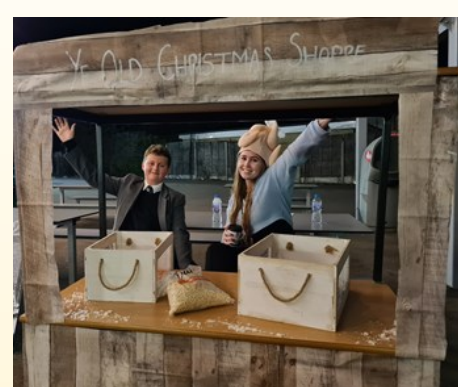


Open Evening 2022

We held our annual Open Evening on Thursday 22nd September. Students, staff, parents and academy trustees enabled parents and pupils to sample the quality and breadth of lessons children experience and the enrichment activities and events that we run each year.

Our Open Week tours ran throughout the school day in the following two weeks, and many families booked for a tour of the school with a member of our Senior Leadership Team.



County Education Manager visit

Natalie Smith, County Education Manager, visited the school on 28th September 2022. She commented that she was impressed with our new school day and reading programme and how enthusiastic, happy, polite and friendly our students are.

Behaviour Hubs visit

Pan Panayiotou, Worthing High School Headteacher & CEO to South Downs Education Trust, visited the school on 20th September and tweeted *"What a privilege to be able to visit @Cowplain_School and meet Mr Gates and his amazing staff and incredible students. Everyone we met was so enthusiastic and supportive of the great work that goes on @Cowplain_School. Thank you!"*

Open Evening/Open Week/Y6 Masterclasses *Parent comments*

Open Evening — *"I just wanted to say thank you to all the staff and students for yesterday's Open Evening. It was a brilliant evening and the student were very polite and informative."* Y6 parent

Open Week tour — *"We thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere of the school, the relationship clearly shared between staff and pupils and felt far more informed to make a decision for our daughter in September."* Y6 parent

Y6 Masterclasses and Open Evening - *"My son is genuinely very excited about coming and keeps hearing great things from children already at Cowplain. My daughter (who is year 4) loved the open evening too and asked if she could start next year 😊 So we have two very keen children to start at Cowplain!"* Y6 parent

Y6 PARENTS—Don't forget that the deadline for applications for the Y7 Admissions Round is Monday 31st October 2022.



News

Dear Parents

It's great to welcome you to our first newsletter of the academic year, with a special welcome to parents of our new Year 7 students. The overwhelming majority of those students have settled into life at the Cowplain school extremely well and are making a real contribution to school life.

As always, it's been a packed half term that really has flown by! One thing I'd like to mention is the number of students who have signed up to undertake leadership roles in the school in order to make a difference. Under the leadership of Mrs Clemas, we now have a number of student leaders who are undertaking some work to draw up a charter for their vision of what the experience for a student at Cowplain should be, focussing on some of our values, like kindness, grit and gratitude. We also welcome the views of our Pride Group and their allies as well as our ethnic culture group, who are working hard to improve understanding and acceptance of difference. Mrs Zambo and Miss Graham have also been working hard to recruit mental health ambassadors to help us all understand our own mental health. The selection process has been tough but they have recruited 12 students from over 20 applications and our now planning to recruit neurodiversity ambassadors from staff and students. In addition to all those who have volunteered for one of these roles I'd like to thank all those student ambassadors who made a great impression on future parents and children at our very successful open evening.

There is no doubt that at school we are seeing the delayed impact of the covid lockdowns and now the cost-of-living crisis. We are always thinking about how we can help members of our community who are finding the current economic situation worrying. To this end, we have created our uniform bank and I'd urge you to contact us if you require some help with uniform. In addition, we will soon start working on our 2022 Christmas Appeal and hope we can support members of the school community as Christmas approaches, which we know is difficult. Mrs Davies, our SENCo, will run this year's campaign and will be in touch with details after half term. As always, if you are experiencing issues which may affect your child, please contact Mrs Davies or your child's Head of Year; if we can help, we will.

As always, I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and hearing about some of the amazing things in which children have participated over the last seven weeks.

As always, thanks very much for your continued support.

Mr I R Gates, Principal

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Restart a Heart Day

Restart a Heart Day was on 16th October 2022. The campaign intends to generate awareness and understanding about cardiac arrest and encourage as many people as possible to learn how to perform the potentially life-saving act of CPR, to increase the likelihood of lives being saved as the early moments are critical and a trained person on the scene can make a lifesaving difference.

Two members of the ambulance service came in to school on Friday 14th October to teach all our Year 8 students how to perform CPR.



Reminder:

October half-term:

Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022.

School reopens on Monday 31 October 2022

(Week 2)

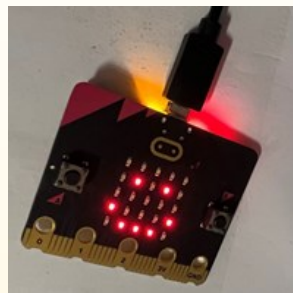
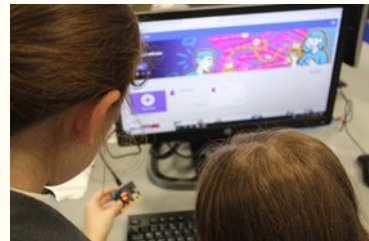
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October 2022

Y6 Masterclasses

At The Cowplain School, we strongly believe in encouraging students to reach their full potential, even before they join us in Year 7. Therefore, we were excited to be able to offer Year 6 pupils the opportunity to join us during the Autumn Term for some educational and fun after-school clubs. We offered a range of free activities to give pupils the opportunity to see what learning is like at secondary school, meet some of their future teachers, and experience our facilities at The Cowplain School.



Computing:

We used pocket-sized computer to show how software and hardware work together. The pupils enjoyed using the pocket-sized computer to program it to display their names, make an electronic die and then move onto the creation of a Tamagotchi and then on to design, assembly and implementation of their very own smart-watches.

Pupils showed a lot of grit, one of our school values, to design and program their Tamagotchis.

Tech:

Pupils explored the theme of Electricity in Technology by using new equipment and machinery.

In Week 1 pupils learnt how to use the sewing machine. They did this by learning about the parts of the machine, the difference between old and new, and took part in a sewing machine race. In Week 2 they learnt about the science behind bread, and how to use machinery in the food room in a safe way!

We were very impressed with how all pupils had a go with working with machinery which they may not have used before. Well Done!



Art:

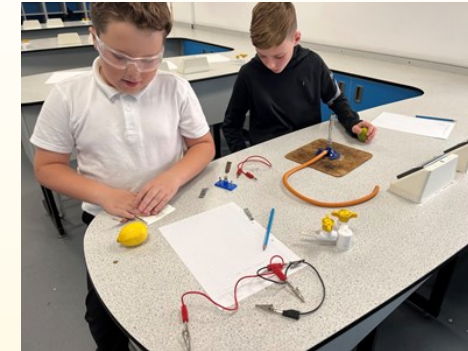
We were delighted to welcome the Y6 students to the Art Department where they showed us their creativity. Pupils created oil pastel transfers using images of light bulbs, pylons, and lightning to inspire us. Pupils were inspired by Pop Art and created onomatopoeia works using words like 'fizz' 'pop' and 'frazzle'. Matilda and Olivia showed creativity in both sessions. Well done!



Y6 Masterclasses continued

Science:

Y6 pupils worked on the theme of Electricity in their Wednesday Science sessions. The pupils had the exciting opportunity to construct their own circuits using Connection Electricity Kits, make LEDs light up using only graphite pencil lines to conduct electricity and power their own lights and clocks using the citric acid from lemons and lime fruit. Lauren and Daisy showed real curiosity, one of our school values, to find out how and why electricity makes things work. Well done!



The Woman in Black — Fortune Theatre

Students went on a trip to London on Thursday 6th October with the Drama department to see the thriller 'The Woman in Black'. There was lots of screaming, jumping and fun had by all. Students also walked through London to the theatre and really enjoyed taking in the sights and being given the responsibility to navigate the streets of London.

It was a wonderful trip. Thank you to the students for their impeccable behaviour all day.



School Production: We Will Rock You

This year we will be performing Queen's 'We Will Rock You'. The show is a fun, exciting story about the day that rock and roll died, and one man's need to bring it back to the masses. Join Galileo Figaro as he tries to restore rock in a world that has gone GAGA!

The show will be performed in the Main Hall on:
 Sunday 11th December 2.30pm – 4pm
 Monday 12th December at 7.00pm – 9.00pm
 Tuesday 13th December at 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Tickets cost £5 per adult, £5 for a concession or child (*this price has been dictated by the owner of the rights to the show*) and will be on sale from Monday 31st October 2022. A letter has been emailed to all parents. Any queries, please email Mrs Cuthbert, Head of Drama, via e.cuthbert@cowplainschool.co.uk



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