



# The Cooper School, Bicester

Where 'Learning Matters'



Science

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## FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Welcome to the Summer 2009 edition of The Cooper School newsletter. I am sure you are all looking forward to the summer break and are hoping, as I am, for good weather.

As mentioned in the last edition of the newsletter, formal approval has now been finally given for the provision of sixth form education at The Cooper School and the first meeting of the project board has just taken place. This project board, comprising key members of the school community, will be responsible for overseeing the smooth introduction of post 16 education at the school and will provide regular updates over the life of the project.

The summer holidays, whilst a time for relaxing, will also be viewed with the normal trepidation for many of our students who will be awaiting the GCSE exam results which are due on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Not many people realise but it is not just our Year 11 students who have been sitting GCSEs, although of course they comprise the majority. We have also had some Year 9 and 10 students sitting exams as well and our best wishes go to all our students who are waiting for their results; we look forward to seeing them in school on the 27<sup>th</sup> August.

As is normal at this time of year we say farewell and good luck to members of staff who are leaving the school. John Brodley has been at the school since 1976 and became Head of PE in 1980. Since that time he has been a mainstay of the school and has been involved in many improvements in the school's sporting facilities over the years. John is taking up a new post as Director of Sport for the Cothill Educational Trust. Ian Haynes is retiring at the end of the school year, Ian has been at the school since 1972 when he joined as an Engineering Teacher and has perhaps seen even more change to the school than John.

We wish them both the very best in the future, after a combined service totalling 70 years their experience will be sorely missed.

Molly Warburton, the School Counsellor is also retiring, Molly joined the school in 1996 and has been a constant source of support to students since then providing not only the comforting words and calm assurance when needed but crucially the means whereby individual students could increase their personal self-belief and self-esteem.

Tom Hunt (English Teacher) is moving back to his native Lincolnshire to take up a post in Sleaford. Helen Hart (Cover Supervisor) is also returning to her roots as she takes up a post in Stourbridge whilst Emily Bedford (Teaching Assistant) will be beginning her University degree. Alpa Ghaghda (Maths Teacher) is moving to take up a post at Carterton Community College.

We offer all of them our very best wishes for the future.

New staff starting at the school include Andy Brown as Head of Physical Education, Daniel Kirby and Lorna Box (Maths) and Rebecca Humphris (English). Three members of staff have recently rejoined from maternity leave; Mrs McMillan, Ms Dingwall and Mrs Harris are welcomed back to the school.

During the summer holidays our Facilities team will be working hard improving the site and planned work includes upgrading the Humanities department and refurbishing some of the toilet facilities around the site whilst contractors will be revamping the gym changing rooms and replacing some of the paved areas with tarmac to improve safety around the site.

This is possibly the final newsletter in this format as we intend, as part of our work on Eco School status to make it available on our website and via the new Learning Platform. Further details will follow in due course.

September sees the fresh faces of our new intake Year 7 students start life at the school. They start on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September along with Year 10 students (Tuesday and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September being staff training days). The remainder of the school will start on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. We look forward to seeing everyone back and in full school uniform at the start of the new school year.

In the meantime I wish all students, staff, governors and parents an enjoyable and safe summer break.

Best Wishes

**B Baxter**  
**Headteacher**

**Year 7**

Eleanor Barry  
 Emily Benfield  
 Charlotte Bowden  
 Reece Bowden  
 Emma Boyle  
 Matthew Branch  
 Amber Brooks  
 Tara Burdett  
 Georgina Burge  
 Hollianne Cadle  
 Ellen Carder  
 Zoe Carr  
 Thomas Chapman  
 Rebecca Cheesman  
 Jack Coates  
 Amelia Collette  
 Ryan Collins  
 Ben Cooke  
 Poppy Cooper  
 Ryan Day  
 Holly Daykin  
 Aimee Elkington  
 Charlotte Franklin  
 Jordan Gerrard  
 Stephen Hagan  
 Robert Hart  
 Abbie Hayday  
 Tanisha Hayles  
 Laura Hobden  
 Abigail Howell  
 Scott Howlett  
 Rebekah Hunt  
 Stuart Ironside  
 Maja Jani  
 Shernice Kailla  
 Daniel Keen  
 Ciaran Lynch  
 Megan May  
 Katie McLernon  
 Benjamin Mead  
 James Mitchell  
 Hannah Morrison  
 Lewis O'Driscoll  
 Lucy O'Sullivan  
 Amy Olah  
 Matthew Penny  
 Catherine Perkins  
 Adam Phipps  
 Ross Powell  
 Blake Plowman  
 George Richards  
 Alex Robbins  
 Dominic Rolfe  
 Samuel Savin  
 Alastair Sawyer  
 Owen Shepherd  
 Ellie Speed  
 Kiera Speed  
 Harry Trinder  
 Rachael Troth  
 Jaden West  
 Scott White  
 Charlotte Whiteley  
 Mason Wick

**Congratulations to the following students who achieved 98-100% attendance from 3.9.08 to 19.6.09**

**Year 8**

Ross Arrowsmith  
 Rhian Bartram  
 Jake Best  
 Malcolm Billson  
 Laura Boshier  
 Edward Burgess  
 Rachel Byrne  
 Paige Carpenter  
 Daniel Chamdal  
 Katie Cheesman  
 Nicholas Dodds  
 Georgie Donohoe  
 Victoria Dunlop  
 Holly Finlay  
 Katy Forbes  
 Zoe Fowler  
 Lizzie Fryer  
 Charlotte Golder  
 Stephen Green  
 Danielle Hicks  
 Amelia Jones  
 Grace Julier  
 Sophie Loverock  
 James Macquarrie  
 Thomas Mann  
 Harrison Marshall  
 Danielle Megarity  
 Jasmine Nash  
 Chancey Nolan  
 Kathryn Oates  
 Gemma Pugh  
 Matthew Raven  
 Keerthana Sanjivi  
 Adam Sapnik  
 Misha Staples  
 Kilian Stenning  
 Isabella Sturgess  
 Antoni Szczepanik  
 Georgia Taylor  
 Ruth Thomas  
 Eleanor Wadley  
 Alice Walker  
 Sophie West  
 Sophie Wilkinson  
 Chloe Yau

**Year 9**

James Allen  
 Keri Allen  
 Michael Atkins  
 Giles Baldwin  
 Shannen Bannister  
 Chloe Berry  
 Tegan Berry  
 Chantelle Billson  
 Daniel Bowden  
 Charlotte Buckley  
 Ezra Bullough  
 Lewis Butler  
 Hollie Edmans

**Year 9 cont'd...**

Emma Elkington  
 Christopher England  
 Ellen Giles  
 Sophie Grose  
 Sakinah Hamidi  
 Lewis Harwood  
 Aidan Hawtin  
 Liam Hillsley  
 James Hobden  
 Jennifer Howse  
 Samantha King  
 Antonia Kissias  
 Elizabeth Lee  
 Edward Lelli  
 Kerry Lenihan  
 Marcus Linfoot  
 Brett Loosley  
 Charles Long  
 Jonathan McCarthy  
 Alice Newman  
 Helen Oldham  
 Hollie Roberts  
 Matty Sewell  
 Matthew Smith  
 Aidan Starr  
 Anita Tafirenyika  
 Brandon Walsh  
 Alice Webb  
 James White  
 Claire Worsfold  
 Katherine Worsfold  
 Roberta Worsfold

**Year 10**

Joshua Allen  
 Robin Aris  
 Stacey Arrowsmith  
 Amy Atkins  
 Lewis Beck  
 Emily Brown  
 Siobhan Chicken  
 Matthew Dodds  
 Leon Etchells  
 Matthew Jordan  
 Joshua Keith  
 Abigale Lappage  
 Daniel Lawrence  
 Georgina Leach  
 Carl Marchant  
 James May  
 Daniel McCarthy  
 Dale McMillan  
 Christopher Moore  
 Jake Murray  
 Carla Newstead  
 Shawn Newton  
 Demi Nolan  
 Daphne Peart  
 Samuel Plummer  
 Jemma Potter  
 Robert Powell

**Year 10 cont'd...**

Ben Rees  
 Zoe Rowlinson  
 Thomas Smith  
 Christopher Troth  
 Arlo Union  
 Jack Walker  
 Jack Walter  
 Carly Waters

**Year 11**

Robert Atkins  
 Robert Bone  
 Jamie Bowers  
 Amy Britton  
 Lewis Bryant  
 Hannah Burgess  
 Richard Cadle  
 Leanne Carlisle  
 Libby Cassidy  
 Luke Cavanagh  
 Caroline Cresswell  
 Joseph Dixey  
 Lewis Donohoe  
 Rebecca Gambrell  
 Victoria Ganusceac  
 Connor Gibson  
 Laura Gladdy  
 Jessica Gray  
 Sarah Greenall  
 Marko Grubnic  
 Matthew Hanbury  
 Jack Horwood  
 Daniel Howlett  
 Daniel Jackson  
 Samuel Jones  
 Pichitpong Juiwong  
 Sam Kelly  
 Jessica Kempster  
 Panayioti Kissias  
 Hannah Knight  
 Jamie Leonard  
 Ryan McCloskey  
 Thomas Mitchell  
 Aaron Newman  
 Hayden Nolan  
 Rebecca North  
 Charlotte Orr  
 Ryan Paton  
 Jade Plowman  
 Rebecca Poole  
 Kyle Price  
 Ella Ryder  
 Amy Santos  
 Edward Scott  
 Matthew Sherwood  
 Joshua Smalley  
 Lauren Stanford  
 Emma Starr  
 Adam Swain  
 Jamie Swanson  
 Abbie Warner

**Year 11 cont'd...**

Andrew Whitehouse  
 Daniel Williams  
 Leanne Woods  
 Thomas Wyatt

**ATTENDANCE!**

## COMENIUS INTERNATIONAL PROJECT



Comenius is a scheme organised and funded by the British Council to promote international and cultural awareness across Europe and the world. This enables schools in the UK to form working links with schools in other countries. Staff, students and the wider community can become involved in joint projects between their partner schools.

The Cooper School has been involved in a three-year partnership with Matti Lohen School, Rautalampi, Finland and Castillo de Luna, Institute of Secondary Education, Puebla de La Cazalla, Andalucia, Spain. Many of our staff and students have participated in activities linked to the project:

- Email links have been established between students from all 3 partnership schools.
- Students' topic work, about their local areas, has been exchanged between all 3 partner schools, together with photographs. This work has been displayed on school notice boards
- Simple books of traditional Finnish folk tales and language were purchased in Finland and have been made available to students particularly those with SEN.
- Monopoly board games representing the capital cities of all 3 countries have been exchanged between each school. Playing these games, gives students the opportunity to practise simple maths and foreign language skills whilst learning a little about the capital cities.
- Students from each partner school have planted or displayed a traditional shrub, flower or tree from each of the other partner countries.
- Students have produced tourist brochures/packs introducing foreign visitors to the local area focusing on local attractions and interests.

### Recipe Book

The project has now been completed with the production of a recipe book '*Delicious Comenius Dishes*'. This contains traditional recipes from all 3 partner countries, translated into English. Each section incorporates a short background of the local area and history of the dishes and the country from which they come. Both students and staff have contributed in the production of this book, including writing the recipes, providing the illustrations, editing and final production.

#### Front Cover Design by Yr 8 students

**Winner:** Chloe Whitehouse

**Runners-Up:** Chloe Yau, Danielle Hicks, Brandon Walsh, Laura Boshier

#### Recipes compiled by:

**Year 11 2008:** Sam Crow, Jemma Richmond

**Year 8 2009:** Ben Dawe

**Year 11 2009:** Emma Lane, Sam Burgess, Rio Buller,

#### Illustrations by Yr 9 students

Georgina White, Cassie Mulhall, Jennifer Howse, Sakinah Hamidi, Keri Allen, Lewis McConville, Sophie Holder, Charlotte Sammons, Rebekah Hanmer, Geoffrey Clargo, Catia Barbosa, Megan Gambrell, Amy Forbes, Ollie Smith, Chloe Perry, Lauren Franklin, Amanda Cole, Antonia Kissias, Samantha Barker, Lizzy Lee, Ellie Vickers, Kirsty

#### Editing

**Year 11 2009**

Jodie Childs

#### Contributions by the following staff:

Dauna Harrold, Jenny Post, Victoria Cawood, Rachel Mooney, Caroline Butler, Ian Flynn

The recipe book will be available to purchase in the near future. For more details about this project, including samples of student's work and details of staff exchange visits, please visit the The Cooper School website <http://www.cooper.oxon.sch.uk/> and click on the 'Our School' tab then scroll down to 'International Projects'.

Many thanks to all staff and students, who have given their time to ensure the smooth running of this very successful project.

**D Harrold**  
**Project Co-ordinator**

## LANGUAGES WORK!

On Monday 15 June fifteen members of the Year 10 French groups spent the day at the Holiday Inn in Oxford at the 'Languages Work' conference. Organised by the Oxfordshire Education Business Partnership, the day consisted of four different workshops, and involved The Cooper School, Cherwell School, Cheney School and BGN from Banbury.

The day was an interesting variety of languages and cultures. The day started with a session about the enormous scope for continuing with languages at university, whether as a main or minor subject. Of the following sessions, one workshop focused on Chinese (Mandarin) which was an eye opener as it is the main language spoken in the world today. Two of the other workshops were based on how languages are used in business, one focused on marketing and the other on engineering.

Those leading the workshops and sessions voluntarily gave up their time to talk to us and teach us through the day, and we would like to thank these presenters.

It was a great day and we learnt a lot about languages and how useful they are in the business world.

**P Hickman, Head of MFL**

## YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO SPAIN

The trip to Spain began on the 21st May and the main point of it was to evaluate the human and physical effects of tourism in Spain.

We travelled by coach to Luton Airport and boarded the plane to Barcelona. The first half day was spent in the hotel in Pineda de Mar.

The second day was spent at the Garrotxa Natural Park. The group of 23 including 3 teachers climbed a very steep volcano. It was exhausting and there was a huge amount of complaining, but we soon cheered up when we got to the top and saw the crater — it was amazing! We did a field sketch of the view and some experiments, e.g. humidity, temperature of soil and tree girth.

The third day was spent in the main part of Barcelona. We visited a number of buildings and sites, including the Olympic Stadium. A coach tour took us on a tour of central Barcelona which was very interesting, followed by an hour's shopping!

On the last day, 24th May, after packing our suitcases and tidying our rooms we waited in the hotel for the coach — unfortunately we had to leave!

Spain was a brilliant trip, the weather was hot, the hotel was nice, the beach was close and there were lots of activities. The best activity was climbing the volcano.

Many thanks to the teachers who organised and made the trip possible. It was incredibly fun .... even if it was geography!

Stacey Arrowsmith/Dene Dorling (Year 10)

# BEATLEMANIA

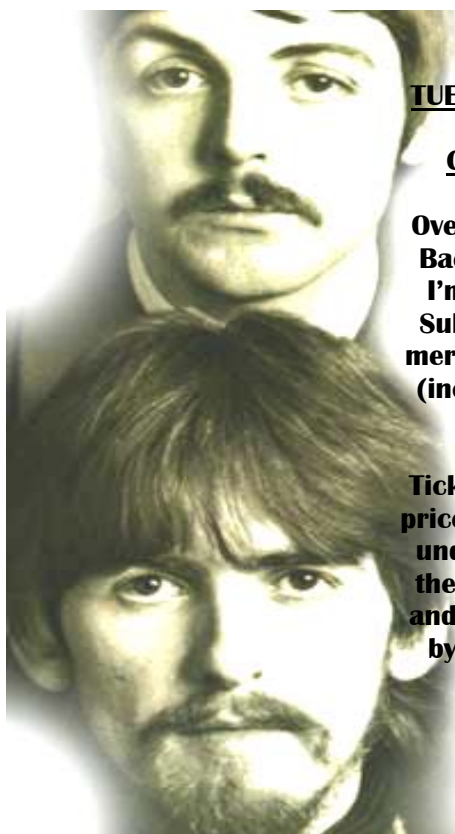
**TUESDAY 7TH JULY & WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY**

**7.30PM**

**COOPER SCHOOL PERFORMANCE HALL**

**Over 30 classic Beatle songs (including Get Back, Let It Be, Hey Jude, Yesterday, When I'm 64, I Want To Hold Your Hand, Yellow Submarine) performed by present and former students and staff of The Cooper School (including some who took part in the original concerts in 1989).**

**Tickets for these concerts are now available priced £4 for adults and £2 for 18 years and under. They can be obtained by completing the ticket order form available from school and returning it to the Music Department or by telephoning 242121 and placing your order that way.**



## ROCKET LANDS IN BICESTER SCHOOL

It's not just rocket science at The Cooper School in Bicester but real rockets as well! The Specialist Science School was visited recently by the Starchaser Nova 2 rocket as part of its country wide tour of schools to promote its trials and launch.

The 45 foot rocket is designed to take a manned trip into space on completion of the trials as part of the firm's drive to provide space travel by 2013. With the nose cone attached the rocket has a total height of 54 feet and will be launched off Morecombe Sands in November 2009.

Outreach Manager Steve Hill from Starchaser gave a presentation to students at the school before giving them a tour of the rocket and answering questions from the awestruck youngsters.

Science Teacher Ros Atoyebi said, 'This is the second time Starchaser has visited the school, four years ago they brought the Nova 1 rocket and the new model is so much larger



and more impressive than the original. It helps our students grasp the concept of space travel and ties in with our curriculum and Specialist Science status. Many of these students may well get the opportunity for space travel when they are older as technology advances at such a pace.'

As well as students from The Cooper School the rocket also attracted visits from neighbouring schools as Glory Farm and Bardwell schools took advantage of the opportunity to see at first hand such a huge space rocket at close quarters.

## ECO MISSION STATEMENT

In line with the work being carried out to gain Eco School Status, the working party has developed its own mission statement on the theme of 'More for less'.

### The Cooper School Eco Mission Statement (More for less)

- Maintain our grounds
- Open our minds to change
- Reduce our carbon footprint
- Expand our knowledge
  
- Find Alternatives to waste
- Opt to walk or cycle (not use cars)
- Recycle as much as possible
  
- Learn how to be eco friendly
- Eat healthily
- Save resources (gas electricity water)
- Share our vision

## THE COOPER SCHOOL ECO STATUS BID WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY UPDATE

As you may be aware the school is pursuing Eco Status in a phased programme over a two year period.

One of the actions is to provide regular updates to the whole school and to the local community. This update is the first in what is likely to be a series to bring everyone up to date with progress.

The initiative started in January 2009 with the establishment of a working group comprising teaching staff, support staff, governors and local businesses. The group drew up a timetable and agreed on how to get students involved as the project is designed to be primarily student driven. It was agreed that Student Council would be invited to participate.

An action plan comprising 12 areas was devised and each member of the working group took ownership for one or more of the areas. The areas revolved around litter, Recycling, lights, draughts, heating, aerosols, walking and cycling, wildlife, water, curriculum and publicity.

Since that first meeting considerable progress has been made in many areas. For example did you know that there are 64 toilet cisterns around the site and they all now have water saving devices in them? Additionally did you know that there are 156 taps around the school, some of which are water saving 'push' types?

There is now greater emphasis on recycling not just paper but also cans and plastics. There are new recycling boxes in every form room and we now have four large skips into which these boxes are emptied.

As you can see there has been very good progress so far in a short time and we gained the Bronze Award in April. Our next goal is to gain Silver Award by the end of July with an aim of gaining the full Green Flag award by July 2010. There is still a great deal to do and you can help in many ways. Just by ensuring you turn lights off when they are not needed will go a long way, some of our students are currently designing posters to remind everyone to switch off lights when not required and it would be great if you could lead by example.

**S Cook**  
On behalf of the Eco Group Working Party

## BRINGING ECO INTO THE CLASSROOM



As part of Environmental Science, Year 8 students were tasked to design and build a model of an eco friendly house. The students did themselves proud and produced some outstanding models, many of which are on display in the classrooms.

The models included standard items such as double glazing but some of the more innovative models had 'grass roofs', wind turbines and solar panels.

### 'GOING 4 IT'

#### FRESH DIRECT LTD COMPETITION WINNERS



James White and Robert Lacey with Duncan Parsonage

Year 9 students Robert Lacey and James White spent an enjoyable afternoon at Fresh Direct in Bicester last week taking part in a cooking and tasting session with Duncan Parsonage, the Fresh Direct Product Development Chef.

At the recent 'Going 4 It' Fresh Direct Limited displayed a large range of unusual fresh fruit and vegetables. Students were able to taste some very unusual specimens, learn more about their origins and see how these vitamin-packed fruit and vegetables can be incorporated in to a healthy diet. For the event, Fresh Direct also had a competition: 'How many peas can you pod in 30 seconds!'

Robert won the prize for The Cooper School and was allowed to invite a friend, James, to share the prize of a visit to Fresh Direct. They were greeted by Duncan when they arrived at the Fresh Direct offices and were also introduced to the winners from Bicester Community College.

The students were provided with warm fleece jackets to wear as they were given a tour of the chilled warehouse where all the different produce is stored. They were asked to choose fruit and vegetables to sample and they opted for unusual looking examples, intrigued as to whether they would be sweet or savoury.

Back in the kitchen, Duncan cleaned, chopped and sliced the produce and the students tasted amongst other things fresh horseradish and Scottish bonnet chilli! Duncan explained how to prepare or cook a range of fresh produce and the students were provided with interesting recipes incorporating these fruit and vegetables. The students then made strawberry tartlets under the supervision of Duncan.

Robert and James thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon and were very thankful to Fresh Direct for providing them with this opportunity and to Duncan for the time spent with them. Robert said "I liked trying fruit and vegetables I had never tried before".

### OXFAM VISITOR CENTRE

Ten members of the School's Student Council were invited to the official opening of the new Visitor Centre at Oxfam's Logistical Centre based in Bicester recently.

Oxfam is one of the major 'First Response' charities in the world and it is a little known fact that all aid relief in the event of national and international emergencies begins its journey from Bicester. The distribution centre holds a huge amount of Mosquito nets, tents, water containers, etc

which can be moved overseas within 24 hours once notification of a major event is received.



In order to raise its profile, the team at the Logistics Centre

have developed a Visitor Centre which was officially opened by local MP Tony Baldry. The Visitor Centre has working exhibits of some of the services it can provide and the students were given a guided tour and detailed explanations of how supplies can be constructed and the beneficial effects they can have.

The school is looking to form close links with the Oxfam Logistics Centre and this visit is likely to be the first of many.

### YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 students will be undertaking work experience from 6-17 July. Most of the placements are in the Bicester area, but some students have placements in Oxford and Banbury. A small minority have placements outside Oxfordshire.

We would like to thank employers who have offered a place to students. Your help is very much appreciated by both the school and the students.

If you are able to provisionally offer a place for July 2010 please contact Mrs Erica Denial on 01869 242121.

### TWINNING OF BICESTER AND CZERNICHOW

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June The Cooper School Singers accompanied by choirs from Langford Village and Glory Farm primary schools took part in Bicester Town Council's celebrations to mark the twinning of Bicester and Czernichow in Poland.

Garth Park was filled with invited guests and town councillors from Bicester, France, Germany, and Poland to witness the signing of the charter and enjoy performances from BCC Jazz band, a dancing group, a polish folk group and at the end of the afternoon, The Cooper School and the local primary schools. It was a wonderful opportunity for The Cooper School Singers to perform as part of this event and as part of the Bicester Community. The students all performed brilliantly and received medals from Bicester town Mayor.

## ACROSS THE AIRWAVES AT THE COOPER SCHOOL

As part of Jack FM's Radio Advertising Competition on change4life students at The Cooper School took part in an awareness day recently. The day included a session on healthy eating, one about radio advertising and a third on making a radio advert.



Four students from the school won the prize and recorded their own radio advert recently.

The four girls, Kayleigh Jackson, Megan Brain, Ellie Speed and Sophie Berry (all 11) spent a morning with Jack FM's Andrew Wright recording the advert which will be played across the airwaves from June.

The advert got its first airing at around 8.50 on the morning of 1<sup>st</sup> June to co-incide with the girls' assembly when it was played to the whole of year 7.

## LIGHTS GO OUT AT SCHOOL

As part of the project to gain Eco School Status, students from The Cooper School in Bicester were invited to design a poster reminding everyone to switch off lights wherever possible. Almost 50 entries were received and the Eco School working party finally decided of four runners up and two overall winners.

The winning entries were professionally produced by Paul Bradbury of BDA, graphic design professionals of Bicester who came into the school and worked with the winning students showing them how posters can be produced.

At a recent assembly Steve Creed, Director of Business Growth for WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme) presented prizes to the winning students. The WRAP organisation is a government funded group which helps individuals, businesses and local authorities to reduce waste and recycle more, making better use of resources and helping to tackle climate change. In keeping with the Eco School theme the prizes consisted of pencil cases, pens and pencils made from recycled materials together with information cards on recycling, in addition the two main winners received 'Love food, Hate waste' aprons.

The School's Business Manager, Steve Cook, said, "The quality and quantity of the entries surprised us all, there were some quite brilliant ideas and shows that our students are well aware of the environmental issues we face. The posters will be produced and prominently placed around the school site in order to remind everyone to switch off those unwanted lights."



*From left to right: Tamsin Probert-Lewis, Matthew Penny, Matthew Wright, Steve Creed of WRAP, Celia Gould & Adam Phipps. Missing when the picture was taken was Scott Richins.*

## HPV IMMUNISATIONS FOR GIRLS IN YEARS 8, 10 & 11 ACADEMIC YEAR SEPTEMBER 2009 TO JULY 2010

(Year 9 girls will have already been immunised in the 08/09 academic year)

Please be aware that all girls who attend the above year groups will be offered the HPV vaccine. This protects against the Human Papillomavirus, giving protection against cervical cancer.

This is a course of 3 injections — each given separately over a period of 6 months — 1st dose, followed by 2nd dose 1 month later and final 3rd dose at or around 6 months. It is vital that the course is completed to provide maximum level of immunity.

**Further information, consent forms and leaflets will be sent out in September. The School Health Nurse will also attend school assemblies to explain fully to the girls.**



## RECENT YEAR 11 ECDL SUCCESSES

### IT User Part 2 (equivalent to grade B GCSE)

#### ECDL certificates

Hannah Burgess  
Eleanor Deeley  
Laura Gladdy  
Ella Ryder  
Hayley Timms  
Abbie Warner

Hannah Burgess  
Eleanor Deeley  
Mark Golby  
Marko Grubnic  
Ella Ryder  
Hayley Timms  
Daniel Williams

Congratulations to all these students and well done on their hard work & determination!

#### N Wordsworth

## COOPER STAFF SUPPORT RACE FOR LIFE

Ten intrepid members of staff took place in the Cancer Research Race for Life recently at the University Parks in Oxford.



The staff, Mrs McKnight, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Spencer, Mrs Murray, Mrs Roche-Ali, Mrs Ramsay, Mrs Butler, Mrs Burnand, Mrs Martindale and Mrs Atoyebi raised sponsorship from friends and work colleagues for Cancer Research and in total raised over £1000. Also taking part but not pictured was Mrs Waller.

The group, some of whom ran whilst the less energetic walked, were helped by the rainy weather but remained in good spirits throughout and all of them turned up at the school the next day!

On the same day Geography Teacher Mrs Post took part in a 9km walk at Wolvercote Common to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

## PEACE GARDEN

In a quiet corner of The Cooper School in Bicester there is a special garden dedicated to former staff and students at the school. The Peace Garden was established in 1997 in memory of Jan Charman who died in 1993 and also to four students who died whilst at the school.

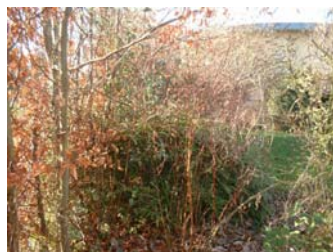
Over the years the garden has become somewhat overgrown and since February this year a group of COPE students have been working towards restoring it to its former glory.

The school was visited at the start of the work by two members of staff from Wyevale Garden Centre, Jeanette Cocklin, Events Manager and Phil Munn, resident Horticultural expert who offered guidance and advice on what were weeds and what weren't, what needed cutting back and how best to proceed. This was then followed by the students visiting Wyevale Garden Centre and lessons in gardening and plant care at Garth Park.

The students have put in a great deal of hard work since February weeding, cutting back trees and shrubs and cleaning the fish pond before replanting with compost and plants kindly provided by Wyevale.

Recently Jeanette and Phil returned to see the end result and were amazed by the transformation. Jeanette commented, "It's like a TV makeover programme, I can't really believe it. We both thought that there was too much work for the students but they have obviously worked really hard and have done a wonderful job."

The students are undertaking the work as part of their COPE studies (Certificate of Personal Effectiveness) and the COPE Manager at the school, Eleanor Williams, added, "They have all done really well on this project which counts towards their final qualification. We are very grateful for all the help and support that we received from the Wyevale Garden Centre, the students couldn't have done it without their help."



'Before'



'After'

## YEAR 7 BOYS' FOOTBALL TEAM

The Cooper School's Year 7 boy's football team has become North Oxford District Champions for the 08/09 season. The boys won 5 and drew 1 game with the best result winning 10-0. Overall the team scored 32 goals whilst only conceding 5 with Ben Cooke being top scorer with 8.

Manager and PE teacher Jeff Simmonds, said 'It has been a great effort from the lads so well done to them! All of the boys either play with or against each other for their clubs at weekends, so there is no surprise in the team's success. Whilst the team played very competitively they also played very fairly and were a credit to the school. The next goals for the team are to retain the District Championship next season and to progress far as possible in the FA National English School Cup.



The team pictures are :-

Back row (left to right)

*Mason Wick-Wilson, Matt Jullians, Lewis Hallam, Tom Bosher, Harry Trinder, Luke Reynolds, Jeff Simmonds (Coach & Teacher)*

Front row (left to right)

*Tom Bennan, Daniel Keen, Ben Cooke, Rikki King, Luke Dyer, Harry Card.*

Kneeling with trophy

*Declan Peart (Captain)*

Missing when the photo was taken were *Grady Cherry & Tom White.*



## PE AT COOPER

We have had an excellent start to the Summer term at Cooper. Across the years the school has been represented by students in a number of different sports including Cricket, Rounders and Athletics.

PE staff have taken students from yrs7 to 11 to two Athletics competitions in Oxford, where the students competed against other students from across the county. The students at Cooper performed extremely well and were excellent representatives for the school.

We currently have a Cricket coach in school, they are delivering lessons to year 7 & 8 students based on the "Chance to Shine" initiative that has been set up by The Institute for Youth Sport.

A group of year 8 girls won the District Rounders tournament, they proved to be excellent sports representatives for Cooper.

Rounders club is running on Mondays after school until the end of term as well as the Athletics club which runs on a Thursday after school. All students are welcome!

### PE Staff

## The Cooper Family Kwik Cricket Festival 2009



The annual Kwik Cricket Festival for The Cooper Family of Primary Schools took place at Bicester and North Oxford Cricket Club at Chesterton on 5 June 2009. This event was

organised by The Cooper School on behalf of The North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership. More than 150 Year 5 and 6 children participated enthusiastically in the tournaments. The Primary School children have been receiving cricket coaching during curriculum time, provided by the Community Sports Coaches from Bicester and North Oxford Cricket Club, and the Festival provided the perfect opportunity for the skills learnt to be put into practice in a competitive but fun environment.

The following Year 10 students from The Cooper School took responsibility for umpiring the matches and also ran warm up activities for the younger children — Lauren Allison, Kristian Ancil, Stacey Arrowsmith, Sam Bosley, Siobhan Chicken, Lucy-Ann Clark, Nicholle Cooper-Hornsby, Kathryn Dover, Tom Gabbott, Charlie Hall, Jake Kennett, Georgina Leach, Jamie May, Phillip Nunes, Charlotte Peterson, Mitchell Roberts, Arlo Union, Rachel Walden

8 girls' teams and 8 boys' teams from Longfields, Langford Village, Glory Farm, Finmere, Fringford, Charlton-on-Otmoor and Launton Primary Schools played in the Festival, with Launton winning the girls' competition and Charlton-on-Otmoor the boys' event. The winning teams have qualified for the County Kwik Cricket Finals to take place later this month. Darryl Woods, the Youth Development Officer at Bicester and North Oxford Cricket Club, was on hand to offer advice and encouragement to the youngsters and to present the certificates and trophies.



**G Allen**  
School Sport Co-ordinator

## COOPER FAMILY DANCE FESTIVAL 2009



The annual Dance Festival for The Cooper Family of Primary Schools took place at The Cooper School on 27 March 2009. The highly successful event was run by Lise Harris, Dance Co-ordinator of the North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership, assisted by 26 Year 8 and 9 students from The Cooper School.

159 Year 1 children from Langford Village, Launton, Longfields, Finmere, Charlton-on-Otmoor and Glory Farm Schools took part in the Festival and, for the vast majority; this was their first experience of an inter-school physical education event.



The Cooper School Leaders taught the younger children a short dance, based on a well known children's story, and the Festival culminated in a performance by the KS1 children of the dance they had learnt.

### Year 9 Leaders

*Alice Elliott, Samanda King, Lauren Kernvin, Lizzie Lee, Hollie Roberts, Kelly Tang*

### Year 8 Leaders

*Ellie Andrews, Sarah Bond, Katie Bull, Rachel Byrne, Charlotte Cannon, Georden Courtney, Amy Digman, Hannah Duncalf, Mollie Fowler, Lizzie Fryer, Eleanor Groves, Natasha Harding, Megan Hinton, Libbie Hooper, Dominique Hurley, Grace Julier, Illeasha Matthews, Isabella Sturgess, Ruth Thomas, Eleanor Wadley*

### G Allen

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## MATHEMATICS NEWS

### Junior Maths Challenge (Year 7 & Year 8)

Congratulations to Miki Tang (Year 8) who achieved the highest score in school in the Junior Mathematics Challenge. The following students also achieved a Gold certificate in the competition organised by the UK Maths Trust: Kilian Stenning, Tom Ward, Alex Gerrow, Matthew Wright and David Hillman. Silver certificates were awarded to Lucy Waugh, Daron Coaker, Jamie Bowes, Luke Whittaker, Punit Sevak, Connor Fray, Jacob Newby, Adam Phipps and Maja Jani. Finally, bronze certificates were awarded to Chloe Whitehouse, Katie Bull, Rachel Byrne, Gemma Pugh, Amy Digman, Fern Davis, Alex Jacques, Hannah Ryder, Ruth Thomas, Adam Sapnik, Brandon Walsh, Phoebe Gee, Tom Bosley, Lizzie Fryer, Matthew Hall, Rikki King, Jennifer Sowerby, Sam Terry and Tara Burdett. Well done to everyone who took part!

### Mathletics Summer Challenge

All Year 7 students recently took part in the Mathletics summer challenge, answering maths questions correctly to gain challenge points. The students managed an average of over 1,500 correctly answered questions each. High scorers were Katie McFarlane (11766 points), Matthew Wright (9132 points) and Chloe Coleman (8398 points). Well done to everyone who took part!

**S Gilbert**

# THE COOPER SCHOOL

## Parent Voice

The  
Cooper School



Parent Voice is NOT a PTA or  
Fundraising committee.

Just an informal discussion of projects and  
ways to improve school life.

Current discussions relate to the NEW  
sixth form, safety regarding internet  
access, and many others.

**NO COMMITMENT TO ATTEND  
ALL MEETINGS**

Want to know what is happening?  
Want to suggest new ways of doing  
things?  
Come to the parent voice meetings and  
find your answers!

Next gathering is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
2009 at 7pm

### SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

If you have any worries or concerns, our School  
Counsellor is happy to discuss them with you in  
private. A form is available from Reception if you  
would like to book an appointment.

## DIARY DATES

### TERM 6

Friday 17 July End of Term 6

### 2009/2010 DATES

### TERM 1

Tuesday, 1 Sept INSET DAY  
Wednesday, 2 Sept INSET DAY  
Thursday, 3 Sept Yr 7 & 10 students only return  
to school  
Friday, 4 Sept Rest of students return to  
school  
Friday, 2 October INSET DAY  
Thursday, 22 October End of Term 1

### HALF TERM HOLIDAY:

Friday 23 October 2009 – Friday 30 October 2009

### TERM 2

Monday 2 November Students return to school  
Friday 18 December End of Term 2

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:

Monday 21 December 2009 — Friday 1 January 2010

### TERM 3

Monday 4 January INSET DAY  
Tuesday 5 January Students return to school  
Friday 12 February End of Term 3

### HALF TERM HOLIDAY:

Monday 15 February 2010 — Friday 19 February 2010

### TERM 4

Monday 22 February Students return to school  
Wednesday 31 March End of Term 4  
Thursday 1 April INSET DAY

### EASTER HOLIDAYS:

Friday 2 April 2010 — Friday 16 April 2010

### TERM 5

Monday 19 April Students return to school  
Monday 3 May BANK HOLIDAY  
Friday 28 May End of Term 5

### HALF TERM HOLIDAY:

Monday 31 May 2010 — Friday 4 June 2010

### TERM 6

Monday 7 June Students return to school  
Thursday 22 July End of Term 6

### PHOTOGRAPHS POLICY

The School has been very active on publicity re-  
cently and have published several photographs of  
students in the press. If you do not wish your child  
to appear in any press releases please inform the  
School in writing.