

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 31st March 2017

Singing at the Herefordshire Festival

On Tuesday, the KS2 choir took part in the competitive class at Herefordshire Festival. The number of choirs this year was so big that we had to be split into two competitions. Each choir had to sing a set piece - *Lovely Evening* - which was a round and could be interpreted any which way. For our second piece we chose *Maliswe*, one of our favourite songs from Young Voices which had a tricky three-part harmony and had to be sung to a drum beat only. We were really proud of our efforts and, even though we didn't win, we received really positive feedback and have made winning notes ready for next year! Congratulations to our fellow cluster schools, Bosbury and Eastnor who took well-deserved first and second place. On Wednesday we returned to the stage in Hereford with our KS1 choir - this time in a non-competitive class - and sang all about how Noah built his ark and the conversation he had with God whilst doing it! Year 1 and 2 were brilliant! The judge came onto the stage to give us our feedback which was all positive. She commented on how difficult it is to be able to tell a story through song with so many words to it, but that she actually heard every word we sang and thought we were a very promising choir! We are looking forward to performing it again for the whole school during Monday's assembly.

Well done to all of the children involved and thanks to the parents and volunteers who helped in the logistics of the day and came to support.



Easter Service

Our Easter Service will take place next Thursday morning at 9am at St James' Church. Rather than dropping off at school, would all parents please drop off their children at the church from 8:45am. (Staff will walk up with any children who are booked into Breakfast Club.) Parents are invited to stay and join us for the Service, in which all classes will participate. We will then walk the children back to school after the service. The theme this year is Easter Traditions Around the World.

Open the Book on Mothering Sunday

Last Sunday, five volunteers from Year 6 staged an Open the Book-style drama as part of the Mothering Sunday service in St James' Church. They had prepared so well and performed brilliantly; their contribution was very much appreciated by everyone. Thank you so much Kiya, Lydia H, Adele, Lydia and Paige.



Dance at the Herefordshire Festival

On Monday, a group of Year 6 girls took part in a Dance Festival at The Courtyard Hereford. They have been practising the routine with their dance teacher, Zoe Garner. The children performed really well and worked very hard together, not only dancing but choreographing some aspects of the dance as well. The judge made very positive comments about the effort the girls put in. We were very proud to have them representing Cradley School. Thank you, Zoe, for all your hard work this term.



Clubs

Clubs are now finished for the term. Thank you to all the children who have taken part. A clubs letter for the Summer term will come out in the first week after Easter.

New Systems

We have received our training in the new MIS system at school and it was rolled out to the staff and school on Thursday. Through the new system we now have the opportunity to message not only the first, but also the second contact on the list. We will assume that it is to be both the mother and father of the child unless we hear otherwise from you. If your child is absent and you have not informed the school of the reason for the absence, you will also receive a text reminder to notify the school. This notification is a legal requirement.

Today, we are undertaking our training in the new online booking and payment system that will be introduced after Easter. **All hot 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. Free school meals and Universal Free School Meals (Years R, 1 and 2) will also need to be booked online but you will not be charged for these meals.

We will 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. Your login will work from the mobile that received the text notification.

If you are having any difficulties, we will have a computer and staff support available next Tuesday and Wednesday morning 8:45-9:30am in the entrance hall.

Year 3/4 Mixed Football Tournament

On Thursday the Year 3/4 team travelled to the cluster tournament at John Masefield. The team performed brilliantly, winning two matches and drawing five. They did not concede a goal in the whole tournament. The woodwork denied us in two games. A great team effort and spirit. The team were; Liam, Emil, Oscar, Oliver, William, Finn, Isabella, Bella, Amelia and Tilly W.



FOCS events

Coming up is the hugely popular Junk Modelling on Saturday 1st April with an Eggcellent 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.

Red Nose Day

Last Friday was a super Red Ted Day, when we had so many teddies dressed in red attending our lessons. Some were the size of our hands, while others were the size of a reception child! All in all, we collected £130, so a huge well done to all the generous people involved.

Wizard of Oz

Yesterday we welcomed some members of Cradley Village Players into collective worship. We were joined by a scarecrow, and Sadie in Year 6, in her red shoes, acted out a short scene. It was wonderful to see the rapt faces of the children as they watched. A very big well done to Sadie, who learned the words overnight. The scarecrow (Bill Chadney) then sang *If I only had a Brain*; this was followed by the whole school singing *We're off to see the Wizard*. Directed by Meg Monk - who was responsible for our hugely successful *Christmas Carol - The Wizard of Oz* is at 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.cradleyvillageplayers.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!





Nursery

Easter has arrived in nursery. Monday was a soggy one. We explored water, using plastic eggs to pour and sieve. The children also connected huge plastic tubes to create water shoots outside. This structure turned into a spaceship and castle. On Tuesday, forest school was a magical affair. A wizard had left his staff and some curious objects for us to examine - keys, bellows, a carpet beater and a duck with wellies on. We made up stories about them. The children made a necklace, carefully using a saw to cut out beads to thread onto wool with a needle. We were so proud of how well they listened to instructions to take part in this 'grown up' activity. The children really enjoyed watching their big friends perform at the dance festival. All classes did a fabulous job. On our return to nursery, our Tesco's delivery had arrived, so Lauren helped the children to do a little baking - Chocolate Cake! Finally, after Easter our Forest School Day will be moving to a Friday. Call to all parents who are free on this day: volunteers are needed! Just let a member of staff know.



Class 1

Money, money, money has been our maths focus this week in both year groups. Now they all know that the notes are worth more and that you can't buy much with a coin! Sorry! In RWI we have been revisiting speed sounds, preparing to read new books and reading around the subject of the RWI book, as well as looking at those alien words coming up in the phonics assessment. The three reads - one for accuracy, one for fluency and one for understanding - help us get to grips with the comprehension and make it much easier to answer questions when we are so familiar with the story. Next week we are looking forward to writing about all the things we have learned about the rainforests of the world, before moving

onto our summer term history topic. We have been practising our Easter songs and hope you can all join us at church on Thursday morning where we will be celebrating Easter from around the world.

Class 2

This week we have been working hard to practise our singing and dancing for two different events - The Herefordshire Festival and the school's Dance Festival. We have really enjoyed singing our song about Noah's Ark, and it has been great to learn a new dance in Superstars. Everyone has been showing that they are able to perform the dance without too much help from adults, and it is lovely to see this level of independence and confidence. In our English lessons we are writing traditional tales and in maths we have been solving word problems.

Class 3

Class 3 have been working hard on their end-of-term assessments in maths, reading and SPAG. Out of the classroom, we walked around Buryfields for our pedestrian training. We have been practising for our Easter service presentation and have been sharing some of our home learning projects, which are linked to our Mountains topic. They are amazing! We have been polishing our class dance ready for the performance this morning. As part of our work on developing positive relationships, in PSHE we have been identifying feelings, recognising what triggers those feelings and exploring how we can communicate them with our friends.

Class 4

This week Class 4 have been reflecting on their time at Forest School, and planning a non-chronological report comparing Forest School with learning in the classroom. We revised our Maths knowledge ready for the tests that enabled us to show off how much we know. We have also designed a poster to encourage people to visit British Camp - the Iron Age Hillfort - finished our programming on the iPads, where we created animations to help people to be kind and considerate to each other, and we perfected our dance and performed this to the school this morning.

Class 5

This week we have begun in earnest our revision for the reading, maths and grammar SATS, with a few 'breather' sessions for PE, Dance and music!

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

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

MAY	REVERENCE
1 st	Bank Holiday
2 nd	John Masfield Open Morning
3 rd	Class 3 Collective Worship: Parents Welcome KS1 Dance Festival @ JMHS
5 th	Yr 3/4 Tennis @ JMHS
8 th	SATS Week Malvern Show Build Up
11 th -14 th	Malvern Spring Show
23 rd	Sports Day
25 th	Class 4 Bellboating trip
26 th	Break up

JUNE	WISDOM
5 th	Start of Term Rounders Tournament @ JMHS
6 th	Cricket Tournament pm
8 th	JMHS Information Evening for Yr 5 pupils
9 th	KS1 Summer Festival @ JMHS
12 th	Start of Workshops @ JMHS
13 th	KS2 Golf @ JMHS
14 th	Janden Trophy Athletics @ JMHS
15 th	Girls Cricket Tournament
16 th	Rounders Tournament @ Dysons
20 th	Lifepath for KS2
21 st	Class 2 Collective Worship 8:55am Parents Welcome
22 nd	JMHS Info Evening for Year 6 Parents
29 th	Bellboating Regatta
30 th	Yr5 Taster Day @ JMHS