



School News from Copley Junior School



Developing International Links at Copley Junior

At Copley Junior School, we are keen to develop children's understanding of the wider world so we plan links to international study across the curriculum. For example, in their 'Predator' learning project Year 3 learn about the countries and habitats where different endangered predators live; in their Vikings project Year 4 learn about where the Vikings travelled from and where they settled; in Year 5 children learn about a culture of the past as part of their 'Pharaohs' project and Year 6 research the role played by different countries around the World in World War Two.

Malawi

Last school year our Eco Council was active in developing a link with a school in Malawi. They consulted with Copley pupils to draw up a list of questions to find out about life and the schools in Malawi and we were delighted to receive the answers back from Mr Barnes who spent a year supporting schools in Malawi. The Eco Council then prepared a PowerPoint and led an assembly to share the information with everyone.

What lessons do the children get taught?

The children in Malawi get taught Chichewa (their language), Maths and English with a few other subjects such as Life skills and Agriculture.



St Joseph in Carquefou

During the last three years we have developed a strong link with St Joseph in Carquefou, Nantes, to enable our children to find out about the experience of pupils living in a different country. In the picture below, you can see children from Madame Le Normand's classes learning about our school by visiting our school website!



Children in Year 5 write letters and postcards to children of the same age at St Joseph and we always look forward to reading the letters and postcards that we receive in return! Just before Easter we received a large parcel of letters and Easter cards from our French pen pals. Our French pen pals sent us photos when they received our cards.



Year 5 have been very excited to Skype their French penfriends and to be able to say hello in person. It is a great way to practise our modern foreign language skills!



International Schools Award

We are very proud to share that Copley Junior has been awarded a national accreditation, the Foundation Level of the International School Award.

Our application against the national criteria for the International School Award was externally assessed by the British Council. Our assessor commented:

"Copley Junior School is clearly committed to developing an international dimension in its curriculum, as is demonstrated on its excellent international page on its website. You have demonstrated an excellent start in promoting the international dimension across your school and highlighting the benefits of learning in a global context. Your commitment to extending and embedding internationalism in your curriculum is a valuable aspect of your school ethos. A pen pal exchange will have given your pupils a real purpose to their French learning. Congratulations, and good luck in your continuing international journey!"



We look forward to continuing to develop our international links and our valued link with St Joseph.

E.A. Crayton, Head teacher