



Codsall Chronicle

News from Codsall Middle School

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Welcome to our latest chronicle. It has been wonderful to see so many parents in school recently. Our Mother's Day lunches were more popular than ever and it was great to see over 250 mums attend and, almost without exception, leave their plates clean! I also enjoyed talking to many of you at our recent parents' evenings.

As we move towards the end of another busy term, we are particularly looking forward to recording our first ever CMS CD (see further details below). I hope you may be able to purchase a copy (and perhaps keep as a gift for next Mother's Day!?) Have a great Easter.

Mr P Bowers, Headteacher

Codsall Middle School Winter Sports Day



Description of Winter Sports Day by Chloe Robbins, 6HD

On Monday 13th February, Codsall Middle School held a 'Winter Sports Day' where there was a wide range of sports activities for pupils, such as table tennis, dodgeball, sportshall athletics, netball, tag rugby and football. First of all, Year 5 and 6 were joined by an athlete who talked about some interesting things like how to be a determined, strong, healthy athlete. His name was Daniel Caines. Later on, there were many determined, sweaty children trying to win Winter Sports Day, which I am proud to say Eagle won with a strong smile and determination. They won a trophy, which Codsall Middle School will display to show their great achievement on that great day. At 12.15 the brilliant fun ended. As the lunch bell rang, happy but tired pupils congratulated Eagle on their big win with a strong hope and wish to win next years Great Winter Sports Day.



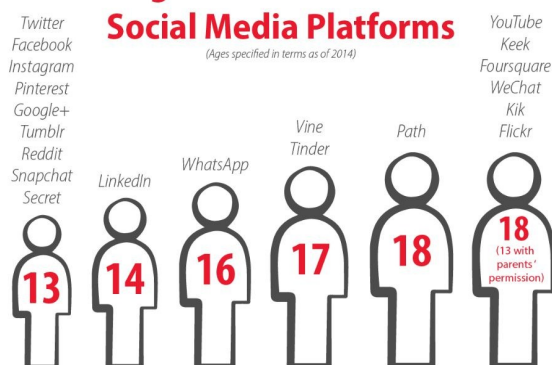
Mother's Day Lunches

Thank you to all the mum's that came for lunch last week - it was lovely to see so many of you.

A big thank you to the kitchen staff for providing such wonderful meals.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

(Ages specified in terms as of 2014)



Winners of the Cannock & District League - Netball



Huge congratulations to Year 8 Netball team who won the Cannock and District league title. The girls were undefeated and only conceded 7 goals! This is the first time we have won the league!



The team included Scarlett Chilvers, Sadie Thomas, Mia Field, Abbey Ralphs, Phoebe Mumford, Lucy Richards, Jenny Stallard, Robyn Webley, Libby Wren, Emily Byrne and Annalise Hull - WELL DONE GIRLS



Fairtrade Fortnight

Year 6 have been learning about fair-trade in their PER lessons and we all look forward to using fair trade ingredients for baking during the summer term. Our reps have been very busy. Each year group have separately run the lunch-time stall in school. Special thanks go to the generous staff at the Council Offices who welcomed four groups of reps to sell to employees and members of the public. The children gained a lot from this, developing their maths and business skills and growing in confidence at speaking to adults. Altogether in and out of school they sold £250 goods, well done!



Year 6 - Thinktank Science

To enrich our Science curriculum and act as a stimulus for Literacy work on advertisements Year 6 visited the Thinktank Science Museum in Birmingham. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day there and were a pleasure to take. We would recommend it as a venue for a family visit. Mr MacRae is already planning next year's visit!

Year 5 - Gardening Challenge

Year 5 have started the house garden challenge, with lots of enthusiasm! Each house will be in charge of the upkeep of a raised bed, growing a variety of fruit, vegetables and flowers. This challenge, along with the work of the eco-group and volunteers gardeners will see a very full greenhouse soon. We have bought two new mini-greenhouses to give us even more growing space.



Year 5 enjoyed a special "Desert Island Survival" day, which linked Science and Literacy around the theme of what they would need to do to survive and ensure rescue following being shipwrecked. Their enthusiasm for the different Science tasks helped them produce some wonderful follow-up work with their Literacy teachers. Well done to all classes!

For Health & Safety reasons pupils with long hair need to tie it back for lessons and the hair adornment needs to be appropriate to the school dress code. i.e., no JoJo bows. Thank you for your support. Mrs Deas

A huge thank you to all those people who have collected Sainsbury vouchers for us. The school council and extra Year 5 pupils have been counting them up and we are amazed how many we have so far. Please keep them coming in as there is plenty of time left yet and they will make a real difference to our playground equipment. Thanks again, Mr MacRae.



Codsall Middle School does... 'Middle School Beats'!!



We are proud to announce that our school has booked a very exciting project – we are recording our very own school CD! We are having a professional mobile recording studio visit us on Thursday 6th April. This will be a fantastic opportunity to capture the wonderful musical talent we have in school. We will be including our 40-strong choir, our school band, the ukulele group and even our very talented Year 8 boy-band 'Sahara'! However as this is a whole school project, we will also be recording whole year groups, performing one or two songs each, which will be a brilliant way to capture the talent of the whole school!

Furthermore, and to add to the excitement, we have been running an art competition to design the front CD cover. **Additionally if we sell enough CDs, the Music Department will also receive a whole class set of African drums and percussion instruments**, which will further enhance the day-to-day music provision for your children. This is a wonderful opportunity, and it should serve to really promote the music of CMS.

We are hoping to sell as many CDs as possible – not only will they prove to be a great memento for the children to know they have recorded and designed their very own professional CD, but it will also be a lovely gift for relatives and friends.

So please, order a copy today (see letter sent home last week on our website) – **it is only £5** – cheap enough to buy two!!

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