

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 9th March 2018

Tragic Loss

As many of you will already be aware, there was a fatal crash on Monday morning on the A4103 at its junction with the school road. The victim, Macca (Tom), was an ex-pupil of this school. Many of us had the privilege of teaching this wonderful young man and we are heartbroken at this tragic loss of life. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Simon, Kay, Josh and Ollie at this very difficult time. A just giving page has been set up to support the family at this time, www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/clare-merrett?utm_id=106&utm_term=JbEr36dG8

Class 1 Collective Worship

On Wednesday morning, Class 1 invited their parents and grandparents to take part in their Class Collective Worship. The assembly was based on the value of the month - Forgiveness. The previous week, the whole school had read *The Highway Rat* for Big Write week and Class 1 explored the meaning of forgiveness through this story. Together we wrote a sequel telling how all the animals in the story could show forgiveness to the Highway Rat once he had seen the error of his ways. We talked about how to forgive someone and how to show how truly sorry you are for making bad choices and ways in which you could make it right again. We ended with a reflection prayer on the meaning of forgiveness. I think we all learned a lot and we hope we have taught others how to forgive too. The children then spent some time in their classroom looking at their books with their family and showing them their favourite things in Class 1. They are all stars of the week this week!



Parent Governor Elections

Thank you for all people who voted we counted over 160 votes. We are delighted to announce that Anne-Marie Rocca and Mike Unwin have been elected.

Shire Services

Shire Services, our school meals provider, is undertaking a customer satisfaction survey. Parents of children who have hot lunches are invited to take part in the survey. The link is as follows: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/shireservicesparents2018>
The survey is open till the end of March.

Nursery

This week has been all about mums. We have been super busy and creative making cards and gifts for our special mummies. The children have loved having a rice sensory tray out all week so they can scoop, and build towers to pour it down. The weather has been keeping us on our toes. The children went out to explore the slush on Monday, jumping in the puddles. Then we have been looking at shadows and using chalk to draw round them on Tuesday. A mum brought in the story book, *The Robot with No Bottom*, and we have been enjoying it all week. The children even made robots from playdough. With spring on the horizon, we have been exploring growing. The ladies even acted out 'Jack and the Beanstalk' to much giggling. We learnt about what seeds need to grow at the same time. Our new, groovy, counting-to-twenty song, and our rhyming song about an elephant sitting on us, are proving lots of fun. Next week we will be following the school in celebrating history week. We will be heading to the Stone Age and be cavemen for the week. Dinosaurs are on hold until next term so we have lots of weeks to enjoy them!



Class 1

In phonics we have been continuing with set 2 sounds and our Read, Write, Inc texts. In maths we have been looking at 3D shapes in the environment with Reception and looking at weights and measures in Year 1. We have spent the first half of the week in the afternoons preparing for our Class 1 assembly and exploring the meaning of forgiveness. In science, Mr Dalton has been teaching us all about adaptation and habitats and in REAL PE we had REAL cakes to celebrate *The Highway Rat* changing his ways and saying sorry by giving everyone a cake from the cake shop, where he now sweeps

the floor instead of stealing things from all the animals on the highway!

We hope you like what we have planned to give you on Sunday!
Happy Mother's Day.



Class 2

For our topic this week, Class 2 learned about Elgar. Some children told us about the homework they'd completed about a local musician or composer, and then we listened to some of Elgar's music. We thought about how it made us feel, what instruments were being played and whether we liked the music. We also began to find out about the Enigma Variations; we will carry on with this theme next week, as well as learn more about different instruments in the orchestra.

Class 3

This week, Class 3 has started a literacy unit based on Jonathon Swift's story, *Gulliver's Travels*. We have written different kinds of sentences, including those with adverbial phrases and subordinate clauses. We have made a persuasive poster encouraging people to come and see the giant! In maths we have been solving problems using multiplication and division. The Year 4s have learned to use the 'bus stop' method. With Mrs Gleaves we have been using coordinates. In our Germany topic this week we have made posters and maps of the main features - and have even made mini Black Forest Gateaux: a German delicacy!



Class 4

This week, in Class 4, we have begun to look at newspaper reports in English, exploring the impact bias has on the content of a report. We have created some very interesting articles on an elderly woman being branded a 'cunning criminal' for cutting down a tree! In Maths we have developed our abilities to find fractions and percentages of different amounts. The whole class was very excited when they found out this would involve using skittles! In RE we have been exploring what different religions teach about right and wrong, focusing on Islam and highlighting its similarities with Christianity. Finally, in Geography, we have continued to investigate what the school does to be an eco-friendly place and have developed some points for improvement to make the school even greener!

Class 5

This week in English we have begun reading 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo which links to our topic 'Into the Unknown'. We have continued exploring through drama the wartime experiences of fictional character Archie Dobson in preparation for making a class scrapbook on WW1. In science, we learned about the muscles and the impact of exercise on our bodies. In maths we found out how to find the value of any term in a sequence by finding a formula, and revised how to order a set of fractions, decimals and percentages. In RE we explored the Christian concept of God's covenant with the people of God.

Value of the Month

Colossians 3:13

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Chosen by Adam Jones, Class 2.

Stars of the Week

Nursery Thomas Blewett for being independent
Neve Philpotts for being positive

Class 1 The whole of Class 1

Class 2 Conor Mackay for being positive
Freddie Lane for being positive

Class 3 Jack Wilson for being independent
Bryn Richards for his positive attitude

Class 4 Oliver, Abi, Henry and Max for working co-operatively

Class 5 Rebecca Francis for being independent

Dates for the Future

MARCH

FOREGIVENESS

- 14th Science Workshop Year 5 @ RGS
- 20th Last swimming session
Choir @ Herefordshire Festival
Swimming Gala @ Malvern College
- 21st Police visiting Nursery
Yr 5 Maths Competition @ JMHS
- 22nd Yr 1/2 mixed football @ JMHS 4pm
- 23rd Clubs Finish
- 27th Easter Service @ Church 9am
Football matches @ Bosbury
- 28th Yr 3/4 mixed football @ JMHS 4pm
Class 4 trip to recycle centre
- 29th Break up

APRIL

RESPONSIBILITY

- 16th Term starts
- 18th Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Evening for Parents
@18:30
- 24th Football matches @ Bosbury
- 27th Football and Netball tournament @ Ledbury

MAY

CO-OPERATION

- 1st Library Van visits school
- 2nd Class 3 lead Collective Worship. Parents welcome
- 7th Bank Holiday
- 8th Tennis Yr 3/4 @ JMHS
- 11th Yr 1 hearing screening
- 14th SATs Week
- 22nd Sport's Day
- 23rd Class and Team photos
- 25th TAG Rugby Tournament @ Ledbury RFC
Break up