

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 24th March 2017

Class 3 trip

On Tuesday Class 3 travelled to Malvern Outdoor Elements for an exciting morning of climbing and adventure. We took part in two activities which included climbing on the outdoor climbing wall and a low ropes challenge set in the woods. The climbing involved us working as a team. One person climbed, while one was the bell rope puller and the rest of the team pulled the rope through to keep the climber safe. The low ropes were very exciting, we worked in pairs supporting and encouraging each other. The rope swing, which involved landing on a giant, suspended waffle net was definitely our favourite piece of equipment. It was great to see how everyone challenged themselves on the equipment and some people even overcame their fears.



Fairer Funding

You might have seen the blanket coverage in the news recently about the proposed new Fairer Funding formulae for schools. It was designed to support those areas of the country which have historically received less funding than other areas - Herefordshire being one of them. For example, schools in London receive twice the amount per pupil than schools in Herefordshire. Under the new funding formulae, we will actually face a reduction in our funding of 1.1%. This roughly equates to £7000-8000. Alongside this, we have seen our staffing costs rise by over 10% due to additional contributions to National Insurance and pensions. A school spends roughly 85% of its budget on staffing. This cut in our funding will have an effect on us in the long term and will lead to changes in staffing and what we can offer as a school. I encourage you to write to our local MP to support our responses to the Fairer Funding consultation that is taking place.

London

It was only two weeks ago that the Year 6 children enjoyed a fabulous day out at the Houses of Parliament and the British Museum. After the events of Wednesday, our thoughts and prayers go out to all the people and families who have been caught up in the very shocking incidents.



New Systems

On Wednesday, Mrs Booth, Mrs Kirkwood, Mrs Jones and I are being trained in the new MIS that we will be using from April. If possible, please do not contact the office on that day, unless in an emergency, as we will not be able to answer your queries.

Next week, we will also be undertaking our training in the new online booking and payment system that will be introduced after Easter. All lunches for after Easter will need to be booked and paid for (if appropriate) online. We will be sending out full instructions to everyone. All lunch orders must be on the system by Wednesday 5th April. We will also be accepting online bookings only for Breakfast Club and After School Club after Easter. You will need to log onto the system, book and pay for sessions in advance. We are currently rewriting the terms and conditions for BC and ASC; a copy will be sent home with every child.

Year 5 Maths Competition

On Tuesday, a group of Year 5 mathematicians travelled to John Masefield High School to take part in a whole day of maths challenges and problem solving. The children described it as great fun and a real challenge! Out of the eight schools competing, we are delighted to say that the children finished as Runners Up! Well done to the team: Jake, Lorenzo, Max and Fin.



Football and Netball Matches

It's been a busy couple of weeks for the football squad. On the 17th March the squad played in the cluster tournament at Ledbury Primary School. A great effort from the boys saw us eliminated to a last-second own goal in the quarter finals. On Tuesday, we completed our Winter League fixtures at Bosbury Primary. We faced the two top teams in the league standings. We drew 1-1 with Bosbury in a game in which we played some of our best football of the year, with a goal from Henry F. The team then lost 1-0 to Ledbury, whose keeper pulled off a string of great saves to keep out Cradley. Well done to everyone who has represented the school this year. We are very proud of your commitment, enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

Our netball team also played in the Ledbury tournament on the 17th March. Facing some really tough opposition they performed well, reaching the quarter finals before losing to Ashperton. A great effort by the team. Well done for this season as well.

FOCS events

The school disco takes place tonight in the school hall from 6-8pm. Please see Paula if you'd like tickets; price £2 each. Also coming up is the hugely popular Junk Modelling on Saturday 1st April with an Eggscellent Easter theme - look out for the letters in Home Liaison books soon.

Also on 1st April is the Wine Tasting Evening at Knowles Family Farm - please see Mel or Roger to get your tickets before they sell out.

REMEMBER - all proceeds raised will go towards our £10,000 target for the new Adventure Playground. You should have all received your letters about our plans; regular updates will follow shortly. Thank you for all your support.

Pyramid Prom

Eleven children represented Cradley school at the Pyramid Prom on Thursday evening. This is a musical concert given by children from different schools in our cluster organised by John Masefield High School. Chloe, Emily, Imogen, Lilly, Scarlett and Phoebe sang "Time to say goodbye". Mali and Tilly played "Indian Dance" on the piano, Lilly and Adele played "Morning Town Ride" as a duet on the flute and Owen played "Dancing Shadows" as a guitar solo. There was a large audience of parents and grandparents which was a little daunting, but the children performed brilliantly and made us very proud.

Wizard of Oz

From the sublime to the magical! In 2016, Cradley Village Players celebrated Shakespeare's special birthday with an evening of poetry and prose. We begin 2017 with something bigger and brasher.

Our first production of the year is *The Wizard of Oz* - a stage adaptation of the fabulous MGM musical film. It comes complete with those 'hummable' songs - *Over the Rainbow*, *Ding Dong the Witch is Dead*, *Follow the Yellow Brick Road* and many more - and with the loveable characters we've come to cherish.

CVP regulars will recognise many of those playing them. Bill Chadney is the Scarecrow, Russ Shalofsky the Tin Man and Cress Dunnett the Cowardly Lion. Jude Sanderson joins us from Malvern Theatre Players to play Dorothy, while David Creed-Newton is the Wiz himself and Judi the Wicked Witch of the West. Sandra Dudley is the Good Witch, Poppy Stanley plays Aunt Em and Tom van Vuren takes on roles as the General and the Coroner.

We haven't forgotten our younger players. Lucy Eastham is the Munchkin Mayor, Adam Dudley plays both the Munchkin Farmer and Tibia the Witch's sidekick, while Ellie Henry, Emma Dudley and Vicki Merker are witches, ghosts and Jitterbugs.

Wynne Harries provides the musical accompaniment for what promises to be a treat for the whole family - young and old. And while he and the cast rehearse their words, we on the technical side are busy planning a sound, lighting and scenic extravaganza!

Directed by Meg Monk - who was responsible for our hugely successful *Christmas Carol* - *The Wizard of Oz* is at Cradley C of E Primary School from **Wednesday 19th to Saturday 22nd April 2017 at 7.30pm**. Tickets cost £8 for adults and £5 for children of 15 and under. They're available from The Butchery, Cradley, online from www.cradlevillageplayers.com or (unless we sell out) on the door.

Follow the Yellow Brick Road to the Emerald City - get those dates in your diary and don't miss out!

Digital Leaders

On Tuesday, the Digital Leaders attended a conference at Holmer School in Hereford. We began by sharing all we have achieved in our school with the other leaders who were there. Then Mr Sanderson developed our knowledge of the app 'Seesaw' so that we can help the teachers to set it up and use it. We looked at the blogging facility, too. In the afternoon we thought about coding and looked at development within KS1 and KS2. Cradley Digital Leaders were commended as a group who are very confident with coding! Finally, we used the iPads to programme a jumping drone, which was great fun. We took away some good ideas for how we will develop the support we are offering within school. Watch this space!

After School Club Film Night

The next After School Club film night takes place on Friday 31st March. The film is the hugely enjoyable adaptation of Roald Dahl's Fantastic Mr Fox.

Cradley's Garden on Mars

Work on the garden is progressing well and the greenhouse is filling up fast. Huge progress was made during Science Week in designing and researching what our astronaut will look like, experimenting with our Rover, making our Biome and many other projects.

Mr Copp is on the hunt for materials! He is looking for about 50 lengths (minimum 1.46m length and 1.5cm diameter) of hazel or chestnut twigs or branches to make the struts for the biome. Please let Ms George know if you have any you could bring in before Friday 31st March.

Girls Football

A message from Herefordshire FA:

We are pleased to officially announce the launch of a new girls football programme in Ledbury. We will be running open football sessions for all girls aged between 5 and 11 regardless of ability. The 'FA Wildcats Girls Football Centre' will be run by qualified FA coaches at Ledbury Primary School every Sunday between 11am and 12 noon on the playing fields. The centre is open to all girls and we would like to invite the pupils from your school to get involved and attend.

The centres will provide a great opportunity for pupils to get involved in football in a safe, fun and friendly "turn up and play" environment. The sessions will cost just £1 per person and we are currently trying to arrange a means of providing free sessions to Pupil Premium children.

Please see the posters around school for further details or ask at the office.

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! There will be refreshments and a cake stall, and as usual there will be a small gift for children and adults to give to their mothers.

Nursery

Our week in nursery has been all about the changing season. The children have been busy planting. We have sweetcorn, rocket, sunflowers and forget-me-knots in plant pots. We are watering lots and lots! Any spare seeds that are hidden in garden sheds would be very welcome. The spring sunshine early in the week inspired us to clean our wooden playhouse. The children worked together to make it spotless. We needed the windows to be sparkling clean to look out at all the changing weather. The children were fascinated by the hail and tried to catch it! Wednesday was an absolute hoot. We played a washing game, listening to different instruments and used them as a clue to work out whether we should use pegs to pop our washing out or not. But we couldn't resist dancing about with pants on our heads! Snuggling stories have been our favourite way to end our nursery days this week; sharing pillows and relaxing as we were transported to other lands, thanks to the wonder of books. Finally, a 'Kindness Tree' has been created on our display board. Please let us know of any kind things that your child does at home and we will gladly write them on a leaf to add to our tree. We can't wait to record all the small acts of kindness that occur every day.



Class 1

This week we have been in the rainforests of China, learning how to say hello and goodbye in Mandarin during registration. We have been reading Easter stories from around the world in preparation for our Easter service at the end of term and have been writing about our families and belonging to different groups within our community. This week in phonics the Year 1s have been doing some creative writing based on the fairytale *Hansel and Gretel*, and in maths have continued with bridging 10. In Reception we have been continuing with our frog theme with Flip Frog story, looking at punctuation, whilst Mrs Crane's group have been reading and writing about *Handa's Surprise*. In maths, Reception children have been looking at seasons, months of the year, days of the week and analogue and digital clock times. We have been busy making cards for a special day on Sunday! We are looking forward to showing our creative dance at the dance festival in assembly next Friday, as well as rehearsing our Key Stage 1 choir for the Herefordshire Festival on Wednesday.

Class 2

This week we had fun using Lego Movie to make stop frame animations about our Mars astronaut. We used modelling clay and tried to make our astronauts wave. A big thank you to everyone who sent in items to our astronaut build. Mr Hughes is hard at work building the armature so we can all get involved building the final

astronaut model next week. We have decided that the astronaut will be kneeling down controlling the Rover, and now need to decide on her name. Any suggestions?

Class 3

In Class Three this week we have been finding out about the features of explanation texts in English, and in maths we have been multiplying two digit numbers by a single digit using partitioning and the grid method. In Computing we have used our mountain models as the setting for an animated film. We used a QR code reader to research how people and animals move up and down a mountain. We then used "Animate It" to create the film, and seesaw to share them with our friends. We have made never-ending cards for Mothering Sunday and we have put been refining our dance for the Dance Festival.

Class 4

This week Class 4 has been learning about short division and multiplying whole numbers by fractions. We have also been learning about the features of non-chronological reports and converting nouns into verbs. In the afternoons we have reflected on important people in our lives and how we can be kind to everyone. We have put our dance routine together - it is coming along very well! In topic, we have located Iron Age hillforts on a map and thought about their significance. Finally, we have begun to research Stonehenge, including the physical, geographical and spiritual aspects.

Class 5

This week in English we have continued reading *The Arrival* and have been imagining what a migrant might experience and feel when entering a new country, and have begun writing journal extracts for the main character in the story. In maths we have been practising our reasoning skills and in science we developed our understanding of the process Darwin called 'natural selection' by modelling with different coloured pasta how bacteria can become resistant to antibiotics. In topic we mapped some of the routes the Sumerians used to trade their goods for luxury items like lapis lazuli, a precious stone we saw a lot of in the exhibits in the British Museum.

Stars of the Week

Nursery Naomi Griffiths taking a risk
Mya Oseman being positive

Class 1 Freddie Lane for being reflective
Lucas Rankin for a positive attitude

Class 2 Amber Thompson for taking pride in her work
Rudi Tambling for being independent

Class 3 Mali Robb for taking a risk
Isabella Lyndon for a positive attitude

Class 4 Emil Meager for being independent
Oliver Burton for a positive attitude

Class 5 Owen Boniface for a positive attitude
Anna Stephenson for a positive attitude

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

24th 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