

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 30th June 2017

Class 3 Evacuated

On Monday, Class 3 visited the SVR at Kidderminster for a 'Through the Eyes of Child' experience, which included being evacuated on a steam train. We visited several exhibits, including inside a 1940s home, the local grocers shop, air-raid shelters, the ARP headquarters, the home guard and a 1930s bus - which gave us a very bumpy ride! At each exhibit we were met by staff, dressed in character, who gave us lots of information and a first-hand experience of what life was like for children. After lunch we boarded the train wearing our labels and carrying our identity cards. On the train we were entertained by the staff, including a war time sing-along. At Arley station, which was used in the film *Goodnight, Mr Tom*, we watched a fire-fighting display using a stirrup pump. We travelled back to Kidderminster where we met our coach. The children were exhausted; it was a very quiet journey back to school!



Music Lessons

Playing a musical instrument is a great way to develop creativity, self-discipline and responsibility. We currently have the opportunity for your child to learn to play a range of musical instruments, including violin, ukulele, flute, saxophone, recorder, drums, piano or guitar. If your child is interested in lessons, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can put you in touch with the appropriate teacher. Mrs Jones

After School Clubs

All clubs will finish next Friday, 7th July.

Non-uniform day

Non-uniform day is 12th July. In return for ditching school uniform for the day, children should bring a bottle to contribute to the school fayre which is on Friday 14th July.

Bellboating Regatta

Class 4 and 5 had a wonderful day at the bell-boating regatta yesterday. Full details will follow in next week's newsletter.

Pirates of the Curry Bean

A letter has already gone out for the KS2 production of *Pirates of the Curry Bean*, explaining how to get tickets for this fun high-seas adventure.

Adventure Playground

The playground is finished and is in the process of being signed off. Once that has happened then, with the children, we will set the rules for its use and create a daily rota. At no point is the adventure playground to be used outside of school hours.



Workshops at John Masefield

Over the last two weeks a number of children in Years 3 and 4 have visited John Masefield High School to take part in a variety of workshops. Last week, the children took part in a DT workshop; they used all the tools in the workroom and created their own planters. Thank you to John Masefield for providing the children with these wonderful opportunities.



Grand Fete

There will be a Grand Fete on Saturday 1st July between 2pm-5pm at Sherridge, Sherridge Road, Leigh Sinton. Activities will include children's sports, tug of war, archery, limited item auction and much more.

SuperStars

SuperStars and Sammy the Star are coming back to school over the Summer holidays to run their exciting Multi-Sports Holiday courses. They are suitable for all children aged 4-11 and run from 8.45-15.30 daily. (Mini Stars: 4-year-olds finish at 13:00; SuperStars: aged 5+ finish at 15:30.) To check dates and availability, please get in touch with SuperStars directly via their website <https://bookings.super-stars.org.uk/> or call Hannah on 0845 2413 682".

Nursery

We were very busy on Monday! Our 'froglets' have grown so big that it's time for them to go back to their pond. It's been a special experience to watch them grow. The pasta maker was a big hit on

the play dough table; there was lots of beautiful role-playing while strengthening little hands, too. We have been trying new fruit and veg at snack and talking about healthy eating. Melon was our favourite. On Tuesday, pre-school children borrowed a phonics game from Mrs Robb that really got them thinking. The nursery children showed off their story-telling skills. We also decorated our own bunting to surprise the wonderful story lady, Carol. It was her last session on Tuesday afternoon, and we will miss lying in the sunshine as we are transported to storyland with the story owl. Before Wednesday's P.E. session, our pre-school children attempted to get themselves changed. Well done for helping each other. We giggled as we moved our bodies to music in different ways, pretending to be animals. On Friday, forest school was shifted to the afternoon because the pre-school children had their last transition session. Forest school was noisy; we practised our hammering skills. Bang! Bang! Bang!

Class 1

In phonics this week we have been looking carefully at choosing the correct graphemes to use when we spell. By reading the words lots of times to our partners, this has helped us to remember which sound to use in our writing. In maths, the Year 1s have been using their greater knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes to describe a shape to Reception for them to guess, and we have been looking at shapes all around us and giving them 2D and 3D names. In PE we are in our final week of agility and it's our last chance to save the fairies trapped in the globes with RINGO. We have enjoyed our Key Stage 1 song practice this week as Key stage 2 start their song practice for the Year 6 play and have been concentrating on when to come in and stop singing by watching the conductor carefully.



Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have been acting out the story of *The Baker's Shop*. The children helped the baker make an imaginary cake which we took to the palace to celebrate the King's birthday. Unfortunately the King had terrible toothache and had to be given instructions on how to clean his teeth properly! One member of Class 2 had brought in a brilliant cake shaped like a crown as part of homework, so we were able to use it as part of our role play and enjoyed some real cake with the king.

Class 3

This week in maths we have been scaling up and down using doubling and halving and solving problems. In English we have been writing informal letters in character as an evacuee. We had a great tennis-coaching session on Monday. Year 3 had lots of fun in forest school, making flags and doing observational drawings, while the Year 4s wrote poems about what God is like. Yesterday we had a wonderful

ride on the SVR when we dressed in 1940s costume and experienced what it was like to be evacuated.

Class 4

This week in Class 4 we have been studying personification and applying it to poems about natural events. In Maths we have been practising our use of the 24-hour clock and solving problems involving time. In cricket we worked on our forward drive, and in topic we have been investigating a cool place in the world that we would like to visit.

Class 5

This week we have had great fun finishing off our D&T project, testing and evaluating our earthquake-proof buildings by seeing how they stood up to weight and 'tremor' tests. None of them collapsed, which is indicative of how well we reinforced the structures! We have tried on some of our costumes for the play and continued to work hard on rehearsals. We have also been speaking and writing about ourselves in French. Thursday was another really exciting day competing in the bell-boating regatta on the River Severn!

Value of the Month

WISDOM

How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver!

Proverbs 16:16

Chosen by Mrs Knowles, Mother.

Stars of the Week

Nursery TJ Malloy for taking pride

Salina Kordys-Rudule for being positive

Tessa Unwin for working co-operatively

Class 1 Jakey Vine for being independent

Luke Richards for being reflective

Class 2 Isabella Kildare for being independent

Leila Meage for excellent reasoning

Class 3 Rupert Robert for taking care and showing good manners

Darcey Rocca for having a positive attitude

Class 4 Ceri Smith and Tilly Wilson for showing a positive attitude

Class 5 Archie Allcock for his work in DT

Libby Kite for great work in RE

Dates for the Future

JULY

CREATION

- 4th Digital Leader's Conference
- 5th Summer Games @ Hereford Leisure Centre
- 6th Pass Up Day
- 7th Play Dress rehearsal
- 10th Reports out to Parents
- Yr6 Film Premiere in Hereford
- 11th Play to school am
- Play 6pm
- 12th Play 6pm
- 13th Nursery Leavers Ceremony
- Teddy Bears Picnic
- 14th FOCS Summer Fete
- 17th School hike
- 18th Yr6 @ Cradley Church
- 19th Leavers Rounders
- 20th Break up