

# CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

## Funeral

The funeral service for Macca Davies will take place at Cradley Church on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at midday.

## Easter Service

The Easter Service is on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. You will need to drop your children at the church that morning from 8:45am onwards. You are, of course, very welcome to join us.

## School Choirs

On Tuesday, Our KS2 choir took part in Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival. The choir had to sing one set piece - Dona Nobis Pacem and a chosen piece - The Call, from The Chronicles of Narnia. We are delighted to say that we came second place, with 'a convincing performance technically and artistically.' Only missing a Distinction by one point. The judges thought our first set piece showed 'lovely clear part singing that was well balanced with good dynamics, clear core tuning and a lovely hummed ending.' Our second chosen piece showed 'lovely use of phrasing and dynamics. Clear and skilful handling of rhythmic elements. Some subtle facial expressions and a good diminuendo at the end all added to the overall impression.' The choir did themselves proud and we are hoping to share our Latin with you all at the Easter Service.

Later on that same afternoon we took all the Year 1s and 2s on the coach to sing in the non-competitive class. It was a bit of a whistle stop tour! We got off the bus, sang, listened to our feedback and back on the bus within the space of an hour. Our KS1 choir sang Happiness, which was a fortunate choice since that day happened to be National Happiness Day! The judge said we looked very comfortable on the stage and we sang out with smiles on our faces! It was a superb opportunity for the children to sing on a big stage in a theatre to a big audience. Thank you to all the mums who accompanied us on the trip and to all the relatives who drove to Hereford to watch us perform. We all want to do it again next year!



## Swimming Gala

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 4 children from year 5 and 6 took part in a swimming gala. They swam in relay races and swam a mixture of Breaststroke, front crawl, freestyle and back stroke. We saw some fantastic techniques, great diving and excellent determination. The group worked so well together and were a real credit to Cradley School, winning all the races they took part in. Well done to Chloe, Ben, Tilly and Amelia.



## Film Night

The next Film Night at After School Club will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Come join us for Cloudy with the chance of Meatballs 2 and some yummy popcorn.

## Clubs

All clubs are now finished.

## School Dinners

A new Summer menu has been made available to book on School Money to commence after Easter.

## Year 5 Maths Competition

On Wednesday, four Year 5 children competed in a maths competition at John Masefield High School. There were six different rounds; the first a warm up, the second one was a group challenge. The third involved a number crossword. The last round was a team relay. Altogether we scored 125 and finished as runners up out of 8 schools.

Written by Tilly W, Emil, Ceri and Chloe



### Slapped Cheek Syndrome

There seems to be an increase at the moment in the number of slapped cheek cases in the area. We have started to have a couple of potential cases in school. Advice about this virus can be found on the NHS website. [www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/)

### Nursery

Easter has arrived in nursery with a sensory tray filled with lots of lovely spring items to explore. The children were told each day that they must treat the little chicks, bunnies and eggs with great care and we were proud of how gentle they were. We have also been busy making a spring themed Easter card but I won't say much more than cheep!

On Monday, we pretended to drive broken down cars in P.E. and then went outside to explore the snow and ice. The children collected up ice to put in a tray to see what would happen if it was taken inside. On Tuesday, we learnt a new rabbit song and made bunny ears. We were excited to meet two real policemen on Wednesday. We asked them questions, try on all their different pieces of uniform and even got to sit in the police car with the siren going. On Thursday, we made cress faces to learn about growing and created beautiful natural spring pictures. Finally on Friday, our forest school was egg-citing we made tiny nests for little pretend chicks and a huge nest for us! With the Easter service on Monday and the tots group coming in on Thursday, we expect more egg-cellent fun to finish the term.



### Class 1

This week we have had a visit from the police! Luckily it was planned and we all got to have a sit in the police car and set the sirens off! Preparations are underway for our Easter service performance. We have been practising our big loud voices to fill the church. In maths we have been swapping pennies for different coins to try to make our pockets a bit lighter. In PE we have had another opportunity to use the wall bars for climbing and in PSHE we have been reading about the importance of washing hands and good hygiene. We are looking forward to some Easter themed Maths and English next week.





### Class 2

This week in Class 2 we enjoyed listening to Elgar's Enigma Variations. We found out about the different characters represents by his music and had a go at drawing the people or animals we could hear! We were lucky that the sun came out for our Superstars PE lesson so everyone was able to take part in a football session on the playground. Maybe Spring has finally arrived!



### Class 3

This week class 3 have started writing an adventure story set in an imaginary land based on the story Gulliver's travels. In Maths we have been revisiting some tricky areas including fractions and conversion graphs. We having been sharing our half term topic projects. We have had some fantastic examples, including an amazing model of the Leaning tower of Pisa, posters, power points and leaflets. Well done to those children who have spent a lot of time researching and presenting their findings. Swimming finished this week with everyone completing a badge. We have enjoyed our gymnastic sessions with Superstars too this week. We have also been busy practising for the Easter Service on Monday.

### Class 4

This week Class 4 have been practising our drama for the Easter services, learning about the trial of Jesus. We then turned the play script into a story in English. In Maths, we have been plotting, reading and drawing conversion graphs, then revising our maths skills. In the afternoons, we have thought about our personal values we like to live by and learning about the British Values. We have also had our final Forest School and swimming session, and we have studied the WEEE Man sculpture, creating our own electrical collage.

### Class 5

This week we have been working hard on assessments but have also enjoyed preparing scrapbook pages in role as Archie, the character in the radio play, 'Archie's War', we have been listening to. We are looking forward to visiting the 'Weeping Window' exhibit in Hereford cathedral next week and working on some artwork linked to it. We have finished reading 'Private Peaceful', a novel which has really gripped our imagination, and we will be writing narratives based on this next week.

### Value of the Month

FORGIVENESS

#### 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** Dexter Wyatt for being positive  
Clem Tambling for being reflective
- Class 1** Daniel Jeffries for being independent  
Keerah Hitchings for her positive attitude
- Class 2** Daisy Green for being independent  
Daniel Unwin for positive attitude
- Class 3** Jacob Robertson for taking a risk  
Tehya Stanley for her positive attitude
- Class 4** Meryl Phillips for her positive attitude  
Mali Robb for being independent
- Class 5** Lorenzo Ashton for his positive attitude  
Lilly Collop for being persistent

### Dates for the Future

#### MARCH

#### FORGIVENESS

- 26<sup>th</sup> Easter Service @ Church 9am  
27<sup>th</sup> Football matches @ Bosbury  
28<sup>th</sup> Yr 3/4 mixed football @ JMHS 4pm  
Class 4 trip to recycle centre  
29<sup>th</sup> Break up

#### APRIL

#### RESPONSIBILITY

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

#### MAY

#### CO-OPERATION

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