

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 7th April 2017

Dance Festival

Last Friday, we were treated to a wonderful series of dances that the children had been learning as part of their PE curriculum. Each class showcased a different dance or style. Class 1 treated us to a dance based on the frogs we had read about in our Big Write Week. Class 2 travelled to India and entertained us with Bollywood-style moves. Class 3 evoked the plains of South Africa. Class 4 children danced a Brazilian Samba and the Year 6 children split into two: the girls showed us the dance they'd performed at the Herefordshire Festival, while the boys challenged us with their version of the Maori Haka.



Water Bottles

Children are expected to have a water bottle with them every day. Please ensure that your child has a bottle and that it is clearly labelled with their name. This is especially important as the weather gets warmer.

Easter Service

Many thanks to everyone who came along to the Easter Service on yesterday. It was really fascinating to learn about Easter traditions from around the world. Message off Mrs Copp: What a lovely start to Easter. The children sang and danced, acted and played musical instruments what more could one wish for. Rev. Ward, our Churchwarden Anne and myself were wondering whether we could introduce dance into our Easter services of celebration how exciting that would be. Thank you children and staff for such a good service giving us so many sensory experiences and enjoyment. A short reminder we are having donkeys in the school playground for our Palm Sunday service, we gather there and walk to church. Do join us if you feel able to do so.

On behalf of the Governors we hope you have a good Easter with warm weather. I wish!

Eryl Copp

DONKEY PROCESSION from Cradley School gates to Cradley Church this Sunday, Palm Sunday, leaving at 10 a.m. Everyone welcome!



Online Bookings

Please remember that after the holidays you will need to book all lunches, Breakfast Club and After School Club online. We will not be accepting booking via home liaison books, telephone or in person unless in an absolute emergency. Bookings will close at midnight of the day before. You will not just be able to turn up to Breakfast Club or After School Club. Thank you.

FOCS Easter Egg Colouring Competition

Well done to everyone who entered the colouring competition with their 'eggcellent' designs, raising £58 for the school. A huge thank you goes to Morrisons, Poundland, Tesco Express, Sainsbury's, Marks & Spencer, Premier Stores and Janice (the manager at One Stop on Poolbrook Road, who donated five eggs out of her own money), who very generously donated all the prizes.

FOCS

Please have a sort-out over the Easter Holiday as we are having a Rags-to-Riches collection shortly. Bags will be given out next term. The FOCS tuck shop will start after Easter on Fridays at 3pm in the Meet and Greet garden.

Thanks to all the children who came to the Junk Modelling; you raised £115.

A great time was had by all at the FOCS Wine Tasting which raised £250 towards the Adventure Playground.

Finally, Easyfundraising has raised £81 in the last quarter.

Thanks to everyone who has been involved.

Gardening Club

On Monday, Gardening Club went to the John Richards Nursery to find out how plants are propagated there. The nursery is sponsoring our garden for the Malvern Show by providing us with plants such as honeysuckles and clematis. We were given a tour around the site and saw plants at all stages of growth - from tiny cuttings to those ready for sale. It was interesting listening to Naomi and Paul talk about the plants and seeing how they are grown on a large scale.



Wizard of Oz

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.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!

Nursery

We've had an Eggstravaganza of Easter delights this week. On Monday, it was Rainbow Day so we did a little magic and explored how we can make new colours if we mix them together. The children used the colours to paint a massive rainbow. Our forest school session was a celebration of how well the children have got on learning all the forest-school rules. They helped to lay a fire and we toasted marshmallows and drank hot chocolate. In the afternoon, we used grown-up spades to dig up earth. We are hoping to fill up tyres as a base for a willow den. On Wednesday, the children enjoyed an egg-themed assault course. Balance and coordination was magnificent, but we needed hot cross buns after all the exertion. We had a little lamb in Nursery, too. The children sat beautifully and all had a stroke! Thanks to Jack's mum for bringing it in. The children have been enjoying the sunshine, so we have taken the opportunity to play on the field. Our favourite thing to do is sing 'Grand Old Duke of York', as we run up and down the hill. We would like to take this opportunity to say 'all the best' to a highly skilled, motivated and lovely member of staff. Naomi has decided that she won't be returning after the birth of her little man. We send lots of love, Naomi, on your new adventure!



Class 1

It's all about Easter this week. We have been busy counting Easter bunnies in maths - in German! We've had fun walking to church with our Year 6 buddies and working together with the whole school to learn all the Easter songs and all the words we needed to make our performance a success. What great team work we have shown, especially in a week where we are all so tired and ready for a holiday. Well done to all the children who have worked so hard this term. We hope you all have a lovely restful Easter break and come back fit and healthy for the summer term, when our history topic will take us to the streets of London where there is going to be a very big fire!



Class 2

Class 2 have been finding out all about 3-D shapes this week. We have been learning about faces, vertices and edges and have also been making 3-D shaped Easter bunnies. We have also had to work hard on our performance for the Easter Service which has involved lighting lots of electric candles. It has been interesting to find out all about how Easter is celebrated in Greece.

Class 3

Last Friday afternoon, Class Three was visited by language leaders from John Masefield High School. We worked in two groups, one learning about the Dutch language and the other Italian. We learned how to say hello to each other and learnt some keywords around sport and pizza! We have spent the week practising our handbell ringing with Bell plates ready for the Easter service. We all had to concentrate really hard to make sure that we rang our bell at just the right time! We have been celebrating Easter, making Easter cards, treat boxes and solving Easter themed maths problems. We are all now ready for a well-earned break before we start preparing for our Class Collective Worship at the beginning of next term.

Class 4

What a wonderful final week of term in the sunshine! Class 4 have worked hard on their dance for the Easter Service which we thoroughly enjoyed performing in church yesterday. We have completed Easter word problems in Maths, embedding some of the skills we have learned this term - particularly fractions and decimals. We have researched a Stone Age village - Skara Brae - creating and delivering news reports about its discovery. We have also written a non-chronological report about Forest School, and learned different grammatical terminology. Now all the children deserve a refreshing break!

Class 5

We have continued working hard on our revision for SATs this week and enjoyed preparing our contribution to yesterday's Easter Service. Everyone has worked extremely hard throughout this long term. They deserve a well-earned break, and we look forward to welcoming in the new term, rested and refreshed!

Value of the Month

TRUST Psalm 56:3

When I am afraid I put my trust in you.

Chosen by Miss Morgan (Cleaner in charge).

Stars of the Week

- Nursery** Lois Mackay for being independent
Imogen Haycock for a positive attitude
- Class 1** Chloe Bagnall for co-operation
Stanley Bentley-Price for persistence in his work
- Class 2** Teyha Stanley for independence
Jacob Robertson for a positive attitude to his work
- Class 3** Sapphire Dakers for persistence in her work
Amelia Alcott for being brave and taking a risk
- Class 4** Ray Hughes for having a positive attitude
Henry Flanagan for persistence in his work
- Class 5** Lydia Hemming for a positive attitude to her work
George Knowles for his positive attitude to his work

APRIL

TRUST

17th onwards Cradley Players perform "The Wizard of Oz"
in the school hall
24th Start of Term

MAY

REVERENCE

1st Bank Holiday
2nd John Masfield Open Morning
3rd Class 3 Collective Worship: Parents Welcome
KS1 Dance Festival @ JMHS
5th Yr 3/4 Tennis @ JMHS
8th SATS Week
Malvern Show Build Up
11th-14th Malvern Spring Show
20th FOCS Family Skittles Night @ The Legion
23rd Sports Day
24th FOCS Rags to Riches Collection
25th Class 4 Bellboating trip
26th Break up

JUNE

WISDOM

5th Start of Term
Rounders Tournament @ JMHS
6th Cricket Tournament pm
8th JMHS Information Evening for Yr 5 pupils
9th KS1 Summer Festival @ JMHS
12th Start of Workshops @ JMHS
13th KS2 Golf @ JMHS
14th Janden Trophy Athletics @ JMHS
15th Girls Cricket Tournament
16th Rounders Tournament @ Dysons
17th FOCS Family Camping
20th Lifepath for KS2
21st Class 2 Collective Worship 8:55am Parents Welcome
22nd JMHS Info Evening for Year 6 Parents
24th FOCS Fashion Show/Clothes Sale
29th Bellboating Regatta
30th Yr5 Taster Day @ JMHS

Dates for the Future