

NEWSLETTER

A WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to our weekly snapshot of life at Copnor Primary School. This week has been full of smiles, hard work, and wonderful learning moments. We're excited to share what our children have been getting up to and to celebrate the things that have made this week such a positive one.

Our big focus this week has of course been taking part in the Portsmouth 100 celebrations as a school. We hope that you enjoyed seeing the amazing artwork that was created over the week by the children today. I'm sure you will agree that it really helps to celebrate our wonderful city.

Enjoy your weekends!

Matt Johnson
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next week

- 28th - Year 1 - Boomwhackers** - Portsmouth Music Hub
- EYFS - NCMP Revisit** - School Nursing Team
- 29th - Reading in Class - 8.35 - 8.55** your weekly opportunity to read in class with your child.
- Year 4 - Thompson Class** - Milestones Trip
- EYFS - NCMP Revisit** - School Nursing Team

30th - Year 4 - Elba Class - Milestones Trip

May

1st - Year 4 - Rickman Class - Milestones Trip

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS



Year 3 really enjoyed their Dodgeball Taster Sessions on Thursday this week. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to work on their teamwork skills and of course resilience in continually dodging all those balls!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

Nelson Mandela

ATTENDANCE

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
KS1	94.76%	95.42%	94.02%	96.06%
KS2	94.15%	95.36%	96.70%	96.57%

Congratulations to **Warrior** in **KS1** & **Alliance** in **KS2**, the winners of the Attendance Cups this week.

HOUSE POINTS

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
This week	341	238	220	323
Total	518	416	351	504

Congratulations to **Mary Rose** house, the winners of the House Cup this week.

GOLDEN CHILD



I am delighted to share the names of this week's Golden Children:

KS1 and **KS2** have all been recognised as **someone who appreciates where they live.**

Year	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Hendra	Leo
	Gray	
	Donaldson	Polly
1	Adeola	Luca
	Field	Reagan
	Gravett	Albie
2	Nightingale	Bella
	Austen	Alfie
	Seacole	Jack
3	Adele	Ava
	Sheeran	Isla
	Styles	Oscar
4	Thompson	Freddie
	Rickman	Darla
	Elba	Oliver
5	Banksy	Logan
	Hockney	Myles
	Lowry	Blake
6	Holmes	Xavier
	Hamilton	
	Brownlee	Norwin



NOTICES



KEEPING SUN-SAFE

With the sunnier weather making an appearance, please help us keep pupils sun-safe by applying sun cream at home and popping a sun hat into their bag.



Penelope Ann ONLINE

Please note the change of opening hours at Penelope Ann Schoolwear from the 20th April. This is a trial change of hours and they will increase again in the run up to summer.

APRIL'S OPENING HOURS AS FROM MONDAY 20th

TUESDAY & THURSDAY 9:15 - 5:00

SATURDAY 9:15 - 1:00

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY ON-LINE ONLY

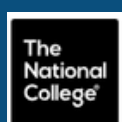
ORDER ON-LINE 24/7
FOR HOME DELIVERY

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

We hope that you found the last guide useful. As always, we will be sending this week's guide as a separate pdf and the picture below is also a link to the website. (You will need to create an account to access the guides on the website)

This week's guide explains all about 'Generative AI Safety'.

Please take the time to read through all the tips that will help to ensure that your children are safe online.



PARENT SUPPORT



ARE YOU SUPPORTING SOMEONE WHO IS AUTISTIC OR NEURODIVERGENT?



ROOM ONE LOVED ONES GROUP



Join our friendly group to share your thoughts, feelings and recent experiences with people who understand.

2nd & 4th Friday of the month

10:00 - 12:00

Carers Centre, PO4 0AD

Meet other carers and loved ones who may be supporting adults or children with neurodiversity.

Everyone at the group has lived experience, including the facilitators: Laura (Portsmouth Carers Service) and James (Room One).

Portsmouth Carers Service

117 Orchard Road, Southsea, PO4 0AD

Email: carerscentre@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
Tel: 023 9285 1864
www.portsmouthcarerservice.co.uk

PTA EVENTS 2026



We all looking forward to our next PTA event this half term. Keep an eye out for information about the event closer to the time.

Friday 22nd May - Break the Rules Day

Wednesday 15th July - Summer Fayre

Please come and join us!

If you are interested in joining or supporting our fantastic PTA, please let us know using the button below and completing the short form:



We'd appreciate as much or as little help as you can offer. Without your support we are unable to hold these fantastic events for our children that give valuable support to our school.

BOOKSY BEAR WINNERS



The KS1 class with the most children who have read 4 times or more at home is **Donaldson Class**

They will keep Booksy Bear in their book corner the first week of the Summer Term.

A huge well done, **Donaldson Class!** We are incredibly proud of you all!



PASTORAL TIP OF THE WEEK



20. Fussy Eating: tips and tricks

It's common for young children to be fussy about the foods they eat; they may not like the taste, shape, texture or colour of certain foods. It's also very common for children to like something one day but dislike it the next, to refuse new foods, and to eat more or less from day-to-day. This all happens because choosing what to eat, or what not to eat, is part of children's development. It's their way of exploring their environment and asserting independence. Children's appetites also go up and down depending on how much they growing or how active they are. Here are some tips to help fussy eaters enjoy mealtimes:

- Make mealtimes happy, regular and social occasions; no screens or distractions!
- Start small. Put a small amount of food on your child's plate, or place all foods in the centre of the table and let them help themselves. They will choose how much they want to eat.
- Never force your child to try a new food. Instead, model to your child how to explore new food e.g. touching, smelling, licking.
- Make healthy food fun. Cut it into shapes, get your child to help prepare it, pick and try new recipes together.
- Set a time limit of 20 minutes for meals. If it goes on longer, it isn't fun. If your child hasn't finished their food in this time, take it away without fuss or comments.
- Offer new foods alongside foods you know they like. It takes 10-15 tries for children to become familiar with and accept new foods.

Remember:

Life is too exciting sometimes and children are too busy exploring the world around them to spend time eating. Children learn by testing the boundaries of acceptable behaviour. They can be very strong willed when it comes to making decisions about food; to eat or not to eat, and what to eat. It's all part of their social, intellectual and emotional development.



PORTSMOUTH 100 - MY DOG SIGHS ARTWORK

To be part of the Portsmouth 100 celebrations here at Copnor Primary School, all classes created some art inspired by local artist My Dog Sighs.

My Dog Sighs is the artist name of Paul Stone, a British street artist who lives locally in Southsea, Portsmouth. Many of his artworks are made using recycled materials, such as crushed tin cans. His work often encourages people to stop, look closely, and reflect, using expressive eyes and characters that appear in everyday streets and public spaces.



EYFS



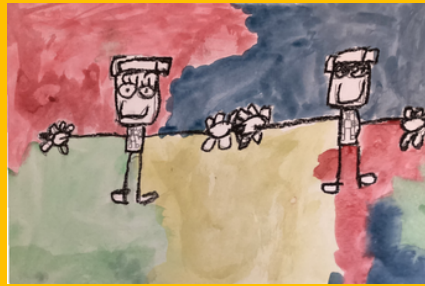
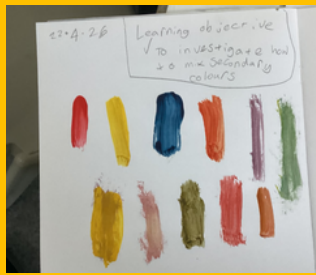
EYFS & Year 1 all really loved learning how to draw the Everyman and using paint to complete the backwash.

YEAR 1

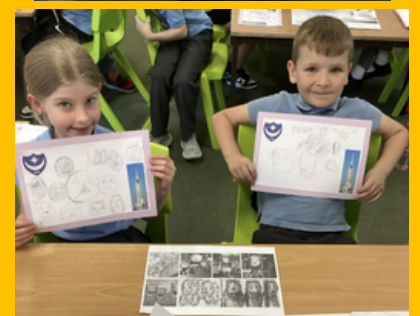


YEAR 2

Year 2 enjoyed the afternoon learning about the artist 'My Dog Sighs' , exploring colour mixing starting with the primary colours red, yellow and blue, as well as learning about Portsmouth 100.



YEAR 3



YEAR 4



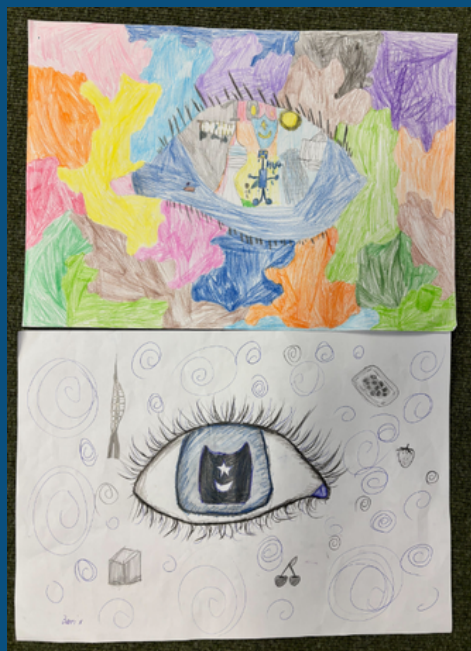
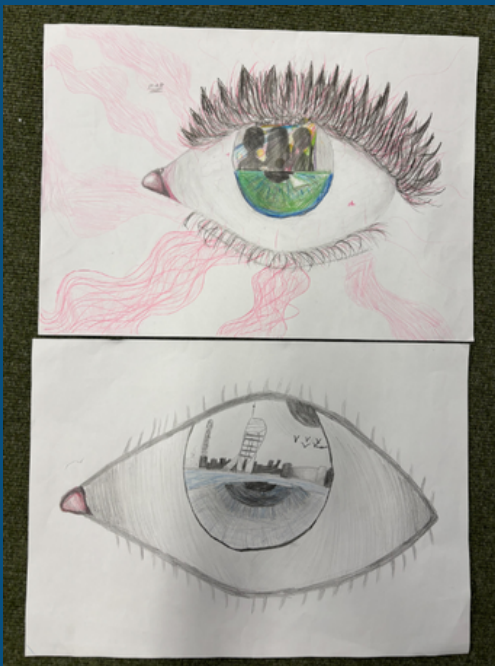
Year 4 created a face drawing to represent a "quiet voice" in their community - this may have been someone who felt unseen or a feeling that they themselves had experienced.



They then placed their face within an iconic Portsmouth setting

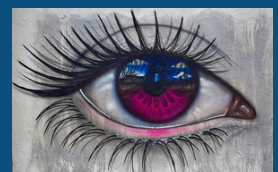


YEAR 5

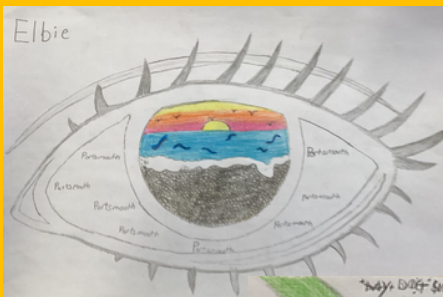
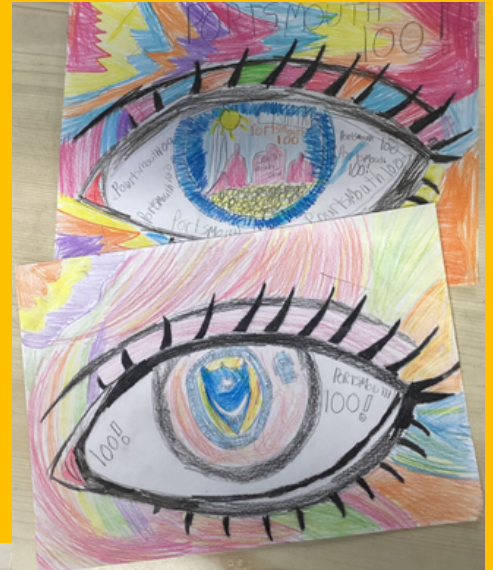


Years 5 & 6 took their inspiration from My Dog Sighs eye images.

They drew an eye and then put a feature of Portsmouth in the middle of the eye with stunning results.



YEAR 6



What a fantastic showcase of our children's artwork. We are really proud of everyone of them for their efforts.

A fantastic way to celebrate our city turning 100 years old!





CONGRATULATIONS OWAIN



Owain took part in a rugby tournament recently, it was a two-day event organised by the Leicester Tigers RUFC, where multiple teams from England, Wales and Ireland competed in non-stop rugby matches to see who could finish at the top of their pool.

Owain played an important role in his team's success. He scored six tries and also showed great teamwork by assisting his teammates to score too. Throughout the tournament, he showed respect to the referee and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship by playing with honesty and respect towards all other teams.

Owain's team, Havant U11s, finished at the top of their pool with an amazing 53 points, and each player received a personal medal. The team was awarded a club trophy which was presented to them by Will Greenwood, a former Harlequins and Leicester Tigers player, a member of England's 2003 World Cup-winning team, and a three-time British & Irish Lion.

Wow Owain! What an amazing achievement and what fantastic sportsmanship too! Thank you for sharing your achievement with us, we are all very proud of you!



Please remember, we love hearing about all your children's achievements outside of school and we love to share and celebrate them with our school community. If you'd like us to share them, please email them to admin@copnorprimary.co.uk, with photos too if possible!

OTHER NOTICES

FREE ROBOTICS AND AI CLASS FOR KIDS, TEENS, AND YOUTHS! AGES 6-17

LEARN & HAVE FUN!

- Build an Obstacle Avoiding Robot
- Create a Line Following Robot
- Work with Sensors & Smart Behaviors

SATURDAY, 23 MAY, 2026

CHOOSE A SESSION:
11AM - 12PM | 1PM - 2PM | 3PM - 4PM

Attend Physically
Attend Virtually

100% FREE!
And no prior coding, Robotics or AI knowledge required.

Spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come basis.

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New Month, New Skills!
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<p>The Language of Maths</p> <p>How many ways are there to say 'add'? Is 'minus' the same as 'deduct'? Come along to the language of maths workshop and discover the different ways we incorporate maths in our daily lives.</p> <p>Free Workshop Tuesday 9:30am - 12:00pm 19th May</p>	<p>Chocolate Fractions</p> <p>Discover fractions in a fun and tasty way through the wonder of chocolate! This interactive workshop uses chocolate as a hands-on learning tool to help you understand fractions in a clear, practical, and enjoyable way.</p> <p>Free Workshop Wednesday 9:30am - 12:00pm 20th May</p>
<p>Money - Go - Round</p> <p>This practical and engaging workshop explores how to make your money go further. You'll investigate everyday money matters such as budgeting, comparing prices, planning spending, all in a relaxed and supportive learning environment.</p> <p>Free Workshop Thursday 9:30am - 12:00pm 21st May</p>	<p>Shaping Up!</p> <p>This practical and interactive workshop explores 2D and 3D shapes and how they appear all around us in everyday life. Learners will investigate common shapes found in homes, workplaces, nature, and design, developing a clear understanding of their properties, uses, and importance.</p> <p>Free Workshop Friday 9:30am - 12:00pm 22nd May</p>

These courses will take place at
The Learning Place, 6 Derby Road, North End, PO2 8HH.

To book your space call (023)92 621860 or email: thelearningplace@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

We look forward to seeing you there!

THE LEARNING PLACE, DERBY ROAD, PORTSMOUTH, PO2 8HH