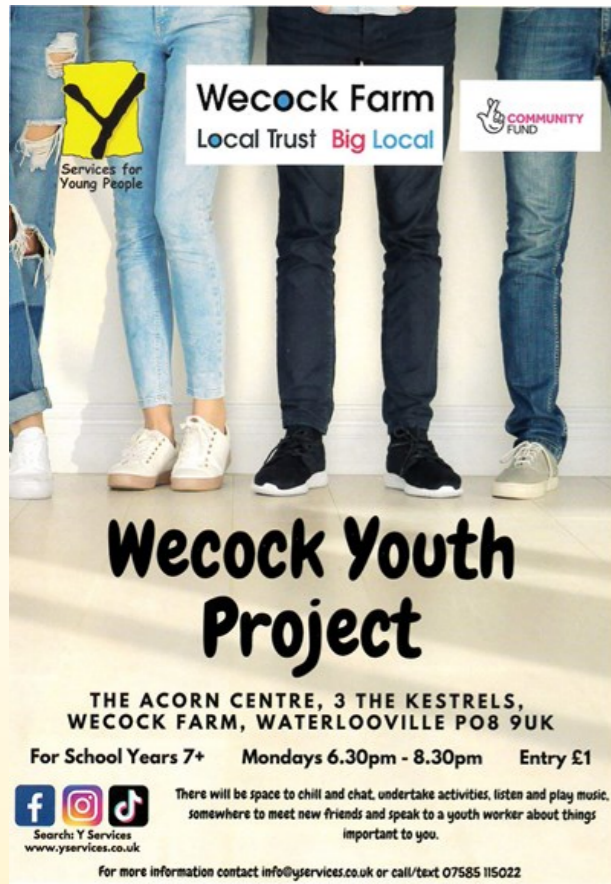


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WECOCK FARM, WATERLOOVILLE PO8 9UK


For School Years 7+ Mondays 6.30pm - 8.30pm Entry £1

There will be space to chill and chat, undertake activities, listen and play music, somewhere to meet new friends and speak to a youth worker about things important to you.

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Instruct Leaders to sell or let your home, and we will donate up to £250* to

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The Cowplain School

LEADERS

Leaders Estate Agents in Waterlooville will donate £250 to our school for every completed house sale that involves a member of our school community.

So, if you instruct Leaders to buy or sell your house, please mention The Cowplain School!

Children in Need 2021



A message from Children in Need's Head Office:

Thank you so much for your donation, you have just done something amazing!

Thanks to your support, we can continue our life changing work, finding and funding voluntary groups, community projects and local charities to make an incredible difference for children and young people across the UK.

Amount £789.55

INSET DAYS (reminder)

STAFF TRAINING DAYS 2021/22

Our final four INSET days for 2021/22, when students will not be in school, are:

Friday 17 December 2021
Friday 18 February 2022
Friday 8th April 2022
Thursday 21st July 2022

Therefore, the Summer Term 2022 will finish on Wednesday 20th July 2022 at 12.10pm.
(Friday 22nd July is the day in lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday)

STAFF TRAINING DAYS 2022/23

We have to schedule five INSET days throughout the year when students will not be in school. The term will start on Monday 5th September 2022. For 2022/23 the Inset Days are:

Thursday 1st September 2022
Friday 2nd September 2022
Friday 16th December 2022
Thursday 20th July 2023
Friday 21st July 2023

Therefore, the Summer Term 2023 will finish on Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 12.10pm.



News

Dear Parents

Welcome to our final newsletter of the year. And what a year it has been!

I sometimes have to sit and think of all the different things that schools, The Cowplain School being no exception, have been asked to undertake over this strangest of years. From testing students for Covid at the start of each term; to facilitating the administration of vaccines, not just for Covid but for Flu and other illnesses; to ensuring we provided fair 'Teacher Assessed Grades' to Year 11 students in the absence of exams. This is in addition to creating safe classrooms and corridors by the implementation of one-way systems, asking students and staff to wear masks, and ensuring classrooms are well ventilated!

Schools should quite rightly be proud of how they have managed these extraordinary things, for which no one has received any training and for which, I have to say, support from government has been sadly lacking. I know you will join me in taking this opportunity to thank colleagues in school who have worked tirelessly to implement new and alien systems to ensure your child has the best and safest experience possible. I would also like to thank parents and students who have adapted to this new way of working.

Undertaking all of the above hasn't, I am pleased to say, stopped us doing most of the activities that we would normally. For example, this week, I enjoyed what was an excellent school show. To see so many students performing in 'Beauty and the Beast' was fantastic, with excellent performances by so many students, supported by the superb backstage crew!

We have also undertaken many other activities, from a visit to the new Royal Navy aircraft carrier, the Lego Robotics competition, and The Cowplain School Christmas Food Appeal, to name three that have taken place over the last couple of weeks alone.

As always, I hope you will agree that we have maintained high standards in learning and behaviour and have seen most of our students make excellent progress, despite the difficulties that everyone has faced.

One of our school values is optimism; I know this is sometimes difficult to maintain, especially as we again enter an uncertain period. However, I know you will share my optimism for the new year ahead and, despite the challenges we will undoubtedly face, I know staff, students and parents will continue to work hard to ensure The Cowplain School is the best place for your child to learn and thrive.

I would like to wish you and your family a happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to continuing to work with you in 2022.

Mr IR Gates, Headteacher

Work hard. Enjoy learning. Achieve highly.



THE COWPLAIN SCHOOL

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Festive Friday

We held a non-uniform day for students and staff on Friday 10 December.

£457.35 was raised for The Cowplain School Christmas Food Appeal.



A further £260 was kindly donated directly to The Cowplain School Christmas Food Appeal.

Reminder:

Term finishes on:

Thursday 16 December 2021 at 12.10pm

Inset Day:

Friday 17 December 2021

Christmas Holiday:

Monday 20 December 2021 to Monday 3 January 2022.

School reopens on:

Tuesday 4 January 2022 with staggered starts as per letter sent 14 Dec 2021

(Week 2)



Cyber First for Girls Competition



At the beginning of December, ten of our Year 8 students participated in CyberFirst for Girls. This was an online competition where the girls worked in teams to solve some extremely tricky cyber security challenges, including cracking passwords and solving coding problems.

Huge congratulations to the top scoring team from our school; Emma Burton, Pippa Orosz, Alorai Stanhope and Alice Davey. Also congratulation to the runners up; Jessica Hill, Isobel Toull, Aliesha Sexton, Dani Ribeiro, Caitlin Fisher and Chloe Bosberry.

Christmas Food Appeal

The Cowplain School Christmas Food Appeal ran again this year, as part of our efforts to ensure families within our school community, who need it, are able to receive additional food over the Christmas period.



HMS Prince of Wales trip



Y9 Engineering students had the unique opportunity to visit the aircraft carrier, HMS Prince of Wales, during which they had a tour of the ship including an engine room which contained two high voltage diesel engines used for electrical propulsion. Students particularly enjoyed walking up the 'ski ramp' on the flight deck where fixed wing jets leave the ship.

During the tour, students had an opportunity to talk to two Engineering Officers about their career path and their role in the Royal Navy.

Careers

As part of The Cowplain School careers programme Year 9 students have taken part in workshops with local employers (Jackson Rowe and HCC Adult Care Services). Students discovered more about the wide range of careers involved in the construction and care sectors, were able to design their own dream homes, and use VR headsets to better understand dementia.



BEBRAS Computational Thinking Competition

Congratulations to all Computing students who participated in the Bebras Computational Thinking competition in November. Results are in and the following students scored so highly they were awarded a Gold certificate; William Holmes, Orren Brock, Emma Burton, Dom Montgomery, Mason Hedley, Nathan Burbidge, Korin Rogers, Kiki Phipps, Alice Oakley, Harvey Hallworth, Abdulrahman Aljareh, Airen Caceres-Mena, Dylan Antill, Jake Newton, Rowan Carter and Evie Taylor.

These students have also been invited to compete in another online competition taking place in February; The Oxford University Computing Challenge. They will begin preparing for this after Christmas. We look forward to letting you know how they get on in this competition in due course.

Over 300,000 students in the UK participated in Bebras this year so this is a fantastic achievement.

Well done, everyone!

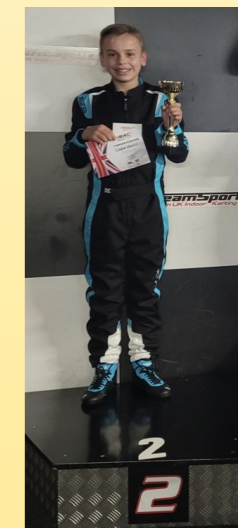
Congratulations!



George Taylor-Bartlett (Y7) competed for Cowplain School in trampolining.

He came third and is through to representing the school again in January.

Well done George!



Layton Wheeler (Y9) qualified for the National British Indoor Karting Championships.

He is now one of the top 12 under-16 drivers in the UK.

Well done Layton!