



The Cooper School, Bicester

Where 'Learning Matters'



Science

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FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Welcome to the latest edition of the school newsletter.

It seems a long time since we were, like the rest of Oxfordshire, severely affected by the heavy snow and the first signs of Spring can be seen outside. I am sure that like me you are looking forward to the improved weather and hope that the two week

break will allow our students and staff to recharge their batteries ready for the final two terms of the school year.

It is only about five weeks until the main GCSE period begins and I urge every student who will be sitting exams in May and June to make the best use of the holiday to prepare for what is always a most testing and pressurised time of year. As usual we will be offering extra revision days on Saturdays leading up to the exam period and strongly recommend that these days are utilised.

Preparation continues towards the new Sixth Form facility at the school and final planning permission is expected in the next few weeks with building work expected to start soon afterwards. In order to ensure that the facility will be fully operational from day one of the new school year commencing September 2011 we have decided to advertise for, and recruit, the Head of Sixth Form immediately and the successful applicant will take up position September 2010. Their main duties will be to oversee the establishment of the curriculum, the recruitment of staff, ensuring that the entry system for exams is firmly in place along with a myriad of other tasks needed to ensure the sixth form is smoothly introduced into the school day.

There have been many activities over the last two terms which are detailed further in this newsletter but I would like to make particular mention of the fundraising initiative which was run following the earthquake in Haiti. I was approached personally by a Year 7 student who had seen the horrific images on television and was moved to do something to help. This student organised, with a small group of friends, a 'Hats for Haiti' day and succeeded in raising £700. It is always encouraging to see our students act of their own initiative and as a reward a party of students were given a guided tour of the Oxfam Distribution Centre in Bicester.

Our Sports Teams are holding their own in the many inter school fixtures and events and last week one of our students came second in the Oxfordshire Under 12 Cross Country race. I personally am looking forward to seeing the continued involvement throughout the summer and wish all our sports men and women every success.

I hope you all enjoy the holiday.

B J Baxter

HOLIDAYS IN SCHOOL TIME

Parents are reminded that it is never advisable to take holidays in school time. In particular parents need to be aware that many examination courses are of a modular format so external examinations now take place throughout the school year. Students from Year 8 onwards are entered for national external examinations which run to a fixed timetable and for which there are no re-sits. It is therefore vitally important that parents do not endanger the prospects of their children attaining valuable qualifications by booking holidays in term time.



FROM THE COOPER SCHOOL

GREEN CORNER

You will see this Green Corner on several pages giving Eco Friendly Tips. Driven by the Eco Working Party we are committed to reducing our carbon footprint, saving money and helping the school achieve Eco Status.



HATS FOR HAITI

Students and Staff at The Cooper School in Bicester held a 'Hats for Haiti' day on Thursday 28th January in order to raise funds for the disaster appeal following the earthquake in Haiti.

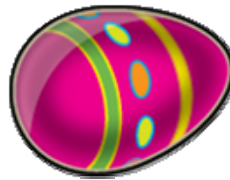
The day was suggested by an 11 year old student at the school and everyone was encouraged to wear whacky headgear and pay for doing so.

The final figure for the Hats for Haiti Appeal stands at £700.00.



ECO TIP

Smaller is better- a 50 inch TV uses 10 times more energy than a 20 inch screen.



The Science in Sport Presentations on 2nd February

All students in KS3 enjoyed a one hour interactive presentation learning about the science that is used in sport today, from the way protective gear like gum guards protect you from brain injuries if you receive a facial impact, to the way friction and ridges on basketballs allow you to do clever tricks. Lots of students volunteered to take part in the demonstrations which included playing catch with water bombs and three brave teachers even sat on a bed of nails. A very worthwhile experience for all staff and students overall, especially in light of the upcoming World Cup and Olympics!



HPV Immunisation—January 2010 - Up-date Last Chance

The headline news is that students who have chosen to 'wait until next year' or 'wait until they're older' or who have not made up their minds whether to be immunised against HPV, may not be able to be vaccinated within the NHS system next academic year (apart from students who will be in year 8 next academic year).



This may be the last chance students get to be protected for free against the Human Papilloma viruses which cause 70 % of cervical cancer.

Any female student interested in having this course of 3 immunisations in school should contact Julie Mitchell on 01869 324496. We anticipate that March 2010 may be the final opportunity for School Health Nurses to commence vaccination programmes for individual students in order for them to be completed during this academic year.

**To arrange immunisation & for further information phone Julie Mitchell at the School Health Nurses' Office
01869 324496 ASAP**

GOING 4 it 2010

Year 9 students in Bicester received a big surprise when they got together with Bicester businesses for a very unique event on Friday, 12th February at The Cooper School. Around 400 youngsters from BCC and The Cooper School's Year 9, received an eye-opening preview of what awaits them in the business world as well as personal advice and apprenticeship schemes.

The talented 17 year old singer and sportsman Shaun Smith opened the event and



talked about his own experiences both on the rugby pitch and his recent success in reaching the live finals of "Britain's Got Talent" where he received the rare praise of Simon Cowell. As well as crooning to the youngsters, Shaun joined in the event and mingled with the students throughout the morning.

Some 50 businesses attended the event to provide an interactive

experience for the students. Initiated by Bicester Village seven years ago, with the support of Bicester Chamber of Commerce, Going 4

It has a loyal following of all the key business stakeholders in the town as well as many from further a field in the County.



Event organizer Miranda Markham said: "This event is a complete one-off and is really about inspiring young people and giving them a sense of what they can do in the future."

For the businesses, it is a great chance to meet their future workforce and they also enjoy the networking opportunities.

Teachers and students can then take the experience back to the classroom when students will make their choices for GCSE. The event never disappoints".



ECO TIP

Go public- if all of the UK's car drivers switched to public transport, carbon dioxide emissions from transport would be reduced by 90%.



The Cooper Family Sportshall Athletics Programme 2010

KS4 students from The Cooper School have been busy running a programme of athletics activities for Year 5 and 6 children from The Cooper Family of Primary Schools. The 15 Year 10 students led a taster session in which the younger children



were able to learn about and practise the Sportshall Athletics events. Following on from this, the KS4 Leaders ran two competitions for the young athletes. Around 100 children from Langford Village, Glory Farm, Launton and Finmere Primary Schools took part in this year's programme.

As ever, the competitions, held in the sportshall at The Cooper School, were hotly contested and great fun. The first, on 5 February 2010, in which the majority of the young athletes taking part were representing their School for the first time at an inter-school sports event, was won by Launton School. The second, on 10 February 2010, was won

by Langford Village School. Lesley Newell from Bicester Athletics Club was on hand to offer advice to the young athletes and leaders and to present the trophies and certificates.



The Sportshall Athletics activities organised by The Cooper School are part of a programme of Sportshall Athletics events, provided by the North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership, which has received Big Lottery Funding. The winning teams have qualified for the North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership Finals.

KS4 Leaders

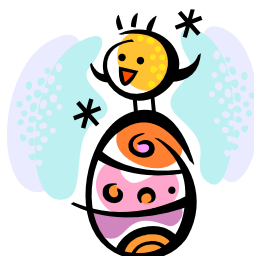
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Louis Gascoigne	Aidan Starr
Giles Baldwin	Marcus Linfoot
Zane Murray	Catia Barbosa
Charlotte Sammons	

Mrs G Allen
School Sport Co-ordinator
The Cooper School



ECO TIP

Recycle your used paper!



KS4 Sportshall Athletics Leaders (NOSSP Final) 2010

Samanda King	Laura Jenkins
Oliver Smith	Hannah Cherry
Claire Worsfold	Katherine Worsfold
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NOSSP Sportshall Athletics Final 2010

The Cooper School hosted the North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership Sportshall Athletics Final on Wednesday 3 March. The event was run by KS4 students from The Cooper School. It was the culmination of the Big Lottery supported Sportshall Athletics programme, organised by the North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership, which has involved around 400 children.

Teams of Year 5 & 6 children from four schools from across the North Oxfordshire area contested the Final. The teams from Hanwell Fields, Launton, St. Edburg's and The Grange Primary Schools had qualified for the competition by winning their local Festival. The events proved to be exciting and great fun. Launton School were the eventual winners, finishing just 2 points ahead of The Grange in a close competition. The team members were presented with the trophy and individual medals by the North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership Athletics Coach, Ros Kelling.

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The Cooper School



Cooper Family Dance Festival 2010

The annual Dance Festival for The Cooper Family of Primary Schools took place at The Cooper School on 12 March 2010. The highly successful event was run by Sarah Hastings, Dance Co-ordinator of the North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership, assisted by 26 Year 8 students from The Cooper School.

More than 150 Year 1 children from Langford Village, Longfields, Finmere, Fringford 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 theme for the Festival was "Magical Mystery". The Cooper School Leaders "transported" the younger children to a land of witches and wizards and the event culminated in a performance, by the KS1 children, of the dance they had learnt. Great fun was had by all.

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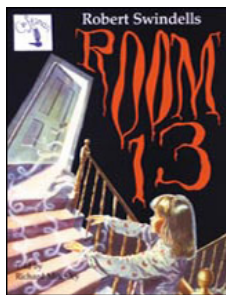


'Room 13' at The Cooper School

The Cooper School Drama department presented the dramatised version of 'Room 13' earlier this month. The original novel, 'Room 13', was written by Robert Swindells and is still a popular story in primary schools. The dramatisation by Joe Standerline is very clever with many atmospheric scenes..... the audience were prepared to be terrified!

The plot centres on a school trip to Whitby the inspiration for Bram Stoker's 'Dracula'. A brave group of primary students rescue their friend and use the traditional methods for killing vampires with a twist.

The 30 strong cast of years 7, 8 and 9 students have been rehearsing since before Christmas.





TERM 3 AND 4 SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



Y7

Football

The Year 7 football team have put in some great performances this season, and with 2 games to play vs Banbury and Warriner they have yet to be beaten in the league. They were unfortunate to go out of the County Cup at the quarter final stage when they lost 2-1 to Carterton Community College even though they did everything but score in the second half. There have been many outstanding contributions to the team this season, and they are already looking forward to the English Schools Cup next season.

Rugby

The county Y7 Rugby Tournament was played at Kidlington Sports Ground in March and a squad of 12 went to represent the school with high hopes following some well attended and committed training sessions. The Cooper team was undefeated in their group (without conceding a try) before progressing to the semi finals of the trophy competition where they met a determined Chipping Norton School. After the regulation 10 minutes the scores were level and both teams were displaying some excellent defence, the referee called "next try wins" after a scrum restart and 12 minutes later the sides were still tied. After a gruelling days play and with no replacements eventually one tackle was missed by Cooper and Chipping Norton progressed to the final. An excellent day for the students involved who represented the school extremely well.

Cross Country

The Y7 County Cross Country took place at Chinnor Rugby Club in Thame in March and 10 students went to represent the school. The girls performed extremely well and Remi Collins brought the team home 1st in 52nd place out of 133 runners. In the boys event, out of 116 athletes, Lewis Foy was the first Cooper Student to cross the line in 2nd place. The team performed extremely well and again were a credit to the school.

Y8

Football

The Year 8 team performed well even though they have not regained the championship. The team played 7 games, winning 5 while losing and drawing 1 game each. The biggest win of the season was 7-0 against local school BCC. The team and School has 5 students who were selected to represent the district, which they were successful in winning the games and getting on the score sheet. Overall the season was good even though they did not win the league. The students played well in all the games and were a credit to the school. This was commented on by other teachers after the games.

Cross Country

In Y8 two boys, Jack Coates and Tom Boscher, represented the school in the U14 County event even though they were a year younger. This provides them with valuable experience for the competition next year.

Y9

Football

The season started with high hopes with a strong squad. After a couple of strong showings with narrow defeats, there were issues with raising a side but this will hopefully not discourage others from trying out for other activities later in the year.

Cross Country

11 Y9 students made up the rest of the team for the U14 county cross country event at Radley College in February. With a good showing in both boys and girls events, the students were a credit to themselves and the school.

Y10

Football

A couple of very narrow defeats kicked off the season for the Year 10's. Since then a strong team have put together some excellent performances and had some very positive results. Many thanks again to their Y10 Learning Co-ordinator, Mr Duncan, for all his time and effort in organising the team and fixtures.

Cross Country

6 Year 10 students travelled to the cross country event at Radley College to run in the U16 event. Although they were competing against students from Y11 there were some personal best performances and all students have gained valuable experience before they compete again next year.

Y11

Cross Country

5 Year 11 students made up the rest of the U16 team and put in very credible performances in tough racing weather.

Many thanks must go to all staff who continue to give up their time by driving the teams to fixtures and special thanks to PC Payne for refereeing many of our home football fixtures.

Mr A Brown
Head of P.E.

**Congratulations to the following students who achieved 98-100%
attendance from 5.1.10 to 26.3.10**

Year 7

Aashika Gurung
Alexander Sephton
Alice Kouzmenko
Amy Nolte
Amy Richards
April Marshall-Deane
Ben Crooks
Buster McConville
Camilla McGregor
Charles Jeffery
Charlie Bateman
Chloe Dodsworth
Chloe Howlett
Chloe Venning
Christian Mann
Corin Scott
Courtenay Megarity
Daniel Giddins
Daniel Mitchell
Daniel Pexton
Daniel Walker
Danielle Quinn-Taylor
David McMillan
Deborah Pearson
Dylan Cowles
Ellese Hyett
Emma Whittaker
Evelyn Carder
Garin Nicholls
George Thornton
Georgia Sargent
Hana Ayers
Hannah Thomson
Harry Grundy
Harry Udell
Harry Wadley
Heather Grant
Holly Martin
Isabel McGeever
Jack Cullen
Jack Lyons
James Jordan
John Macavinta
Jordan Poole
Jordon Wright
Joseph Swadling
Kristen Cole
Kyle Bartram
Laura Clarke
Leah Hicks
Lewis Jones
Linton Edwards
Lito Michaelidou
Lucy Slade

Year 7

Matthew White
Megan Dunlop
Megan Greenslade
Megan Moore
Megan Scott
Mollie Best
Molly Painting
Nicole Corfield
Oscar Baldwin
Rachael Golder
Rachel Mulvany
Rebecca Aspley
Rebecca Cannon
Rhys Warriner
Ryan Esquilant
Ryan Webb
Samuel Boik
Samuel Carty
Sarah Mann
Siobhan Gardner
Thomas Dodsworth
William Woolford
Zoe Richings

Year 8

Abigail Howell
Agnieszka Podgorna
Aidan Kuhne
Aimee Elkington
Alastair Sawyer
Alex Gerrow
Alexander Cox
Amelia Collette
Anna Rushby
Ashley Vincent
Ashley Stokes
Ben Cooke
Blake Plowman
Cameron Murray
Catherine Perkins
Celia Gould
Chantelle Benakrab
Charlie Newell
Charlotte Bowden
Charlotte Gibson
Chloe Kerwin
Connor Grant
Daniel Raven
Dominic Rolfe
Ellen Carder
Emily Benfield
Emma Boyle
Gregory Marshall
Hannah Morrison

Year 8

Hollie Stone
Ian Kelly
Iwan Jones
Jack Coates
Jacob Archer
Jaden West
Jake McGhee
James Mitchell
Jamie Wilson
Jon Stark
Joshua Gardiner
Kiera Speed
Kieren Cottingham
Laura Wise
Louise Lee
Lucy O'Sullivan
Luke Moore
Maisy Hainge
Maja Jani
Matthew Wright
Matthew Hall
Matthew Penny
Max Baldwin
Michael Warner
Molly Lyons
Rachael Troth
Rebecca Cheesman
Rebekah Hunt
Reece Bowden
Ross Powell
Samuel Terry
Samuel Savin
Scott Howlett
Shernice Kailla
Sophie Coulling-Green
Stephen Hagan
Stuart Ironside
Tamsin Propert-Lewis
Tinashe Masara

Year 9

Adam Sapnik
Alec Reynolds
Alessio D'Addabbo
Antoni Szczepanik
Antony Tracoshas
Ben Dawe
Beth Waters
Bethany Smith
Camille Pierrart
Chancey Nolan
Charlotte Cannon

Year 9

Danielle Hicks
Danielle Megarity
Danny McKeran
Edward Burgess
Ella Bushnell
Fern Davis
Gemma Pugh
Georden Courtney
Georgia Taylor
Georgie Donohoe
Hannah Ryder
Harry Clanfield
Hayley Beck
Ileasha Matthews
Jack Sheppard
Jake Best
Jasmine Nash
Jordan Matthews
Katie Cheesman
KaWai Tang
Keerthana Sanjivi
Laura Boshier
Laura Mansell
Libbie Hooper
Lucy Patchett
Macauley Crook
Malcolm Billson
Oliver Gardiner
Philippa Burge
Rafael Garcia-Krailing
Rhian Bartram
Ross Arrowsmith
Ruth Thomas
Sadia Sami
Sam Skellern
Sarah Bond
Shannon White
Sophie Wilkinson
Sophie West
Thomas Mann
Thomas Bunting
Toni Purnell
Zoe Tommyan
Zoe Fowler

Year 10

Aidan Starr
Alice Newman
Amanda Cole
Andre Garrick
Anita Tafirenyika
Antonia Kissias



ATTENDANCE!



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Year 10

Blythe	Grieve
Brendan	Walsh
Chloe	Berry
Christopher	England
Claire	Worsfold
Daniel	Bowden
Ellen	Giles
Emily	Spittle
Emma	Elkington
Georgina	White
Giles	Baldwin
Hannah	Cherry
Harold	Magnay
Heather	Andrews
Helen	Oldham
Hollie	Roberts
Jack	Murray
Jack	Cooper
Jack	Stone
James	Allen
James	White
James	Hobden
Jennifer	Howse
Jonathan	McCarthy
Jordan	Marchant
Joseph	Hayes
Katherine	Worsfold
KaYi	Tang
Keri	Allen
Kerry	Lenihan
Kiara	Delos Santos
Kirsty	Mills
Laura	Jenkins
Lauren	Kerwin
Louis	Gascoigne
Matthew	Smith
Matty	Sewell
Megan	Mackay
Michael	Bagby
Michael	Atkins
Roberta	Worsfold
Shaun	Bailey
Tegan	Berry
Zane	Murray

Year 11

Aaron	Sammons
Aaron	Miles
Abigale	Lappage
Alexander	O'Sullivan
Amy	Atkins
Bethan	Eeley
Bethany	Dunstan
Carl	Marchant
Carla	Newstead
Carly	Waters
Charles	Hall
Chloe	Payne
Christopher	Troth
Christopher	Moore
Dale	McMillan
Daniel	Derrick
Daphne	Peart
Demi	Nolan
Dominic	Peart
Emily	Brown
Fraser	McMinn
Georgina	Leach
Jack	Walter
Jack	Walker
Jade	Mayo
James	May
Jasmin	Reeve
Jemma	Potter
Joshua	Keith
Joshua	Allen
Kathryn	Dover
Lewis	Beck
Lewis	Szczepanik
Luke	Norris
Matthew	Hunt
Megan	Benfield
Melissa	Parker
Mitchell	Roberts
Naomi	Butler
Robert	Muddle
Robin	Aris
Samuel	Julier
Samuel	Cooper
Shawn	Newton
Tayla	Hurlock
Zoe	Rowlinson



ATTENDANCE!



ECO TIP

Turn off lights when not in use



DIARY DATES

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

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Y7 Parents' Evening—Tuesday 27th April 2010

Y6 Parents' Evening—Thursday 15th July 2010

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

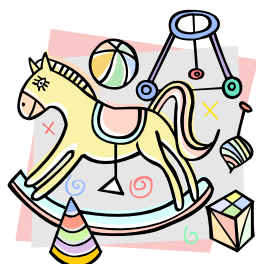
If you have any worries or concerns, our School Counsellor is happy to discuss them with you in private. A form is available from Reception if you would like to book an appointment..

PHOTOGRAPHS POLICY

The School has been very active on publicity recently 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.

ECO TIP

Donate – the everyday child gets on average 69 new toys a year. Sort out old toys and donate them to local charities.



ECO TIP!

Unplug your phone charger- A phone charger left plugged in all the time will waste up to 95% of the energy it consumes



Happy Easter

HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE COOPER SCHOOL

If you are thinking of doing any shopping online you can help raise money for The Cooper School at no extra cost to yourselves using the 'Buy At' scheme.

If you are making an online purchase from any online retailer in the scheme, you can enter their website via the Cooper School website. The link is about halfway down the first page of the school website on the left hand side under 'Support Cooper School - Use Our Online Shop'. Retailers include Amazon, Game, M&S, Next etc and when you have entered the website of your choice you proceed in the same way as you would normally.

Each time anyone makes a purchase by entering via the Cooper website a donation is made to us without it costing you anything.

Your support with this scheme would be much appreciated as it helps raise some much needed funds for the school.

Many thanks
Mrs Jeacock
Finance Secretary