

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 24th February 2017

Class 4 Tackle the Hills

Class 4 had a wonderful time visiting the Herefordshire Beacon yesterday. We started by walking away from the hill fort up Black Hill. From this elevated position we were able to see the structure of the hillfort, although it was rather a restricted view due to the weather conditions! We then walked towards British Camp, stopping for a snack at Giant's Cave where we heard some myths about the area. After this we finished our journey to the top of the Iron Age hill fort, looking at all the signs of life in the Iron Age and learning lots of interesting facts along the way. Thank you to Justin Hughes, from Worcestershire Archaeology, who accompanied us on this trip.



SIAMs Award

We were delighted to receive a letter from Miss Allyson Taylor, the Assistant Director of Development and Effectiveness at the Diocese of Hereford. The letter offered the Diocese's warmest congratulations to the staff and community on the excellent result in our SIAMs inspection. "The inspection report highlights that Collective Worship at Cradley is inspirational and inclusive," wrote Miss Taylor. "It engages all learners and its impact can be clearly discerned in all aspects of school life. Cradley is a wonderful example of Christian values in action. I hope that you and your staff are justifiably proud of the report and I know that I speak for the Diocese in reiterating our congratulations and encouragement to keep up the good work. I am enclosing a certificate which celebrates your achievement and hope that you will display it with pride."



Mindfulness Colouring

Miss Guy will be running a mindfulness colouring club on a Monday lunchtime at 12.45pm. There has been research which suggests that mindfulness can significantly improve children's mental health. Therefore, this is a chance for children to have some mental relaxation during their busy school week. The club will be run as a drop in, so a child can choose to come one week and not the next, as and when they feel the need. It is open to the whole school.

Net and Wall Extravaganza

On Wednesday, four students travelled to John Masfield to take part in a variety of net and wall games. The children were able to take part in badminton and table tennis. Enjoying the afternoon were Ruby, Zac, Chloe and Ben.



Corridor Displays

We have updated our corridor displays this term to reflect different British artists. Class 1 studied Andy Goldsworthy; Class 2, Quentin Blake; Class 3, Clarice Cliff; Class 4, Anthony Browne and Class 5 looked at the work of David Hockney.



Football Club

There will be no football club on Tuesday 28th February due to matches at Bosbury Primary School.

Homework

We have noticed over the last few weeks that there are a number of children who are not completing the homework set for them. Homework is not optional. We have statistical evidence that shows that the children who don't do their homework or read at home are the children who make slower progress than others. Those children who have not handed in their homework will be working with Mr Greaves on Friday lunchtimes.

World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 2nd March. It's the day to come dressed as your favourite book character. Please bring a copy of the book your character appears in.



Mad Science

Mad Science Club has now finished.



Class 1

Welcome back to all of Class 1. We have heard all about the lovely things the children were doing over the holidays. We have another busy term ahead. Don't forget, Class 1 parents, to put our Class 1 assembly in your diaries for Wednesday 8th March. There will be an opportunity to come and see books in class after the assembly, too. This week we have tried some standing poses in yoga, as well as practising our ball control in Real PE. We have been busy acting out the story for our class assembly and learning a new rainforest song. In maths, reception have been looking at one more, one less on our number line as well as singing about the days of the week. In Year 1 we have been learning how to calculate differences between two numbers and getting quick at our $\times 10$ tables. We are very excited about The Big Write and World Book Day next week. Get your costumes ready!



Nursery

On Monday, we set up an ice-cream parlour, played at the beach and built boats from wooden blocks. Row, row, row your boat! On Tuesday, forest school was a rather muddy experience. We had a go at tree rubbing, painted with mud and finished a den to role-play *The Three Little Pigs*. We had a little go at 'dough disco' on Wednesday during P.E: lots of rolling, patting and poking play dough to strengthen those little fingers. The rest of the week has involved dancing to our new favourite tunes from the film *Trolls*, lots of counting pirates with a dice and dressing up. Musical chairs was also a great hit! World Book Day is next week, so off to the land of fairy tales we will go! We might flip a few pancakes on Tuesday, too.



Class 2

This week we have continued to work on our Great Fire of London topic. We are beginning to use Lego Movie Maker to make animations using Lego characters and our Great Fire of London houses. We also recorded voiceovers to explain what happened during the events of 1666. Maths has been all about measuring this week. We have used metre sticks, weights and measuring jugs to practise using different units so we can become confident when choosing appropriate units for different situations.

Class 3

This week in maths we have been using facts that we know about numbers to help us to add and subtract. We have also recognised and used patterns that occur when repeatedly adding or subtracting the same number. In English we have been using descriptive vocabulary to describe characters from *Hansel and Gretel*. We asked the Wicked Witch questions to find out about her character when we did some hot seating. We have started to make models of different kinds of mountain ranges using mud rock, which we will use later in the term to set the scene for our animation. In RE we have been thinking about what it means to forgive someone. In PE we have started a dance unit with Miss Rooke from superstars.

Class 4

This week, Class 4 have had a Maths focus of co-ordinates by plotting basketball and football players on co-ordinates grids. We have started a new topic of balanced arguments in English and have practised debating whether homework is necessary or not. We have started to look at debates in politics, which we will be moving onto next week. On Tuesday, we went on a trip to British Camp to see the Iron Age hillfort and had a fantastic time! We have designed a piece of Stone Age cave art and have created an informative video about the Bronze Age based on our research.

Class 5

This week we have enjoyed reading *The Giant's Necklace* by Michael Morpurgo together and we wrote newspaper reports about the rescue attempt. In maths we have been getting to grips with area and perimeter, including finding the area of triangles and parallelograms. In Science we considered how offspring inherit characteristics from their parents, and came up with 'designer dogs'! In R.E we continued our study of 'Ummah' in Islam and in topic we learned about how the wheel might have been invented in Ancient Sumer.

Stars of the Week

Nursery Leo White for being positive

Chloe Jeffries for being positive

Class 1 Mia Mabey for her persistence and positivity

Daniel Unwin for his cooperation

Class 2 Milly Garner for being independent

Lewis Elliott-Roberts for positive thinking

Class 3 William Bryce for taking pride in his work

William Moseley for being independent

Class 4 Ceri Smith for taking pride in her work

Lorenzo Ashton for working co-operatively

Class 5 Lydia Hemming for persistence and positive attitude

Adele Rutter for taking pride in her work

Value of the Month

LOVE

Luke 6:35

Love your enemies and do good to them; lend and expect nothing back. You will then have a great reward and you will be sons of the most high God.

Chosen by Scarlett, Darcey and Meryl

Dates for the Future

FEBRUARY

LOVE

25th FOCs Pamper Evening
27th Big Write Week
28th Football Matches @ Bosbury

MARCH

HUMILITY

2nd World Book Day
Rugby matches @ Ledbury Primary School
8th Class 1 Collective Worship: Parents Welcome
9th Yr1/2 Football Tournament @JMHS
Class 4 Forest School Day
Litter Pick Day
10th Class 5 trip to London
13th Science Week
14th Digital Leaders Conference
17th Cluster Football and Netball Tournament @ Ledbury Primary
20th Yr 3 Pedestrian Training
21st Yr 5 Maths Tournament @ JMHS
Class 3 trip to Malvern Outdoor Centre
Football Matches @ Bosbury
23rd Pyramid Prom 18:30 @ JMHS
24th Red Nose Day
FOCS Disco
27th Herefordshire Festival Week
Yr 3 Pedestrian Training
28th KS2 choir @ the Herefordshire Festival
29th KS1 choir @ the Herefordshire Festival
30th Yr 3/4 Football @ JMHS

APRIL

TRUST

1st FOCs Junk Modelling
3rd FOCs Easter Egg Competition
Yr 3 Pedestrian Training
6th Easter Service
7th End of Term
17th onwards Cradley Players perform "The Wizard of Oz" in the school hall
24th Start of Term
28th FOCs Wine Tasting

MAY

REVERENCE

1st Bank Holiday
2nd John Masfield Open Morning
3rd Class 3 Collective Worship: Parents Welcome
KS1 Dance Festival @ JMHS
8th SATS Week
Malvern Show Build Up
11th-14th Malvern Spring Show
23rd Sports Day
26th Break up