



Coupe Green
Primary School

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Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Families,

We have reached the end of our first half term and what a super start to the school year we have had. Even though we have only been back in school for seven weeks, we have so many things to celebrate. Our Wellbeing Garden has evolved further with the help of our families and community, we have welcomed new families into school as part of our open day and had special visitors in our assemblies and through sports.

We have worked hard on increasing active time during lunchtimes and have planned lots of different sporting activities across the week, including football, basketball, cricket, tennis, badminton and table tennis. The children have played beautifully together and have demonstrated some amazing sporting skills. Plans are currently underway to increase the sporting opportunities across lunchtime and after school, with the help of a local sports coach.

Class News

Our little Acorns have settled into big school so well and have enjoyed learning all about superheroes and reading 'Superworm'. They have created vehicles for superheroes to save the day in and have learnt all about real life super heroes who help us in everyday life.

Oak Class have explored all things Autumn, completing local walks to collect evidence of Autumn and even creating their own hedgehog sculptures using clay. They were extremely excited when a real-life hedgehog wandered onto the school grounds for them to observe.

Elm Class have loved their class book, 'Pirates Next Door' and learning all about explorers in History lessons. Their learning helped them answer the key question, 'Was Christopher Columbus a hero or a villain?'

Ash Class have shown a real enthusiasm for reading this half term and have thoroughly enjoyed their class novel, 'The Last Bear'. They have also learnt about skeletons in Science and have compared the human skeleton to other animals.

Maple Class have enjoyed Science lessons and learning about reversible and irreversible changes. They have also shared a class book called 'The Gut Garden', which has helped them to understand the role of the digestive system.

Elder have considered whether Henry VIII was a good ruler in History lessons. Whilst researching the Tudor rule, they have learnt all about law and justice in Tudor times, which made for some gruesome reading.

Parent Governor

We are very pleased to let you know that Kelly Goddard has been appointed as our new parent governor. Kelly has a wealth of experience in teaching in schools and we think she will be an excellent addition to our Governing Board.

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Reading

As part of our school improvement plan, this half term has seen the introduction of 'We Are Readers' celebration boxes. It has been a pleasure to see children enthused about reading and sharing their favourite parts of class novels. To continue to motivate and engage children in reading, each class will be given money to spend on books and comics to enhance their class libraries, which they will then be able to take home to read.

To help support reading at home, we have created Reading Ladders for each class which shows you the books that they will share as part of their learning for the term. These have been added to our school website under Reading.

Good to be Green

This half term, we launched our new behaviour system, 'Good to be Green'. It has been wonderful to celebrate our school values, recognising kindness, respect, equality and honesty. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their chosen reward, Golden Time, and it has been wonderful to see the school play together.

After School Club

Our After School Club is a very happy, busy place and we are reaching our maximum capacity on several evenings. Please note that all Wednesday evenings are now fully booked throughout November and December so no further ad-hoc Wednesday evening bookings can be taken. Tuesdays and Thursdays are also almost at their maximum capacity, so if you wish to make ad-hoc bookings, please do so as far in advance as possible. Thank you.

Upcoming

Next half term will begin full of excitement with the many celebrations and events that our superb Friends of Coupe Green team have planned. Starting with the pumpkin competition, Spooky and Sparkly disco and followed by the Santa Dash and Christmas Fair. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Friends of Coupe Green for their hard work and creativity.

Children, I am extremely proud of how well you have settled back into school life and the achievements you have already made. Have a wonderful holiday and get lots of rest ahead of our next half term which is set to be very busy and exciting.

Your sincerely,

Mrs J Littlewood

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