

Take a look around...

Learn together,
grow together

COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Our School Prospectus



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Hello there...

and welcome to Coombe Hill Infants' School.

We are very proud of our school and are so fortunate to have such wonderful resources.

Our school is a thriving, multicultural school where a love of learning is promoted within a safe and happy environment, in which every person matters.

One of our biggest strengths is that we all work together; we therefore look forward to receiving your co-operation, interest and support.

All staff and governors are committed to ensuring that your children have a happy and successful time with us and we look forward to welcoming you.

J Berry

MRS BERRY, HEADTEACHER



"Coombe Hill is special because of the way they emphasise learning through fun - when children are switched on to learning from the start it sets them up for life"

JANE LOWE, PARENT

Ethos and aims



Nature spotters at the Wetlands Centre



Dressed in red to support Sports Relief



The children love to share their talents

Statement of intent

I would like to be the best that I can be

A happy, confident and caring person

Who is content to be me

I want to love learning

And be inspired to learn for life

To discover and develop my interests and talents

And be ready to use them for the benefit of others

I will treat others as I would wish to be treated

With kindness and respect

For the uniqueness of each person

I will care about the environment

And my place in the world around me

I will know that with rights come responsibilities

And I will always be proud to have been at our school

I want to be ready to take on new challenges and opportunities

And continue to make a difference.

Drumming lessons in the adventure play area

"At Coombe Hill Infants', the children are exposed to so many interesting things; from theatre events and swimming in the rain, to country dancing and drumming in the wonderful playground"

TAKI AUSTIN, PARENT GOVERNER

Core principles

We have a swimming pool & and we swim twice a week in the summer.
We have sun topics.
In year 1 I learned about space.

Yaseen

Ready, steady, go! It's Sports Day!

What we stand for



OUR VALUES

- We know and value each child and look for the best in them
- We value and respect every member of the school community and encourage everyone to take responsibility, to make a contribution and to achieve their full potential
- The core values of integrity, courtesy, trust and care will suffuse every aspect of school life and all will be expected to treat others as they would wish to be treated
- We are an open, welcoming and responsive school with clear lines of communication
- We have high expectations of ourselves and each other
- The school is at the heart of the local community

TEACHING AND LEARNING

- We ensure every learner experiences success
- We are an inclusive environment in which we are all learners and one where the learning needs of the individual are recognised
- We make learning vivid and real
- We strive to ensure that the whole school is an excellent learning environment which inspires, excites and celebrates effort and achievement
- We have a broad curriculum of high quality that gives the children opportunities to make links, to make choices and take responsibility for their learning

OUR SCHOOL

- Through a rich curricular and extracurricular programme, and strong links with the community, we help each child discover and develop their talents and interests.

“The school encourages values of kindness and promotes diversity”

YASMINA EL-MEOUCHI, PARENT

Core principles



A visiting scientist wows with 'jelly worms'



Budding green fingers in Gardening Club



Examining antlers brought in by 'The Bone Lady'

Teaching and learning



A visiting theatre get the children into character



The children admire each other's artwork



Den-building at Painhill Park



Parents are welcome to watch class assemblies

OUR CURRICULUM

We put our children at the centre of their own learning and place great emphasis on nurturing skills and attitudes such as resourcefulness, resilience and co-operation.

Our teachers bring the National Curriculum alive by teaching in a cross curricular way. Themes include Space, All About Me, The Rainforest, and Castles.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Through celebration assemblies, children are rewarded with stickers and Head Certificates for excellent work, behaviour and attitude.



OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We enjoy strong links with local schools (both primary and secondary), and community churches.

We also enjoy going on educational day trips. Such as historical visits to Kingston-upon-Thames, farms, the Wetland Centre, Painhill Park, The Natural History Museum, Hampton Court Palace as well as visits to local libraries.

"Pupils love coming to school. It is a safe, happy school"

OFSTED DECEMBER 2013

SCHOOL AND HOME

We believe in a strong home school partnership. We believe in letting parents and carers know what and how we are learning. We encourage two-way dialogue between school and home and support this through Parents' Evenings, workshop meetings, curriculum information, 'learning diaries' such as Reading Record Books and invitations to many of our assemblies. We also believe that homework can help reinforce what we learn at school. All our children get some form of homework, but our teachers are careful to make sure that it is kept to an appropriate level.

Bringing learning to life

"I love the fact that there are so many different experiences for the children, the multi-faceted approach to learning"

BRITT ARMSTRONG GASH, PARENT

Reception outing to The Natural History Museum

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We are...



...Caring for our environment

A PLACE TO THRIVE

There are so many opportunities for your child at Coombe Hill Infants' School. From digging in the Science Garden and celebrating International Night, to competing in Sports Day, swimming in the school pool and just having fun with friends.



...Dancers



...Swimmers



...Musicians and performers



...Athletes



...Loom-band entrepreneurs



...Firefighters

...Coombe Hill Infants' School




...Literary stars



...Swashbuckling pirates



...Snow angels!

A group of children in school uniforms are performing on a stage. They are holding various musical instruments, including tambourines, maracas, and balloons. The children are of different ethnicities and are smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is dark, and the stage is lit with warm lights.

I love coombe hill
Infants school because
we visit theatres and
theatres visit us! I also
enjoy the Year 2
camp evenings - that was
great!
Lola

A wonderful performance at The Rose Theatre

Forging strong relationships



An exciting visit from the New Malden Fire Service

"I have always felt there is a great friendly spirit in the school with the teachers and staff"

MICHELLE OULD, PARENT



Squirrel art created by local sculptor and the children



Our local mayor visits the children's art exhibition

OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

We are a friendly school; we like to collaborate with each other. We have an open door policy, so as you drop and pick-up your child from the classroom, there is an opportunity to chat or arrange a time to discuss any concerns. Parents and carers make friends with each other when they drop off and collect our children at the end of the school day.

Our Parent-School Association, CHIPTA, and Governors are very busy and include mums, dads, grandparents and other local people who care about our school.



Great fun at the New Malden Procession 2014

OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

People in the community, including local fire crew, police officers and authors often visit us and tell us about what they do. We welcome parents in to help. We also visit people outside and take part in community activities such as performing at the Rose Theatre in Kingston-upon-Thames.

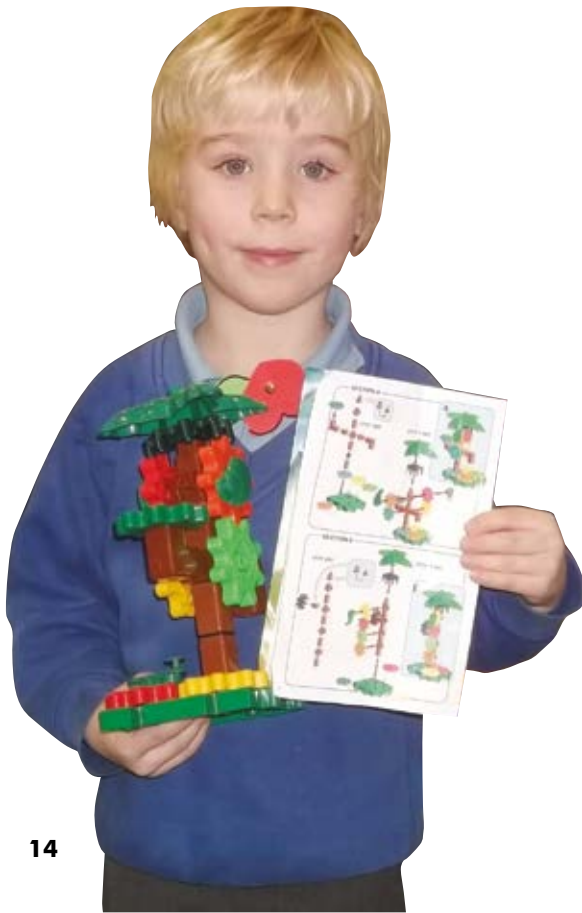
"The school has an excellent partnership with parents and carers"

OFSTED DECEMBER 2013

Activities

"I love the holistic approach, the focus on the child as an individual, the promotion of being a kind and accepting spirit."

BRITT ARMSTRONG GASH, PARENT



Enjoying a game in Football club



Brilliant creations in Sewing club



Master builders in Construction club

Fun and games

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A large number of our clubs and activities are run, after school, by our teachers. Others are offered for a small charge by outside coaches and teachers. Clubs vary depending on demand and the season, but regularly include:

After-school clubs

Construction
Animation & computer
Cricket
Running
Jungle
Art
Board games
Playball
Dance
Sewing
Gardening & nature
Creativity
Yoga
Sports

Other activities

Love the Ball
Teddy Tennis
Dancebites
Karate
Football
Spanish
French
Drumming
Guga fit





I like this school because it's has clubs.
like creative movement. I love
dancing!

From tanyem

Proud artists from Art club show us their creations

Facilities

A group of children in school uniforms are sitting in a circle on a blue tarp in a log cabin. A teacher is standing on the left, gesturing towards the children. In the center, there is a wooden apple press on a table covered with a colorful, patterned cloth. The cabin has large windows and wooden walls decorated with children's drawings.

I like this school because
it is fun, the teachers are
kind and we learn lots
of great things.

Anya

Apple Pressing Day in the Log Cabin

space to discover and do



Our wonderful grounds



Children enjoying the pool, helped by parents



Stories and adventures await in our library



Our well-equipped ICT suite

OUTSIDE

We have a wonderful green space at the rear of our school. The Adventure Playground, the Log Cabin set in our Science Garden, and the field and swimming pool which we share with the Junior School.

We also have plenty of apparatus to play on in the playground including a wooden train and climbing frames.

INSIDE

There are computers and a book corner in each classroom. Our library also has an Information and Communication Technology (ICT) suite, which is used by children throughout our school. Other multimedia facilities include interactive white boards in each classroom and iPads for use around the school.

We have whole school assemblies in the School Hall, which is also used for PE and class assemblies. It also acts as our Dining Hall.



Friends together



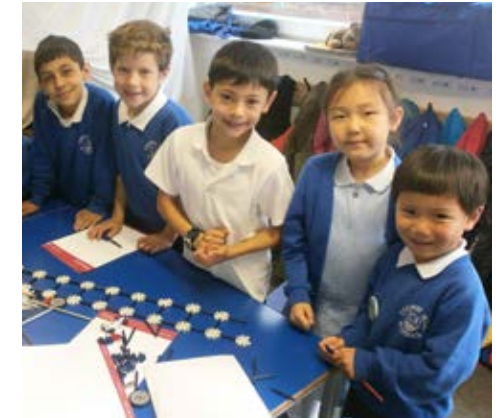
'Joomie, Charlotte and Sue', by Joomie Lee



'Dress as a fruit or vegetable day' - great fun!



Our Family Group family tree



We love to learn together

BEING HAPPY

Ensuring a happy, healthy environment in which our children enjoy learning is central to our ethos. We do our utmost to make it easy for children to approach staff with their problems or concerns. We teach that bullying is never acceptable behaviour. We have a positive behavioural management approach and encourage an ethos of mutual respect.


BEING HEALTHY

We promote healthy eating, provide fruit snacks for children in the Infants and encourage everyone to drink water throughout the day. We make the most of our wonderful outdoor space and, weather permitting, head outside as often as we can.

SUPPORTING EACH OTHER

Collaboration and caring is encouraged at all levels, in both the staff and the pupils. We have family grouping sessions which allow children to work and play in mixed age groups. They get to know children from different classes and Year Groups and this helps build new friendships in the playground.





"CHI has a very friendly and happy atmosphere and it feels like there is always somebody for children and parents, and even younger siblings, to be friends with and talk to"

TAKI AUSTIN, PARENT GOVERNER

The children's Friendship Bench in the playground



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