

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

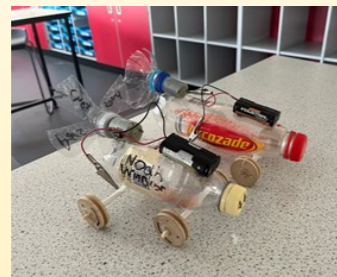
Non-school uniform day —Our non-school uniform day, on Friday 13th May, raised £830.35 for the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Well done to our students and staff.

Honours Programme - The money raised by selling the Cowplain Candles, bought much needed supplies that were added to the whole-school collection to send to Ukraine.



Ukraine donations—Thank you to our school community who have supported Suzanne Sparks and the 'Clanfield/Portsmouth Supports Ukraine Team' with their recent appeal. Our donations left Cosham on an articulated lorry bound for Ukraine on Thursday 7th July. The situation in Ukraine remains very challenging and the aid being delivered will assist with the humanitarian crisis that Ukrainian people are living in. Thank you all.

Y5 Science Masterclasses



Throughout the summer term the Science department have been welcoming Year 5 pupils from local partner primary schools to participate in innovative and exciting Science projects.

The pupils have had the opportunity to carry out experiments and practical work that would not be possible in their usual Year 5 classrooms. The projects have included building marshmallow towers with spaghetti, newspaper bridge building, making slime, plasma cutting, collecting evidence at a CSI crime scene and pupils have finished by making their own recycled water bottle motorised cars!

The sessions have proved extremely popular and very well received by the pupils (and their parents)!

Mr Dacin and Mr Goddard

Y5 Welcome Event

We welcomed over 350 parents and pupils to our Year 5 Welcome Event on 7th July. It was a lovely opportunity to show them our school and provide them with a valuable insight into the wonderful, friendly atmosphere at Cowplain. We are immensely proud of our students and always enjoy the opportunity to build relationships with parents and students of future cohorts and the wider community.

Open Evening 2022

We are pleased to confirm that our Open Evening will be on **Thursday 22nd September 2022**, from 6pm to 8.30pm.

Open Weeks

Our Open Weeks, are planned for week beginning Monday 26th September 2022 and Monday 3rd October 2022. During these weeks, Y6 parents and their children, are invited to have a booked tour of the school during the working day. Invitation letters, explaining the booking process, will be sent to Y6 parents in the Autumn Term.



News

Dear Parents

Our final newsletter of the year signals the end of the summer term; as always, it's been a busy one with lots going on at the school.

As I write this, Britain is currently 'enjoying' a heatwave! Let's hope the good weather continues over the summer holidays, although perhaps not quite so hot! As you are aware, global warming is going to see us experience more examples of extreme weather, something our Year 8 students discussed at the climate change conference they attended recently. I think we sometimes underestimate how much children are heavily involved in global, national and local issues, and students at this event certainly showed their knowledge and understanding of the issues as well as contributing to the debate.

You'll see in the newsletter that, as always, our students participated in lots of other events, such as the Hampshire Book Award, Earth Day and also performed a Hair and Beauty Showcase, which I was fortunate to see; I think the cleaning staff have just about managed to pick up the last of the glitter that was used! It was a great event and really did underline our commitment to vocational education in the school. We also collected over £800 for the Ukraine appeal as well as a large donation of food and other items. I really would like to thank you for your very generous donations, the people of Cowplain can always be relied upon to help others.

I am also pleased to say that, over the last 6 months, we have started to get going again with various trips and visits, although it hasn't always been plain sailing! Many organisations lack staff, transport is very difficult to organise, and occasionally we are hit at the last minute by staffing problems caused by COVID! I would really like to pay tribute to teachers and our fantastic support staff who put in many extra hours before, during and after the trips that we run to make sure your child has the best experience possible. We will continue to offer more and more experiences for our young people during 2022/23, in this country and abroad. Talking of which, the last of our camps returned on Friday and I have lost count of the messages from parents thanking Mrs Dobbins and her team for the great experience children had on the camps.

Finally, I would like to thank those staff who are leaving us this year for all their work with our children over many years. I must make a special point of mentioning Mr Brockhurst, who is retiring after 25 years. For the last nine years he has served as my Deputy Headteacher, playing a considerable role in helping improve the school from an OFSTED rating of 'Requires Improvement' to 'Good.' I will miss his professionalism and support and wish him and his family well for the exciting time ahead. I know you will want to join me in thanking him for his efforts for children in the school, over that quarter of a century!

As always, thank you for your support and I wish you and your family all the best for the summer.

Best wishes.

Mr IR Gates
Principal

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Climate Change Conference

An amazing team of Year 8 students took part in a Climate Change Conference. The team had to design and create an invention or idea that would contribute to securing a more environmentally friendly community in which they live. The team worked really hard over many weeks and the judges were blown away by their knowledge, passion, teamwork and vision.

Mr L Berreclough



Reminder:

Summer Holiday:

Thursday 21st July 2022 to Friday 2nd September 2022

School reopens, from Monday 5th September 2022: 8.30am for Y7s, and 9.30am for all other year groups.

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Hampshire Book Award 2022

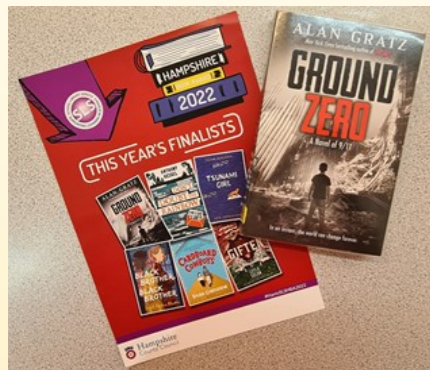
For the last three months our Year 8 student judges have been working their way through the six shortlisted titles for the HBA. The students have been rating the books according to the three Es judging criteria: Enjoyment, Enrichment and Engagement.

On 28th June, The Cowplain School hosted the HBA Regional Voting morning. Our judges were joined by students from other local schools to discuss and vote for their favourite title. And the HBA 2022 winner? . **Ground Zero by Alan Gratz**

Our thanks as ever to the event organisers, the School Library Service, for all their hard work to make this a rewarding experience for the students. We especially enjoyed the reading related quizzes.

If you are interested in knowing the titles of previous HBA winners, a reading list is available on Oliver, The Cowplain School's Library management system: <https://tinyurl.com/yzsk2eh7>

Mrs Milford, Library Manager



Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition



The Practice Expedition for Duke of Edinburgh took place recently and students were fantastic. Mr Dobbyn, Miss Monkcom and Mrs Naylor, together with 16 students, accomplished two hikes over two days to teach map reading and compass skills. Both teams got lost (on both days!) but managed to find their way again. We were blessed with beautiful weather.

The overnight camp at Butser Ancient Farm was a great setting for cooking on Trangias, and toasting marshmallows over an open fire, before we settled down for the night under clear starry skies.

We learnt a lot, but it was also good to get home and rest. We're now looking forward to a very successful assessed expedition because our students were outstanding. They demonstrated the Cowplain school values and should be very proud of themselves.

Mrs Naylor

Earth Day

The 22nd April was Earth Day. As a school we celebrated this on 25th April (first day back after Easter).

Each Tutor Group received a pot of compost and a sunflower seed. The competition for the tallest Sunflower plant began!!



4 weeks later, on 23rd May, the results were in. The winner was Tutor Group 8SL with "Alan" measuring 28cm.

Thank you to everyone who celebrated Earth Day.

Miss C Rackett



Hair and Beauty Showcase

The first of two Year 9 Showcases took place on Thursday 7th July 2022 and was a chance for the students to show off their practical skills and be creative. They had to choose a theme and then create an overall look considering the hair, makeup, fashion and nails. They are very talented and should all be proud of what they achieved.

The winner of the first Showcase was Layla Stephens whose theme was Fantasy and her model was Libby Thomas. 2nd place went to Finley Hughes and 3rd place went to Malachi Miller.

Next year's Showcase, for all our hair and beauty students, will be bigger and better.

Leiana Ellery, Tutor



Congratulations!



Well done to Evie Taylor Y11 who became a Hegarty Maths completer! This means she completed all 925 skills, each at 100%, on the Hegarty Maths website, which shows incredible independence and resilience.



Well done to Alfie Wilkinson Y9 who won the Game Making Category (10-14 years old) of the 12th annual British Academy of Television and Films (BAFTA) Young Game Designers (YGD) competition. He was one of 54 nominees.

Alfie won with his action-platformer game 'Egglien', in which players use alien eggs to defeat their foes.

Alfie was inspired to enter after meeting a previous finalist.

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