best of luck in all their new ventures and adventures! They are Jaime & Alex who have been teachers at Coppice for many years. Annabelle and Rachel who have both temporarily left for maternity leave. Damon Stead as Governor, Michael as our outgoing Office Manager and Tia, our Business & Finance Apprentice who will be joining Nexus Central.

In September, we will share our School Development Plan with you, so that you are aware of our improvement priorities moving forward. In addition to this, we have been working on some of your suggestions that you provided from the 'Parent and Carer Questionnaire' in May.

You said, we did...

More parent/ carer events and more notice given for these events - a calendar for the year will be published in September

More updates about your child's progress - school are implementing a new assessment system in September and parents will all be able to access this system in the Spring to receive regular photos and written updates about pupil progress.

Workshops and parent information sessions - we will ask parents for more information about their wants and needs in September, we will then publish a calendar of workshops and parent information sessions that will be available in person and on Microsoft teams.

Our topic this term has been 'Moving Parts'. Ladybirds Class have really enjoyed this topic and have explored lots of new books about robots, space, bikes and boats. We have learnt how to move like a robot, explored floating and sinking and begun to explore what humans need in order to survive. We have continued to work really hard on our transitions around school and in building positive relationships, accepting proximity and sharing with others, using pecs to communicate and turn taking all in preparation for moving to our new classes next year. Thank you for a lovely year ladybirds, you have been an absolute joy to teach and it has been a privilege to get to see you grow. Have a lovely summer holiday.

We will see you soon. Annabelle, Emily and Natasha

Ladybirds Class

Ladybirds



Caterpillars Class

Caterpillars



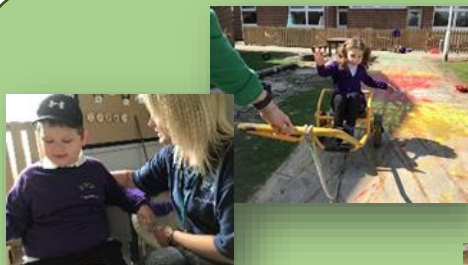
This term our theme has been Moving Parts in which we have explored how things are made and how they move, as well as touched upon mechanics and space. We have really enjoyed this topic as we really love to explore and discover new things!

Good luck in your new classes, Caterpillars. You have all done so well and made so much progress in this year alone. We know you will continue to do amazing, wherever you may go. We are ever so proud of you all.

A huge thank you to families too for your continued support. We couldn't have done it without you all.

Have a lovely summer holiday. We will see you soon.

Lydia, Ashlie and Kayla:)



Busy Bees

Well, we have made it to the end of a very busy year. Moving Parts has been an excellent theme that we have really enjoyed, mainly because we like to move.

Good luck in your new classes and with your new teams, please be kind to your new teachers and show them just how amazing you all are.

Have a great summer holidays whatever your plans and a huge thank you to all our mums and dads for all your help and support this past year – you have been fantastic and we couldn't have managed without you.

Bees Class

Bees



Butterflies Class

Butterflies



Butterflies Class had a really wonderful term learning all about moving parts! We enjoyed learning about bikes and using wheels to make art!

Have a lovely Summer, enjoy your time off and stay safe. We hope you have a fabulous time in your new class and thank you for the best year!

Team Butterflies x

During summer term our class project was 'Moving Parts!'

Hazel class have worked hard to develop their understanding of different materials through exploration, solving simple problems and exploring cause and effect through practical experiences. Pupils have worked on lots of mini projects which have included both a design and build process. We made rockets and launched these into space by causing a chemical reaction!

We also explored the story of Robot Rumpus and designed and made robots that could do jobs around the house! Our latest project included making our own moving pictures, using slider and flap mechanisms.

We hope you have a lovely Summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September ☺

Hazel Team

Hazel Class

Hazel



Oak Class

Oak



Oak class have really enjoyed the theme 'Moving Parts' this term.

Oak class have had a fantastic term. We have learnt about all different types of moving parts. We have looked at robots and even made our own.

We have loved water play where we watched what happens next when we pour water onto a wheel.

During this term we have read lots of lovely stories. One of the classes favourites was 'Toys in Space'.

Oak particularly enjoyed being outside in the sand this term and practicing our turn taking skills and sharing with all of our friends.

Have a lovely Summer, from Oak class team x

We have had a fabulous term this summer, looking at the theme of 'Moving Parts'. We enjoyed exploring different vehicles, especially working in teams to make loose parts move in a range of ways. We made cars move by using force and explored wind power with balloons.

Over the term we have worked hard on increasing our experiences, turn taking and using our communication skills to make positive choices.

We had a fantastic sports day and entered Coppice has got talent to showcase our enjoyment of music and dance.

It has been a brilliant year and we have enjoyed our time in Holly so much.

Thank you, all your support, and for making this year full of fun!

Lisa, Vikki, Olivia and Clare.

Holly Class

Holly



Maple Class

Maple



Maple class have thoroughly enjoyed our project, 'Moving Parts'. We have had a great time exploring different moving objects including building our own robots, kites and cars using different materials.

This term we have been able to visit Barnby Dun Park to explore the different playground equipment. The swings and roundabout were a favourite for us all!

We were also very lucky to go to Magna Science Adventure Centre where we explored air, water, fire and earth. Our favourite things were the diggers in earth and the water gun and fountains in the water area.

Thank you for an amazing year and we hope you all have a wonderful summer!



Rowan Class



During Summer term our class project meant that we became designers, explorers and engineers. We have design and technology and as a class made a huge rocket. We looked at the mechanics of how to get rockets to set off and move independently. We used lots of different techniques in DT, looking at different materials and how we can shape them and change the designs to suit our needs. We watched videos of different space themes including asteroids, planets and stars. Throughout summer term we enjoyed so many events including Sports Day, Moving Parts Event, Summer Celebration and Coppice has Talent.



Karaoke Night at The Blue Bell Pub Tuesday 13th June 2023



J1 Class

J1



This term J1 have been looking at how our bodies move and what happens when we exercise. We have been going swimming in the community and shopping at morrison's weekly! This has built everyone's confidence in the community!

Well done and enjoy your well-deserved Summer break.

J2 Class

J2



What a wonderful year J2 have had! We've had lots of fun visiting local shops and cafes, cooking and having class dance parties. During Summer term J2 baked afternoon tea treats for the coronation party and created art masterpieces using marbles, foil and paint to make their own stamps. During the second half term we explore toys with moving parts, everyone loved making the rockets move around the table and pressing buttons to make blast off sounds. On the moving parts day everyone enjoyed looking at the different play trays created by each class in Pathways and discovering how each object moved.

Throughout the past two years J2 have also been raising money throughout various enterprise projects. In the Summer term J2 and the other classes in Pathways combined their enterprise money to host an end of year fun day for the whole school with bouncy castles. The day was a fantastic success and a brilliant end of year for the whole school.

Myself and the J2 team would just like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers for the past 12 months, it's been a fantastic year and we're all extremely proud of all our pupils and the amazing things they have accomplished.

Have a wonderful Summer!



Pupils from J3 absolutely loved this theme! They were learning about simple mechanisms through Science, DT and Computing. They were brilliant at describing textures according to their properties and loved completing tasks where they could use the materials according to their features. We also created crafts with simple mechanisms such as levers, pulleys, sliders, pop-up and linkages. Some pupils were even able to improve their designs without staff's support! In Computing we learnt how to stay safe online and how to send emails to each other and other staff members. We started to learn how to use a printer too! We had lots of fun taking part in the Sports Day. Our song for Coppice Got Talent was recorded in the Higher Rhythm Studio and was a great success! We also took part in internal work placements sessions.

Have a great summer!

J3 Class



J4 Class



Pupils in J4 were very busy and learnt about Moving Parts through lots of practical activities. We looked at objects that move and if they are operated by batteries or mains. We practiced turn taking when playing with robots. This term we made a massive progress at improving our computing skills – most of us can make marks and patterns using Paint. We continued to improve our independence while preparing morning snacks with everyone's favourite-cheese toasties. We practiced applying the road safety rules while visiting the local shop and when having a walk in Sandal Beat Wood.

Enjoy your holidays!



J5 Class



We have had a fabulous term this summer, looking at the theme of 'Moving Parts'. We enjoyed exploring different vehicles, especially working in teams to make boats, finding which boat could carry the heaviest load. We made cars move using magnets and explored wind power with balloons. We looked at, described and investigated textures.

We explored, tasted and changed food using blenders, microwaves and whisks, trying different foods and textures.

Over the term we have been to lots of different places: Harmony House, supermarkets, cafes, Pizza Hut, walking in the woods, moving our bodies in different ways on playparks and gyms. We have worked hard on building our experiences, turn taking and using our communication skills to make positive choices.

It has been a brilliant year and we have enjoyed our time in J5 so much. Have a wonderful summer break and thank you all for making this year full of fun, laughter, caring and sharing. We will miss each and every one of you.

Jane, Hadiza, Jess, Gemma and Gill.





Post 16 students have continued their hard work this term, working towards outcomes across the Preparing for Adulthood framework including accessing Harmony House for independent living where they plan, shop and prepare their dinners; continuing with enterprise activities; accessing community and looking at living a healthy lifestyle.

Travel training has been a focus this term with young people accessing public transport and becoming more and more confident in their travel skills.

As we made it to the end of term, we have accessed a number of end of year activities including bowling, karaoke, Cleethorpes and LaserZone in Castleford.

Once again we are proud of the efforts of all our young people as they continue to gain confidence and develop their skills in order to prepare for a life after Coppice School

France Residential

In May, twenty of our Post 16 students enjoyed an incredible four-day residential trip to Northern France. We spent four days enjoying a range of activities exploring the small town of St Omer. We visited Le Touquet, a beach town to the south of Calais, where we played sport on the beach and learnt about the French seaside cuisine during a pastry and ice cream tour. Having had a paddle in the sea, we also managed to spot President Macron's holiday home. On day three we went to French theme park, exploring all the rides and rollercoasters then back at the Chateau we tasted snails.

The trip was a complete success and for some of our young people it marked their first-time leaving Doncaster and their families. The residential allowed the students to gain practical life experiences, helping them to improve their independence, learn new skills, increase their confidence by travelling to an unknown place and meeting new people and engaging in new activities outside of their routine and comfort zone. This enhances the practical and hands-on experiences which already form an important part of the post-16 curriculum at Coppice School.

Everyone had such an amazing experience, we have already started planning next years.





Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh award forms part of the Post 16 curriculum. This term, six of our intrepid explorers completed their Bronze expedition through a night camping at Squirrel Wood.

They had to complete a 4 mile hike, following instructions and using their map reading skills before arriving at Squirrel Wood. Here they had to set up camp, putting their tents up independently and organising all their equipment. Once everything was set up it was time to cook dinner, they set up the Trangia stoves and made spaghetti Bolognese.

On the evening they sat with other students from Pennine View and Bader schools as the camp fire lit up the night sky. They toasted marshmallows and told stories before retreating to their tents for the night.

In the morning, they got the Trangias out again and cooked breakfast including 'eggy bread' which went down a treat. They packed the tents away on a full tummy before another 4 mile hike back to North Ridge School where, exhausted, they were picked up and brought back to Coppice.



Prom

This term we have said farewell to three of our Post 16 students. Kacper, Chloe and Conner all had an emotional leavers assembly, looking back on their many years at Coppice School before all our young people headed over to Thornensians Rugby Club for an awards ceremony and buffet lunch.

We wish the three leavers all the best as they move into the next part of their journey.





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