

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 26th May 2017

TAG Rugby Festival

Last Friday, two teams travelled from Cradley to take part in the Ledbury Rugby Club Tag Rugby Festival, sponsored by Westons. The tournament was split into two parallel competitions, with the A and B teams on opposite sides of the draw. After a series of morning matches, the teams were cascaded into afternoon groups of similar ability. The B team was placed in a tough afternoon group that included many first teams after their excellent earlier performances. They fought hard all afternoon, producing some excellent tries and a great team performance.

The A team had a slightly tougher morning, placing us in the group contesting the Trophy in the afternoon. In the three matches, the team suddenly found their form, with a raft of tries from Owen, Archie, Fin and Max K. This culminated in the team winning the Trophy division. A great performance!

The A team were: Owen, Archie, Maksim, Fin, Max, George, Emily, Lily and Ruby.

The B team were: Bradley, Henry F, Henry A, Ben, Lorenzo, Logan, Seb, Libby, Scarlett and Lydia T.

A special thank you to Bruce and Charlotte Allcock (Archie's parents) who organise the tournament on behalf of Ledbury Rugby Club. It really is a fantastic day out.

Suntan lotion and Water bottles

When good weather is forecast, please can sun-cream lotion be applied before school. Older children can bring their own to put on during the day. A cap is also essential, as we do like to take advantage of our outside areas. Children are expected to have a water bottle - clearly labelled - with them every day.

Sports Day

What a morning of fantastic challenge, competition and support. The children ran, jumped and threw for all their worth to earn points for their houses. At the end, Shaw ran out the winners of the Savory Shield. A big thank you to all the parents who came to support the keen competitors. Thank you, also, to all the staff for making the day run so smoothly and to Miss Guy for organising the event. I must also mention some people who I forgot to thank on the day. So a belated 'well done' goes to the Sports Crew - Archie, Ruby, Aidan and Lydia T - who were responsible for setting up each of the events and collecting all the sacks and skipping ropes at the end of each race and then running them back to the start. They must have covered miles!





FOCS update

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the skittles evening. The winners were John and Ben Richards who won a bowling voucher for MFA Hereford. We raised just over £100. A big thank you goes to Sam Bagnall for organising and Katrina for use of the Legion. The Glamping Raffle draw also took place and was won by Karen Robb.

Also thank you to everyone who had a good sort out at home and brought in their Rags 2 Riches bags on Wednesday, which raised £144 for FOCS.

The next events are the Family Camping on 17th June and the Clothes Sales/Fashion Show on 24th June. Letters for these have now gone out, so please complete the slips and return to school should you wish to come.

Many thanks for your support, from all at FOCS

Nursery

The weather has been super this week and nursery has taken advantage of the fabulous weather. We've had a splashing time exploring water and making memories in the paddling pools. The children have been taking risks and co-operating as they cover themselves with water. We were very proud of all the children who took part in Sports Day. They were incredibly brave to run in front of all those people, and being quiet for the minute silence, too - well done Nursery. Andres has been back in to teach P.E. We played a sort of tag game where the 'sharks' had to catch our fishy tails. Huge thank you to him as the children love all the games. Carrying on our 'Where We Live' theme, we had a go at painting our own stained-glass windows, and had a look at all the different houses from around the world. Thanks to the families that sent in photos for this - they really sparked lots of conversations. Next half term we are heading to the jungle as the children have been enjoying the book, *Dear Zoo*. Expect lots of adventures again when we return after the break.



Class 1

We have made the most of the lovely warm weather this week by taking our learning outside with Reception, and counting daisies in twos for maths. We have been making repeating patterns in the outdoor area with objects big and small, and completing our football skills sessions with Paul Hughes. In science we went to Forest School to study plants and looked at how they are structured and which particular plants are growing this season. We have talked about the importance of wearing hats and sun cream in hot weather and what happens if we don't protect ourselves from the sun. We are looking forward to learning more about *The Great Fire of London* next half term!



Class 2

Class 2 went pond dipping this week. We all looked at the pond and spotted some blue dragonflies darting among the plants above the water. There were also pond skaters and water boatmen visible at the surface. We dipped nets into the water and looked at the creatures in white trays to make them easier to see. Our best find was a large dragonfly nymph which everyone enjoyed sketching and identifying using our ID sheets. We looked at different habitats at Forest School and in the garden and found lots of different creatures there, too.

Class 3

This week in our topic work and writing we have been thinking about the May Blitz which took place in Liverpool in 1941. We recognised that it must have been cramped and frightening for the children in the Anderson Shelters, waiting for the All Clear and wondering what they would find when they emerged. In maths we have been studying 3D shapes and parallel, horizontal and perpendicular lines. In RE we have been thinking about Pentecost, making windmills and candles, which are the symbols of the event.

Class 4

This week the children in Class 4 have written their own version of the story, *FaRtHER* and thought about how to edit and improve it. In maths we have practised our mental-maths skills and reflected on our learning in Maths so far this year. In the afternoons we have developed our throwing skills in athletics and our hand-eye coordination in tennis. We have debated whether the famous Scot, William Wallace, is a villain or a hero in History and, in RE, thought about why people still believe in God when bad things happen. It's been a busy end to the half term - not to mention our fantastic determination in Sports Day on Tuesday and our paddle down the River Severn today.

Class 5

This week we've had fun exploring maths in art and nature, using fractals, tessellations and transformations! In English, our descriptive writing has been based upon the animated film, *El Caminante*, which describes the arrival into a Spanish town of a tightrope walker who thrills the crowds by crossing a gorge on a tightrope. In topic we began designing our earthquake-proof structures and in science we learned about the function of blood cells and how our blood is transported around the body. All this together with Sports Day, play rehearsals and a fantastic day bell-boating on the river today!

Value of the Month

REVERENCE Hebrews 12:28

Let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.
Chosen by the Teaching staff

Stars of the Week

Nursery Lois Mackay for being positive
Harry Pursar for being positive

All the school children for their great efforts in Sports Day.

Special mention: Sports Crew, you were Superstars!!

Dates for the Future

JUNE

WISDOM

5 th	Start of Term Rounders Tournament 1-3pm @ 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
17 th	FOCS Family Camping
20 th	Lifepath for KS2
21 st	Class 2 Collective Worship 8:55am Parents Welcome
22 nd	JMHS Info Evening for Year 6 Parents
23 rd	Crucial Crew for Year 6 @ Leominster
24 th	FOCS Fashion Show/Clothes Sale
26 th	Class 3 Trip to the Severn Valley Railway
29 th	Bellboating Regatta
30 th	Yr5 Taster Day @ JMHS

JULY

CREATION

6 th	Pass Up Day
7 th	Play Dress rehearsal
10 th	Play to school pm
11 th	Play 6pm
12 th	Play 6pm
13 th	Nursery Leavers Ceremony Teddy Bears Picnic
14 th	Film Premiere Year 6 @ Hereford Odeon FOCS Summer Fete
17 th	School hike
19 th	Leavers Rounders
20 th	Break up