



Coten End Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Sheepy

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were very excited to celebrate 'European Day of Languages' yesterday! This special day is all about encouraging our children and staff to explore the rich diversity of languages spoken across Europe and to appreciate the power that comes with learning a new language.

Learning a language does more than just help us communicate. It opens doors to new cultures, perspectives, and opportunities. In our global world, speaking another language helps children develop critical thinking skills, enhances creativity, and fosters empathy. It also strengthens their understanding of their own language and builds confidence.

To celebrate the special day, Madame Allison organised a range of activities including a whole school game of pass the 'hello' tag. All adults in school wore a sticker with 'hello' in a certain language and the children had to find out as many of the different words as they could by having as many interactions as possible throughout the day. The class who remembered the most were awarded the annual EDL quiz trophy and will have their class name engraved onto it. It was really lovely to hear children and adults talking about the different languages. The popular Duolingo competition has been relaunched to children and staff. All of Key Stage 2 should now have their login details. Madame Allison will check scores every Sunday night and update the leaderboard in the Hub. Very excitingly, Madame Allison has teamed up with Friends for this year's Coten End Cake Off. On Friday 11th October children and staff are invited to bring in a cake which represents a language/country. There will be a cake sale after school on the day.

Please ask your child about the celebration of European Day of Languages, encouraging them to share what they've learned or maybe listening to music or watching a film in a different language or practising simple greetings in a new language together as a family.

The wonderful mural, which was created as part of our Languages Day celebrations in June, now has pride of place in the main school foyer. Every child contributed a piece of artwork to this collaborative project in recognition of the vast number of languages spoken by children at our school. Thank you to Friends who funded this project. Do come in and have a look at it.

We look forward to continuing the celebration of the beauty of languages with your children and seeing how this experience broadens their horizons!

Best wishes

Sarah Sheepy



BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL

Parents' Evenings — Tuesday 22nd & Thursday October

**** Note—6JL Parents Evenings are Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October**

Parents' Evenings have been arranged for this term and will be held in school. The appointments will last 10 minutes and will be a discussion about children's progress and wellbeing.

The online appointment booking system will allow you to choose your appointment. The booking system will open at 10.00am on Friday 4th October and will close on Friday 18th October at 5.00pm. Should you wish to change your appointment time after this date please contact the school office.

Please visit <https://cotenend.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments.

If you have difficulty booking an appointment, please contact the school office; they will be happy to add appointments on your behalf, however please do not leave a message on the ansaphone to book an appointment.

Warwick In Bloom

Elena from 5MC was delighted when the upper school courtyard garden scooped gold at the Warwick in Bloom awards evening last week. Elena and her mum had entered the garden into the competition in the summer term. The judges were very impressed with the sensory garden and raised beds where children from the Eco Committee grow organic vegetables with the help of volunteers. They commented on how confident and knowledgeable the children were as they showed them around. And they were wowed by the lovely scrapbook Elena made to show more of what the children had done and learned through the seasons.

With just one point between all three schools who entered it was a tough competition!



ReFashion Eco Heroes

Eco Friends are very excited to announce the winners of their ReFashion competition, judged this week by year 6 children from the Eco Committee. All the entries were wonderfully creative, showing fantastic reuse of old clothing with techniques including sewing, wrapping, gluing, tie-dye and crochet. Well done everyone! The two winners were:

- Lola in 5MC who refashioned a damaged Coten End fleece into a gorgeous cosy coat for her dog, Misty.
- In the adults category, Kanipriya Jayaraj must have put hours of work into making a lovely crocheted t-shirt yarn cutlery holder. Making t-shirt yarn involves a simple but clever cutting technique to create long continuous strips that you stretch and roll into balls. You can then use it to plait, tie, knit, crochet and more!

Both will receive a voucher for a felt making workshop at Create - a new shop and craft space on Smith Street. Runners up were Liv in 5JL and Anna in 5MC. Liv upcycled an old dressing gown, damaged headband and Coten End jumper into a pair of earmuffs and Anna used the arms of the dressing gown to make furry leg warmers. They will get a sewing box and fabric from the Quilter's Den and membership of the Crow Recycling Scrapstore in Coventry.



Playtime requests

As we approach Winter and the weather becomes colder and wetter, can we please stress the importance of children having their coat in school every day.

From next Friday, we are going to start putting donated wellies outside the front of school. These are free for parents to collect for children. Please do bring along any wellies you no longer require and add them to the stock!

Here are some photos of children putting their wellies to good use this week. Hearing children say things like, "This is the best playtime ever", which I have heard countless times this week, is exactly why OPAL is having such an impact on children's wellbeing and enjoyment at school. Yes, they may come home a bit damp sometimes, but we are working very hard on educating the children on how to play sensibly, where to put their wet clothes in the afternoon and that they will need to put their school shoes undercover if they want them to stay dry.



Safe & Active Schools

Our school has once again signed up to the Safe and Active Schools Programme 2024-2025. As part of the programme all children will be receiving age-appropriate road safety sessions, and we will also be participating in and promoting active travel.

Last year we achieved a Safe & Active Award. This year we are going to be working towards our bronze award.

We recognise how important messaging is for our children. Your children copy your actions, and your behaviour serves as a powerful role model. We would like to ask all our families to model the safest behaviours near the road for children to copy and make good choices around travelling actively on the school run.

We will be sharing messages and ideas from the Safe and Active Schools team and further information about the children's road safety learning in school throughout the year.

For further information about road safety and active travel you can follow or contact the road safety education team.

X (previously Twitter) - **@WCCSafe_Active**
Facebook - **@WCCSafeActiveTravel**
Email - **roadsafetyeducation@warwickshire.gov.uk**



Family Information Service

The latest edition of the Family Information Service newsletter is available to read at:

[FIS Newsletter](#)



Modern Foreign Languages

As part of our celebrations for European Day of Languages there is going to be a Cake sale after school on Friday 11th October. This is being run by Madame Allison and Friends— see below for details.



COTEN END'S LANGUAGES THEMED CAKE OFF



CALLING ALL LITTLE CHEFS!

To celebrate European day of languages Friends have teamed up with Madame Allison and will be holding a languages themed bake off after school on Friday 11th October. Parents and children will be able to attend the bake sale and see the donations in all their glory. The cake sale will take place at 3.20pm in the year 3 classroom accessed from the year 3 playground.

Rules: Bake a cake/biscuits using a traditional recipe or decorate a cake/biscuits to represent a country. Please note that we are a nut free school so please only use ingredients free from nuts.

Date: Please bring your cake/biscuits to the school office on Friday 11th October at drop off. Please leave a note with your name and class and a list of the main allergens (gluten, eggs, milk, etc)

Who can take part: All the children from all year groups and staff.

Items we would gratefully receive for our Outdoor Play and Learning Programme:

- Large collections of plastic toys e.g. toy cars, polly pockets and toy dinosaurs
- Musical instruments – any and all
- Tarpaulin or similar – anything that could be used to provide cover or create tent-style structures
- Rope and carabiners
- Plastic furniture
- Plastic pipe
- Wooden planks and blocks
- Milk crates, or similar plastic containers
- Pots, pans, cupcake trays and similar
- Wooden or plastic kitchen utensils



SPECIAL MENU—THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER

ROME

Italian Day

Thursday 3rd October

(v) Italian Topped Pizza Slice served with Spicy Wedges (D,G)

(v,h) Pasta Primavera (pasta with cherry tomatoes and summer vegetables) served with Wholegrain Baguette (G,D)

Sweetcorn, or Fresh Italian Green Salad (M)

Gelato Ice Cream Tub (D)

or

Toffee Apple Sponge (G, E, D)

Allergen Key
V – Vegetarian
H – Homemade
G – Gluten
D – Dairy
M – Mustard

the NUTRI GANG

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SENDIAS is an independent advice and support service for parents and carers of children with SEND. SENDIAS been holding drop-in sessions across the county since the beginning of September, giving parents, carers and young people an opportunity to seek advice from their trained advisors about any SEND queries they may have.

The drop-in sessions will continue to run throughout October, November and December at Children and Family Centres (CFC) across the county - local dates are below:

- 30 September, 12.30pm - 3.30pm at Westgate CFC, Warwick
- 25 November, 12.30pm - 3.30pm at Westgate CFC, Warwick

	Morning		Afternoon/Evening	After School Clubs
Monday 30th September			6.00pm—Reception Parents' Social Event	Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 1st October	9.00am—Year 6 Come and Learn 9.45am—Year 4 Rotary Dictionary presentation			Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Coding (Y3-6)
Wednesday 2nd October				Judo (Y2—6) Music (Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish
Thursday 3rd October				Athletics (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Y1 & 2)
Friday 4th October	9.00am—Year 6 Come and Learn 9.15am—Year 1 Author visit			Dance (Y1—2) Girls' Football squad (Y5 & 6) Football (Y2)
Monday 7th October	6AJ to Mary Arden's Farm			Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 8th October	9.00am—Y3 Come and Learn 6WH to Mary Arden's Farm Y5 Mayan Workshop			Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Coding (Y3-6)
Wednesday 9th October	6MC to Mary Arden's Farm			Judo (Y2—6) Music (Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Chess (Y3-6)
Thursday 10th October	9.00am—Y3 Come and Learn Y5 Mayan workshop Y6 Heights & Weights			Athletics (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Y1 & 2)
Friday 11th October	Paramedic and Police visit Reception		3.30—4.00pm European Day of Lan- guages Cake Sale	Dance (Y1—2) Girls' Football squad (Y5 & 6) Football (Y2)

Webinar

Autism & Girls

autism
west midlands

Tuesday 8th October: 9:30am - 10:30am

Join us for an in-depth training session exploring Autism and Girls.

During this session we will cover:

- The internalised autistic profile
- Why girls often find it more difficult to obtain a diagnosis
- Particular challenges autistic girls may face
- How to support autistic girls



This webinar is open anyone in the West Midlands area.



Leamington Swimming Club ACHIEVERS SCHEME

We are running a free session to look at swimmers to join the Achievers Scheme, which is the start of competitive swimming.

**Sunday 13 October 2024 at Newbold Comyn
3.00pm to 3.45pm**

The session is open to swimmers born between 01.09.2016 and 31.08.2017 and in stage 5 or above of their current lessons.

Please e-mail treasurer@swimleamington.org to reserve a place or with any queries



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