



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 8th June 2018



Welcome Back

Welcome back to the final half term of the year. It promises to be a very full and exciting one.

Key Stage 1 visit to the Cathedral

On Wednesday, Key Stage 1 visited Hereford Cathedral to find out about this special place. The children took part in workshops in different locations around the Cathedral. They learned about baptism and looked at the SAS window. They also spent time reflecting in the Lady Chapel and lit candles there. Children made ichthus fishes and found out about Holy Communion. Several members of the public told us that they were very impressed with how well behaved the children were and it was lovely to see how engaged everyone was in each of the workshops. We look forward to visiting the Cathedral again soon.



Key Stage 2 take to the Water

On Wednesday the whole of KS2 travelled to the River Avon at Fladbury for a day bellboating. A full report will follow next week.

FoCS

Can you help? The Summer Fayre will be held on Friday 13th July at 3pm. We need help to set up from 1pm on the day and helpers to run stalls from 3pm. The more helpers we get the better, as this will mean less time for each person to man each stall. If you can help in any way, just for an hour, please let a member of the FoCS team know.

Kwik Cricket

Our Year 6 team attended the Herefordshire Schools Kwik Cricket tournament on Tuesday at Eastnor Cricket Club. They played really well, winning half of their matches, and came 3rd overall.



New Parents' Meeting

On Wednesday evening, we welcomed the parents of pre-school children who will be joining us in Reception in September. The evening started with an informal chat about starting school and how to help the transition at home. The majority of the children are coming from our own Nursery and we know them all quite well already. We are looking forward to meeting some new children over the next few weeks too. We discussed the transition days coming up and the children have already been in to Class 1 for a couple of circle times this week. We talked about the Early Years Foundation Stage building the foundations for the all-important Prime Areas Of Personal Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development, particularly in the first term and how this leads on to development in the Specific Areas - Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design. There was an opportunity at the end of the evening to ask any questions about things we hadn't covered. We shall look forward to Pass Up day, when we can experience a whole day at school and do some real lessons!



Cradley Village Fete

The Cradley Village Fete will be held on June 30th at 11am-5pm. FoCS are running a stall and would really like some helpers for an hour or so throughout the day. If anyone can help, they would really appreciate it. Please speak to Lucy Burton.

TAG Rugby Tournament

On the last Friday before half-term, our year 5/6 rugby team took part in the Ledbury RFC Junior Tag Tournament. Both teams gave a fantastic performance in very challenging conditions.

Nursery

Our new theme this half term is proving rather popular with the children. We are learning all about people who help us, taking on a different person each week. This week a giant horse and animal pens arrived in nursery, so we must be vets! Charlie encouraged us to make our own identity badges on the iPads, practising writing our name. Carol got us cutting and sticking to see if we could order animals by size - which proved trickier than we thought. On Thursday, Lauren helped us to paint our own pets, then today we headed down to forest school. Again, the paints were out to design our own rock pets and we threaded Cheerios to make bird feeders. Yasmin told us all about a bird's life cycle and how it is important to feed hungry mummy, daddy and fledgling birds at this time of year. The birds are all working so hard and growing fast. We couldn't resist doing a little bird spotting, too. Next week we will be putting on face masks and gloves to become dentists and learn a little about healthy eating.



Class 1

Class 1 have had a busy first week back. We have had Forest School this week, building nests and feeding chicks. We have been looking at the physical features of the 7 continents and trying to make a map in under a minute! On Wednesday we went to Hereford Cathedral with Class 2 on a double-decker bus! We took part in four different activities and had lunch outside in the sunshine. We all enjoyed our tennis skills lesson on Thursday afternoon in PE. In Reception Maths we have been learning all about capacity and getting very wet! Today we have said goodbye to Miss Madeley, who has

finished her 7 week teacher training placement in Class 1. We wish her all the very best with the rest of her teaching degree. We will all miss her next week.



Class 2

We all really enjoyed our visit to the Cathedral and will be using what we learned in our RE lesson over the coming weeks. In English we have been writing about the life of Mary Anning and explaining why she is famous. We have been using what we know about her in our maths lesson when solving word problems about fossils. We are now beginning to practise for our class Collective Worship which will be about the value Honesty.

Class 3

Class 3 have had great fun this week being active and having some amazing new experiences. We had cricket coaching on Monday, played rounders on Tuesday and had an amazing time at Bell boating on Wednesday. The bell boating was a great end to the river part of this term's topic where we have also learned about estuaries and deltas and the wildlife that make these areas their homes. We have made pic collages to show what we have learned over the last few weeks. In English, we have started exploring the book Flotsam by David Weismann and have written some great descriptions about what we can see in the first few pages of the book. In maths, year 4 have been exploring acute and obtuse angles and Year 3 have been creating repeating patterns using quarter turns. We are very sad to say goodbye to Miss Richardson and wish her the very best for the future in



her training to become what we think will be a great teacher.

Class 4

This week Class 4 have learned about creating instruction texts and started to plan instructions for bell-boating. In Maths we have learned about equivalent fractions representing fractions in different ways and learned how to multiply fractions by whole numbers. In the afternoons, we have started our cricket session with a Worcestershire County Cricket coach, thought about how to escape a variety of deadly situations and started to program moving objects with Lego WeDo.



Class 5

This week, amidst all the sporting events we have attended, we have managed three really useful play rehearsals; we have already made great progress learning lines. On Tuesday most of us went to Eastnor Cricket Club for the inter-schools kwik cricket tournament, and then on Thursday to JMHS for a rounders tournament, these events sandwiched between a lovely day bell-boating on the Avon at Fladbury. Some of us really enjoyed supporting the children's learning in Class One and Nursery too. Today, we have begun a D&T project based around the Royal Game of Ur, an ancient boardgame we saw exhibited at the British Museum.

Value of the Month HONESTY

Honest people are safe and secure, but the dishonest will be caught.

Proverbs 10:9

Chosen by Miss Robinson (Class 2 student)

Stars of the Week

Nursery Baxter Redwood for working co-operatively
George Taylor for being reflective

Class 1 Naomi Griffiths for her positive attitude
Oliver Eaton for his positive attitude

Class 2 Miah Heard for being reflective
Ava Oseman for being independent

Class 3 Lewis Elliot-Roberts for being persistent
Jamie Smith for being persistent

Class 4 Abi Philpots and Oliver Burton for running a fantastic iPad club.

Class 5 Max Kite for being independent
Jake Robb for being independent

Dates for the Future

JUNE	HONESTY
11 th	Class 4 day @the Chase KS2 Golf @JMHS 11-1pm
18 th	Class 4 History Day @ QEHS
20 th	Class 2 Collective Worship - Parents Welcome
21 st	Girls' Cricket Tournament @ Colwall Dyson Perrins Induction Day
26 th	Class 5 @ Crucial Crew
27 th	Chase Yr 6 Induction Day
28 th	Class 4 and Class 5 Bellboating Regatta
29 th	Year 5 Taster Day at JMHS

JULY	Koinonia
3 rd	Janden Athletics Trophy @ JMHS
4 th	Herefordshire Summer School Games
10 th	KS2 Summer Play 6pm
11 th	KS2 Summer Play 6pm
12 th	Class 5 Day Out
12 th	Nursery Leavers' Service
13 th	Summer Fair
18 th	Leavers' Rounders
19 th	Break up
20 th	INSET DAY

