

# CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## Class 5 Collective Worship

On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome parents into collective worship to enjoy Class 5's contribution. We really enjoyed telling the story of Shackleton through our letters, journal extracts and stories, and acting out some of the key moments in the expedition



## Multicultural Week

Monday sees the start of Multicultural week at Cradley School. On Tuesday we will be taking part in a Chinese Dragon dance workshop and on Friday we have a storyteller coming to work with each class on stories from around the world. Each class will be looking at artists from home and overseas and will then complete a piece of artwork for the corridor display.

## Student Teachers

This week, we have welcomed Miss Lucy Thomas and Mr Tom Dalton into school. They will be joining us for the next few weeks. Miss Thomas will be working in Class 4 and Mr Dalton in Class 1.



## Dance Festival

Year three and four attended a dance festival at Dyson Perrins High School on Monday morning. We learned and performed three different dances, Bollywood, street and cheerleading. The sessions were led by Dance in Motion who were assisted by pupils from the High school. It was great fun!



## School Car Park

Please may I draw your attention to the fact that the school car park is not for the use of parents at any time. This includes before and after school.

## Yr 4-6 Football Club

There will be no football club next Tuesday as there are matches at Bosbury.

### Parents Evening

You should all have received letters for Parents Evenings on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of February. Please return them by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

### LEDBURY SWIFTS F.C- PLAYERS WANTED

Ledbury Swifts have recently started a girls' Under-9s team. However, we're still looking to recruit more players. If your daughter is in Year 3 or 4 at school and would like to give football a try, we'd love to hear from you. Training takes place, term time, on Tuesday evenings ( 5.30-6.30pm) at JMHS on the Astro pitch and in the Sports hall. Matches are played on a Sunday at 10am with both home and away fixtures, as part of the Herefordshire Girls Junior League.

If you're interested in finding out more, please either pop along to our training session and ask for Wayne Fletcher (Under 9s Coach) or email Rachel Potter [swiftsfcsecretary@live.com](mailto:swiftsfcsecretary@live.com) or ring 07703 393039 for further information.

### Nursery

The book *Aliens Love Underpants* has been a huge hit this week. We have been decorating our own pants and painting our own aliens - sometimes at the same time! Visitors to the school kept walking in when we had pants on our heads; we needed them on our heads when we counted - of course! The children also made their very own puff powered rockets which could zoom around the room. Pictures of the planets were used to measure how far they flew. Our other main activity that got us all excited was threading. It started with beads and then we couldn't supply pasta fast enough to make necklaces for loved ones. This activity organically moved on to a speed race, seeing how quickly we could thread pasta on a long piece of spaghetti; competition was fierce. Next week we might be exploring different painting techniques to create more aliens and planet landscapes. Aprons at the ready folks!



### Class 1

This week in Reception phonics the children have been writing sentences, based on a Read, Write, Inc text that they have read in class and in maths we have been looking at one and two more on the number line and in practical activities. We've had fun painting our stormy seascapes, mixing colours, blotting and using salt to add texture and pattern to our watercolour paintings. In PE we have all been pretending to be tightrope walkers in a circus, practising our balance and giving ourselves challenges to make it harder to balance on the benches. We have welcomed Mr Dalton, student teacher, into

Class 1 on his visits this week. We look forward to working with him over the next seven weeks, co-planning and co-teaching both year groups in Class 1. He will be attending Parents' Evening so that Class 1 parents can meet him too. We are very excited about multi-cultural week. We have some very interesting activities planned!

### Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have been finding out about the history of Cradley School. We learned that there used to be a boys' school at the Village Hall. Later, a girls and infants' school was set up, then in 1909 the two schools were amalgamated. It was interesting to find out about hop holidays and blackberry holidays. We also found out that evacuees and their teachers came to Cradley School during World War 2. Many members of class liked the idea of swimming in the outdoor pool that was built in the 1970s!

### Class 3

This week class three have started work on newspaper report writing with Mrs Jones, and with Mrs Gleaves they have been studying a selection of poems by Robert Louis Stevenson. In Maths we have been solving addition problems using the compact method and we have been weighing using grams and kilograms. To keep us fit and active we have been swimming and playing dodgeball in PE, and in French we have been learning about big and small. Replies to our Flat Stanley letters have started to arrive. He has travelled to Sweden, Scotland and the Netherlands. He has told us how the Netherlands is very Flat, one of the largest agricultural produce suppliers and how bikes are parked in multistorey bike parks holding 12,500 bikes!



#### **Class 4**

This week, Class 4 have been very persuasive in English! We have practised a variety of grammar skills and finished the week by applying these to a persuasive letter about caring for the environment. In Maths we have been challenged to complete written multiplication and apply our knowledge to real-life problems then use the inverse to check our answers. We have started our Geography focus in the afternoon by researching and then presenting information about different biomes of the world. In PE we have played hockey, developing dribbling skills, and in Art we have begun our landscape topic looking at David Hockney's artwork.

#### **Class 5**

The focus of our attention this week has been preparing and presenting our assembly on 'Endurance'. Afterwards we constructed a life-size outline of the lifeboat 'James Caird', scaling up a drawing, and imagined ourselves in the boat. We also thought about what modern Antarctic explorers would take with them on an expedition. It was a really satisfying end to this literacy topic. In maths we have been working on scale, linking it to our topic.



#### **Value of the Month**

##### **Endurance**

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

##### **Philippians 4:13**

Chosen by Miss Guy

#### **Stars of the Week**

**Nursery:** Isla Blakeman for working co-operatively  
Hayden Jeffries for being positive

**Class 1:** Noah-Jai Griffiths for being proud and independent  
Hugo Seldon for co-operation

**Class 2:** Riley Conlon for taking pride in his work  
Ava Oseman for being independent

**Class 3:** Rupert Roberts for being persistent  
Edward Francis for being brave

**Class 4:** Bella Hughes for taking pride in her work  
Amelia Alcott for taking a risk

**Class 5:** All of Year Six for their positive attitude to their collective worship

#### **Dates for the Future**

##### **JANUARY**

##### **ENDURANCE**

26<sup>th</sup> After School Club Film Night  
29<sup>th</sup> Multi-Cultural Week  
30<sup>th</sup> Football matches @ Bosbury  
31<sup>st</sup> Trudge Cross Country competition @ JMHS

##### **FEBRUARY**

##### **RESPECT**

2<sup>nd</sup> FOCS Disco  
13<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 15:30-17:30  
14<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 17:30-19:30  
16<sup>th</sup> Break up  
26<sup>th</sup> Return to School  
Children's Bookshelf Book sale

##### **MARCH**

##### **FOREGIVENESS**

1<sup>st</sup> World Book Day  
6<sup>th</sup> Football Matches @ Bosbury  
7<sup>th</sup> Class 1 Collective Worship - parents welcome  
8<sup>th</sup> Yr 3/4 tennis @ JMHS  
16<sup>th</sup> Pyramid Football and Netball Tournament  
20<sup>th</sup> Last swimming session  
22<sup>nd</sup> Yr 1/2 mixed football @ JMHS 4pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> Clubs Finish  
27<sup>th</sup> Easter Service @ Church 9am  
28<sup>th</sup> Yr 3/4 mixed football @ JMHS 4pm  
29<sup>th</sup> Break up