

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 10th March 2017

Class 1 Collective Worship

On Wednesday, Class 1 treated us to a wonderful Collective Worship on the Christian value of Humility. We were treated to the story of Jesus in the temple and the donations given by various people. The children spoke loudly, and clearly - and sang their song with gusto! Well done Class 1!



Lunch Boxes

Just a reminder that there should be no nut products - including peanut butter and Nutella - in children's lunchboxes, as we have several children in school with serious nut allergies.

Forest School Day

On Thursday 9th March, Class 4 had a wonderful day in the sunshine at Forest School. We were able to extend all the skills we had learned so far. In the morning we built animal shelters, made natural art, used tools, enjoyed the new tyre swing and created mud faces. We then got cooking over the fire. Our starter which was flat bread and honey, followed by the main course was minestrone soup and our desert was the smores which were so popular a few weeks ago. In the afternoon we improved our shelters that were then scored based on different criteria. What a successful day with everyone displaying all the learning behaviours.

Netball Coaching

Junior netball coaching at Dyson Perrins begins on 4th May for children aged 7 upwards. Sessions are Thursday evenings 6.30 - 7.30pm. For more details, contact Lucy at lucylenham@hotmail.com or search Malvern Springs Junior Netball on Facebook. This is an exciting opportunity to join a hugely successful netball club!



Red Nose (Ted) Day

For this year's Comic Relief Day (Friday 24th March), our School Councillors would like everybody to bring in a teddy which is wearing something red. It could be a red ribbon, a special Red Ted-sized T-shirt or a red nose fitted ingeniously onto Ted's nose! Get thinking how you could make your ted 'Red Ted'! Of course, there will be the usual fine of £1 which will be donated to the cause.

Preparing for our Mission to Mars

On Tuesday, Mark Sanderson, a Senior Computing Consultant for Herefordshire schools, led a session with Class 4. We learned how to program objects using Lego WeDo 2 - a wireless programming software using motors, sensors and bricks. Children developed their debugging and problem-solving skills through this very successful session; Mark commented that he had never known children make progress so quickly. These kits have been loaned to us for Science Week so that we can develop our rover for the Martian landscape in our Spring Garden.





Litter Pick Day

On Thursday the whole school helped to give the school grounds a spring clean. Each class was allocated a zone and used litter pickers, gloves and bags to tidy up all the litter which has appeared over the winter. Everyone had fun and enjoyed making our school grounds neat and tidy again.



Term Dates

The term dates for 2017-2018 have been agreed by the Governors and will shortly appear on the school website. The dates are becoming increasingly difficult to fix due to the changes in the arrangements of the buses to high school. While we have traditionally followed John Masefield, the changes mean that we have to watch what is happening in Worcestershire schools as well. In fact, for the first time, in September an overwhelming majority of the new high-schoolers will be heading across the border.

Goodbye Miss Cornes

Class 4 said 'Goodbye' today to Miss Cornes who has been with us for the last nine weeks as she completes her final teaching practice. We wish her every success in the future.

St James' Church Cradley

We are having a Mothering Sunday service on Sunday 26th March at 10.30am. We welcome you all and look forward to a church full of children and adults. This year Rev. Robert is very much hoping to include the children by having Breaking Bread, with the children sharing the communion bread with the congregation, as they are used to doing on the first Monday of the month in Collective Worship at school. We are also having Open The Book. Jimmy's band will also be playing - they are a group of adults and children who really enjoy playing music of all kinds! We are also having refreshments and a cake stall, and as usual there will be a small gift for children and adults to give to their mothers.

Nursery

Spring has very much arrived in nursery. Five speckled frogs have moved into our indoor pond. We have enjoyed splashing about, designing boats and even washing babies in it. Forest school on Tuesday got us thinking about our little feathered friends. The children found materials to create their own nests, made bird feeders and even turned into flying birds themselves. It was lovely to watch old friends from Class 1 in their first assembly on Wednesday. Nursery children sat very nicely. Our P.E. session involved the parachute. Up, up and away - with some impressive listening skills, too. We have been sorting animals on the big white board to practice our I.T. and grouping skills. Lastly, the children have been learning about metamorphosis all week, concentrating on butterflies and frogs... so we just had to pond dip for some frog spawn. We can't wait to watch them grow up. Could we request a donation of any old hanging baskets hidden in garden sheds or garages please? We hope to grow something exciting in nursery for the Malvern show and we need lots.



Class 1

This week has been a big week for Class 1 as it was our very first Class Collective Worship. Our value of the month, humility, was the basis for our assembly. It was lovely to see Nursery and so many parents on Wednesday morning and the children really enjoyed showing their books to their families after the assembly. In maths, the Year 1s have been looking at their x5 tables, whilst reception have been looking at 3D shapes in the environment and learning how to describe shapes and their properties. In our various phonics groups we have been learning about twins, Mr Wolf's

pancakes and how to grow radishes!

In PE we have started to learn a dance ready for the dance festival at the end of this term and are starting to prepare for science week, which starts on Monday, where we will be looking into robotic pollinators for our Malvern Spring Show garden.

Class 2

This week in maths we have been finding fractions of amounts using apparatus. We have been linking halves and quarters and thinking about how they relate to other operations. In English lessons we have been inspired by *James and the Giant Peach* to write diary extracts and adverts. In science we have been using our knowledge of germination and growth to plant some pea seeds in pots.

Class 3

In Class 3 this week we have been learning about weather and climate in mountain regions around the world. We have been collecting evidence to use in our own weather reports, which we will record using green-screen technology. In English we have been writing stories in the style of a traditional tale, and in maths we have been learning about digital time and the 24-hour clock. In PE our dance for the festival is beginning to take shape. On Thursday we took part in the whole-school litter pick and were shocked by the amount of rubbish we found on the school field!

Class 4

In Class 4 this week, we have been learning about different types of angles in Maths. On Monday, we held our Parliamentary debate on the subject of whether electronic devices should have a time limit or not. We had our very own Class 4 Speaker and Members of Parliament from the for and against campaigns. We added colour to our cave art using oil pastels, coloured pencils, chalk and charcoal and completed our hill fort models to conclude our Iron Age topic. In Computing we have started working with Lego WeDo 2.0 to create moving rovers and we had the best time at Forest School for the whole day on Thursday! To end the week, we had Science lessons in the morning and spent the afternoon with Miss Cornes who has now finished her time with Class 4.

Class 5

This week we began studying a new text in English: *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan, a picture book (no text) which tells the moving story of a migrant who leaves his family to travel to a strange land. In Maths we have been working on angles and scale, and in topic we enjoyed recording trading agreements on clay tablets, much like the ancient Sumerians would have done. We are really excited about our trip on Friday to the Houses of Parliament and the British Museum where we will explore the Ancient Sumer galleries.

Stars of the Week

Nursery Harvey Rankin for taking a risk

Florence Barker for being independent

Thomas Exton for taking pride

Class 1 All of Class 1 for their brilliant Collective Worship

Class 2 Fred Jackson for confident & independent maths work

Jacob Robertson for persevering with reading

Class 3 Darcey Rocca for having a positive attitude in maths

Izzy Kendrick for independent work

Class 4 Chloe Hughes for being positive in maths work

Scarlett Pritchard for working cooperatively

Value of the Month

Humility

Proverbs 11:2

When pride comes, then comes disgrace,
but with humility comes wisdom.

Chosen by Oscar and Connor H

Dates for the Future

MARCH

HUMILITY

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

FOCS Wine Tasting

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