



# COPPICE PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL

COPPICE NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we end our longest, and coldest, term for many years, we are able to look back with real pride at the many school and public events that Coppice has undertaken.

During my first Autumn Term I was touched and inspired by the very special and unique Remembrance Assembly which took place simultaneously in two venues. The pride and respect demonstrated by every Coppice student was admirable and commented on by every visitor to school that morning.

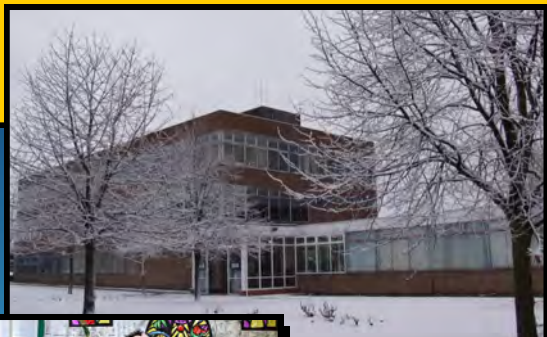
Many students in Years 10 and 11 have already taken modules for their English and Maths GCSE's this term and many more examinations will be taken by these students, and 6<sup>th</sup> Form students in the January exams session. During the well earned Christmas break some planned revision and preparation time will be essential.

This term saw the first 6<sup>th</sup> Form Parent Partnership Evening, following feedback from parents requesting time to discuss progress with specialist subject teachers. Parent Partnership Evenings for Years 11, 10 and 9 are scheduled during the forthcoming months. We always welcome your feedback and will continue to include your responses in our on-going review processes.

The snow and ice caught us all by surprise and lasted far longer than expected. I am delighted that we were safely able to remain open throughout this difficult time ensuring that learning time was maximised. During the bad weather it is understandable that footwear has to reflect the conditions however, can I ask all parents and carers to ensure that, in January, students return in the full and correct uniform including black shoes (not trainers).

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas. I look forward to welcoming you back in 2011.

Janice Fletcher  
Headteacher



### Express & Star

#### Credit is due for service at school

May I on behalf of Wednesfield Royal British Legion praise Coppice Performing Arts School for their most moving service.

I and my colleagues from the Legion were in attendance at their service and were most impressed. Special praise must go to the pupil who played the Last Post, and the choir whose rendition of the song Heroes was truly outstanding.

I do not believe this school is on its own in doing this Poppy Day service and full credit must go to the staff and pupils for remembering the fallen as they did. Many thanks for a very moving morning.

**John Roberts,**  
President,  
Royal British Legion, Wednesfield.



# CURRICULUM FOCUS



SPORTS NEWS - HALLOWEEN - STEM CLUB - YEAR 7 & 8 NATIVITY - SPORTS NEWS - HALLOWEEN - STEM CLUB - YEAR 7 & 8

## SPORTS NEWS

### COPPICE ARE KITTED OUT BY THE WOLVES



The year 9 football team have been rewarded for their 3 year unbeaten record in Wolverhampton City League and Cup competitions with a full wolves kit to parade their talents in. The team played in their new strip in the English Schools FA Trophy fifth round before bowing out to Thomas Telford. Well Done!

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## YOUR SPORT COURSE

On the 29th November, me, Rhiannon Davies and Troy Allen took part in a Sports Leadership course at St Chad's School. During the course, we had to learn how to lead sporting activities and we got to interact with students from other schools in Wolverhampton. Our group had several activities which included volleyball and tennis. We worked in groups with different schools and the three of us were split up. At first, it was very nerve-wracking, working with people we didn't know but we soon got into the swing of it. We learnt about the sports and then had to teach the other two groups how to play it, followed by little competitions. I was very nervous talking to such a big group but overall, it was a very worthwhile experience. We had lots of fun and have made some great new friends.



Katherine Deakin

### INTERHOUSE SPORTS COMPETITIONS

BANTOCK 1000

CHILLINGTON 750

MOSELEY 500

WIGHTWICK 250

CROSS COUNTRY POINTS

## HALLOWEEN



Winners of the Scary stories competition



On Monday 1st November, as part of their Integrated curriculum, Mrs Harris' group celebrated Halloween in style. The group held a competition to write short ghost stories and the winners, decided by Mrs Fletcher were Sophie Wain and Bethany Broomhall - Griffiths. Students dressed up for the occasion and brought in pumpkins they had carved. They spent the morning role playing Shakespeare's Macbeth, holding art and dance competitions and reading ghost stories.



## Year 7 and 8 Nativity Performances

Well Done to everyone in Years 7 and 8 who took part in the Nativity performances last week. Mrs Harris, Miss



Spilsbury and all of the students involved worked extremely hard to pull off brilliant performances in front of their peers in the House assemblies. This was a Nativity with a difference, a play written by John Edgar which follows the original Nativity Story but is set in modern times.

A fantastic achievement for all involved.



The STEM club are currently working on a very exciting project. We are studying the develop-

ment of chicks from the egg, as well as the growth to a chicken. We have arranged to raise a clutch of eggs and continuously monitor their development. We are going to be looking at their behaviour patterns, and lifestyle. We have looked at the background of how they are fertilised, incubated, and hatched. The group have also studied the different conditions that some chickens are raised in, how industries treat the chicks as a business and the disregard to their welfare and the life of free range chickens. All of the chicks have been given names and we have good homes for them, after a few weeks.

Olivia Taylor (Year 11)

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# RECENT EVENTS



REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY - CHRISTMAS CONCERT - CHILDREN IN NEED - PRESENTATION EVENING - REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY

THE ROYAL BRITISH  
LEGION



On Thursday 11th November, Coppice staff and students attended the Remembrance Day service, one held in the gym for years 7 and 8 and one in the hall for years 9, 10, 11 and sixth form. The event was also attended by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Turner, Governors and members of Wednesfield British Legion. This year the themes were the effect of war on children' and 'relevance of Remembrance today.' All students reading did so clearly and with feeling. Well done to Jay Wiley who did an excellent

live performance of The Last Post/ Reveille. Our vocal groups performed 'No War Will Stop Me Singing' and 'Heroes'. As always, the respect and quiet contemplation shown by our students was amazing. Well Done to Tutor Groups for completing their mood boards.

The eventual winners were M4.

WINNERS - M4



On Friday 20th November, the school held another non-uniform day to support the BBC's annual Children In Need appeal. Staff and students paid £1 to wear their 'own clothes'

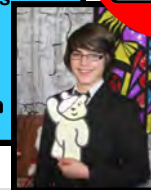
for the day. Many of the students got into the spirit and followed the theme to 'wear your spots'. They also took part in sponsored events including cake sales and sponsored silences.

Total raised so far.....  
£642.92

This is the time of year,  
The children all cheer  
For the gifts they will get  
Without any debt  
And without any price to pay.

Around the world,  
there are children in need  
Unable to write and unable to read.  
So come on and help us  
To raise lots of money,  
You can do anything - even be funny!

Jordan Homer-Haddon



# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

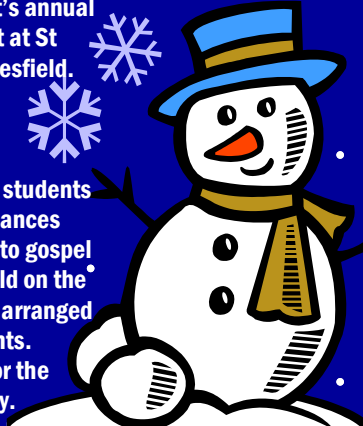


Tuesday 7th December saw

Coppice hold it's annual Christmas Concert at St Thomas' Church in Wednesfield.

Even though it was a very cold, snow covered night, the church was packed with people treated to an evening of excellent performances. Over ninety students

took part in the performances ranging from handbells to gospel singers. A raffle was held on the night and refreshments arranged by Year 11 music students. Over £300 was raised for the 'Help For Heroes' charity.



# PRESENTATION EVENING

Another Successful Presentation Evening for last year's year 11 and



13 took place on Thursday 9th December to celebrate the most successful pass rate the school has seen - 85% at GCSE and 93% at A level. Due to the introduction of the vertical tutoring system, the Heads of House and Assistant Heads of House gave students their certificates. Musical performances on the night were given by Year 12 students, who earlier in the week had also performed at the Christmas concert.



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2011

STUDENTS BACK IN SCHOOL  
EXAM PERIOD  
YEAR 11 PARTNERSHIP EVENING  
YEAR 9 REPORTS  
POST 16 REPORTS  
YEAR 9 PARTNERSHIP WEEK  
COPPICE IDOL  
YEAR 11 TRAVEL & TOURISM VISIT - LONDON  
YEAR 10 REPORTS  
YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING  
SIXTH FORM NEW YORK TRIP

4TH JANUARY  
10TH JAN - 2ND FEB  
20TH JANUARY  
21ST JANUARY  
28TH JANUARY  
3RD FEBRUARY  
11TH FEBRUARY  
11TH FEBRUARY  
11TH FEBRUARY  
16TH FEBRUARY  
17TH - 20TH FEB

## HOUSE NEWS

TOP HOUSEPOINTS - AUTUMN TERM

1ST	C5	228
2ND	M4	186
3RD	C9	184
4TH	W7	141



Thank you to all the Tutor groups who put together a Christmas box for Operation Christmas Child. Coppice sent off 94 boxes to the charity which will be greatly received by children from countries including Africa and Romania. A fantastic effort - well done!



## 30TH MARCH - 2ND APRIL 2011



Next year's annual production 'Our House' will take place Wednesday 30th March - Saturday 2nd April 2011. Rehearsals are now well under way and students are mastering Mrs Dowson's dazzling dance routines and working on their cockney accents. Tickets will be available to buy from January.



TICKETS ON SALE FROM JANUARY 2011  
CONTACT - 01902 558500



Friday 11th  
February 2011

Auditions for this year's Coppice Idol will take place early next year, before finalists will be selected to perform on 11th February before the audience and a panel of judges! See Mr Wheeler if you are interested in taking part.



## COPPICE PARENTS' FORUM

Following the two successful meetings held so far this year, ideas from parents have been realised. We would like to invite you to bring your ideas to make a difference to Coppice.

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday 8th February, 5.30pm, room 61.

If you require any further information, please contact Mrs Reynolds on 01902 558500.