



Site Newsletter

December 2016

Welcome to our first ever joint newsletter. We are a big site with lots happening so we felt that it would be beneficial for all those involved if you had an insight into all that goes on across the site. We are hoping this will become a termly newsletter and welcome any feedback.

Introducing Acorns



Many will have noticed the brand new building situated at the side of Coppice next to the children's entrance. It was affectionately known as the 'Coffee sPot' during the planning and developing stage but we can now reveal from this moment forward it will be known as Acorns. The children from both Coppice and Langley were set the challenge of coming up with a name for it. There were some excellent suggestions but the two School Councils met together and whittled it down to a shortlist of six. Mr Green and Mrs Woolford met and agreed that Acorns fitted perfectly with our beautiful site but also kept the woodland theme of the Langley classes as well as linking to Coppice's school badge. Acorns is very much a joint project between Coppice and Langley. During the development of the project, staff, as well as Governors, from both schools have met as part of a working party. The vision for the building is that it becomes a place which can be used by the schools separately but most importantly as a place where joint projects can take place. It will also be a place for the whole school community. Once fully operational it will be open to all parents to pop in at drop off and pick up times. Tea and coffee facilities will be available. It will also provide the perfect space for parent groups and meetings to take place. We look forward to the official opening at some point next term.

Little Rainbows

Well we are at the end of our first term at nursery. We are glad to report that all the children have settled really well into nursery life and have been a real pleasure to have.

We will be having another busy term with Parent Workshops on Fri 6th Jan 2.30 – 3.30 p.m and on Wed 1st March again at 2.30 – 3.30 p.m. We will also be holding a Parent Consultation Evening on the 6th March.

Don't forget to join our Twitter account @ LittleRainbowsN

Squirrels

The children have settled back into life at Squirrels really well.

We have appointed our Year 6 Stars: Amelia, Freya, Isabelle, Luke and Alicia. They are doing a fantastic job helping out with the younger children.

We have also set up the Squirrels' library where children can borrow a range of books. Head librarian Isla, with help from her assistant Ava, is doing a super job of keeping it organized.

Langley



We have had a very busy but successful Autumn term. The whole school took part in our celebration day focusing on Autumn and Harvest. Lots of super work was produced as you can see from the display. Cedars class were invited to join the Harvest celebrations at Coppice and attended their assembly. They wrote some lovely thank you letters for the Coppice children sharing their favourite parts of the assembly. In return the Year 4 Coppice classes joined us for our Harvest assembly. Jointly the two schools collected a super amount of food which was gratefully received by the Birmingham City Mission. Langley children had a special wear your own clothes day in return for chocolate donations. As you can see from the picture, some very tempting hampers were created for our Christmas raffle. The whole of Langley headed off to watch an amazing performance of the Pied Piper of Hamelin by the CBSO. Some of the children even made their own rat masks.

Coppice

As another term comes to an end we can look back at all of the things that we have done. Our year 6 children have settled into their new roles and responsibilities exceptionally well. The F.A.B (Friends Against Bullying) children and the new House leaders went to Woodlands Adventure Centre as part of their training and proved that they could work well as a team. Sam and Sophie have been excellent representatives as our Head Boy and Head Girl. We had foxes, Big Friendly Giants and even an Oompa Loompa or two wandering around school on Year 3's Roald Dahl Day. As part of their Natural Disasters project, Year 6 had a sleepover in school. October saw the whole school take part in Black History Month culminating in all the children having the opportunity to play African drums in a special workshop. Key Stage 2 were wowed by technology when they had a chance to work with Google VR. December as usual has been a busy month with lots of different Christmas productions and another wonderful trip to the pantomime at the Lichfield Garrick.

Joint Projects

Little Rainbows and Coppice Reception have worked together to produce another successful Christmas Nativity. The 'ahh' factor was off the scale!

Coppice and Langley have a number of joint projects in progress.

Children from both schools have become 'Forest Rangers' and have loved working outdoors in our woods.

Joint playtimes have taken place and more are planned for next term.

The school councils have met together to discuss the name of our new building.

Various lunchtime groups involving children from both schools are up and running with more in the pipeline.

Next term will offer even more opportunities to work together as both schools celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2017!

From everyone involved in Coppice, Langley, Little Rainbows & Squirrels we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

