



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 16th November 2018



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to the people who supported the School Council by either attending the Coffee Morning or by providing delicious cakes. The money raised will be sent off to the Macmillan cancer charity. The final amount will be announced next week, because at the time of writing, there are still cakes to be sold. Well done to the councillors who did everything from serving to washing up!



Netball Tournament

A well done to Tilly W, Isabella L, Annabelle, Bella, Olivia, Tilly B-P and Cleo for representing the School in the Cluster Netball Tournament on Wednesday. They managed one win and lost the other games, but still had a great time and learned lots. The girls received the teamwork cup. Onwards and upwards!



Phonics Evening

Many thanks to all the parents from Class 1 and Nursery that came to our Phonics Evening last night. Mrs Robb led a very informative session on the importance of reading and the specific approaches that we use in school. If you require any further information, then do not hesitate to ask. Thank you to Mrs Robb for organising and running the event.



Garden Designs

Well done to everyone with their gardens. There are some brilliant ideas and Garden Design Club has been busy looking at them in order to create a final plan. The individual judging will take place over the next couple of weeks.

Water Bottles

Please can you make sure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. Remember that they should only be filled with water; squash is not allowed.

Road Closure

In case you were not already aware, the B4214 (Bosbury to Ledbury road) will be shut just south of Staplow for three months. This is for the removal and replacement of a Victorian bridge. It will be closed from 28th November to 29th February. The diversion will be via the A4103 to Newtown crossroads, down the A417 to the Trumpet crossroads and then into Ledbury. This will make journeys to Ledbury significantly longer.



FOCS - Friends of Cradley School

Thank you to all those who came along and supported our wine tasting event on Saturday evening. Cradley's Winter Wonderland looked fabulous! It was a very sociable event and it was really good fun catching up with other parents and local friends. The supper was delicious and Christmas desserts a real treat. First prize went to Scott Rocca (our treasurer) for identifying every wine correctly! A huge thank you to Roger and Dara Brett and their amazing team of helpers. We had great fun whilst raising about £200 for FOCS.

Helpers needed. Please let us know if you can spare an hour to help out at our FOCS stall at Cradley Village Christmas Fair on Saturday 1st December 10am-3pm at Cradley Village Hall. If your children are helping out on the Cubs/Beavers stall perhaps you could help FOCS while they are there? Annie Meager is co-ordinating volunteers for this event and still has a few hours that need covering. The stall will be mostly games run by FOCS/the children so we will have ideas and things to use for the school fair, too. Please let Annie or Lucy Burton know or send a note with your contact details via Home Liaison books if you can help.

School Christmas Fair Preparations are in progress for Friday 14th December, 3pm. We would still welcome any contributions and offers of help before and on the day. Please let Grace Lyndon know or leave your contact details via Home Liaison books.

Among the many stalls being prepared, FOCS will be running 'Santa's Secret Gift Shop' at the Christmas fair - where children can come and buy a small gift for their parents/ siblings/ grandparents etc. We will wrap them ready for the children to give on Christmas Day! We need donations of suitable gifts please, so if you have any 'giftable' items at home, or homemade preserves, etc we would be very grateful if you can donate anything to help us make this stall a success. Any queries, please see Daff Tambling (Rudi Class 3 and Clem Class 1) or Zoe Price (Stanley Class 3 and Tilly Class 5). Many thanks!

FOCS Secretary. FOCS still have a vacancy for a Secretary if you're interested in helping out. In the interim, Bernie Hughes is helping out with taking meeting minutes and Annie Meager is helping with newsletter communications when they can.

Please remember to use our Easyfundraising link when you are making purchases online, especially with the Christmas shopping!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofcradleyschool/>

FOCS will receive a percentage of your costs at no extra cost to you.



Cradley Scout Group

What an honour to be able to take part in the annual Act of Remembrance and the 100th year since the Armistice. Many of our Cubs and Beavers are from Cradley School, and they were a credit to us at the remembrance service at Cradley Church on Sunday. This also contributed to their Community Challenge badge, so thank you and well done to all the children and families involved.

James Burton, Cub Leader.

Nursery

Our story of the week has been *Room on the Broom*, so we've started off with riding around on broomsticks with Lauren in P.E on Monday. We listened to the *Room on the Broom* song and flew around the hall and pretended to be different characters from the story. Carol has filled our sensory tray with lentils this week and we've been looking through them to find different characters out of the story. It's been lovely to overhear the children recreating their own stories using the cut outs. On Wednesday we had our Stay-and-Play morning again and it was lovely to see even more new faces in nursery. We all had lots of fun playing outside using our new toys. On Thursday we joined the school for the Macmillan coffee morning and all the children enjoyed a cake for snack time. We have loved getting our hands dirty and helping Charlie with some gardening, getting the soil ready for our new flowers. Friday was very exciting because we've all made rice-crispy cakes with Carol; we all helped measure out the ingredients and had lots of giggles getting covered in chocolate!





Class 1

Instead of Talk 4 Writing this week, we have been Singing 4 Writing instead! We have enjoyed learning the actions to our catchy Nativity songs and we've been singing them around school since Monday! Everyone is in for a treat in December! In Maths our Year 1s have been learning about 3D shapes and in Reception it's all about the money, money, money! In Science the Year 1s made little log-mice in Forest School, whilst Reception were floating and sinking. We have been looking at the similarities and differences between Diwali and Christmas and have made Diva lamps to hold our candles. We've been busy using up the apples from the harvest in our Gruffalo Crumble. In PE we have moved on to a new unit of work - Health and fitness. The squirrels got a bit competitive with hiding their nuts for the winter!



Class 2

We have now started practising our Nativity play! This year's production is *The Inn-Spectors* and adds a twist to the traditional story: Bethlehem's inns are due an inspection just at the time of the special Nativity events! In our other subjects we have been painting portraits of Guy Fawkes, travelling and balancing in gymnastics and measuring in maths.

Class 3

Class 3 have been getting to grips with subtractions this week, having to exchange (go steal) to ensure we get the correct answers. In English they have been working on instructions and have also begun our own myth stories, describing scary monsters with evil intentions and brave heroes who are out to ensure victory to the downtrodden. The children are really enjoying Street Dance with Dance in Motion, following the routines and making up their own too. Preparations have begun on our Class Collective Worship. Class 3 parents, please note the date for your diaries: Wednesday 21st November. We would love you to be there!

Class 4

This week in Maths Class 4 have explored shapes, looking at nets of shapes and the properties of 3d shapes. In English we have found features of poetry, looked at different styles of writing and created our own war poems. In the afternoons we have been researching the Amazon Basin, creating graphs of the rainfall and temperatures found there and researching trade, settlements, flora and fauna. We have also developed our poppies in Pop Art and continued to develop our throwing, catching and dodging skills in PE.

Class 5

This week in English we have been finding out about the Black Rhino, including why it has become critically endangered. We used our research to write an emotive letter, 'Dear Humans,' from the point of view of the Black Rhino. In Maths we have been getting to grips with adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions. We have concentrated on drawing techniques in Topic/Art, using tone to create black-and-white drawings of a Black Rhino. In RE we began a unit of work on 'Understanding Christianity', thinking about the Christian understanding of God.

Stars of the Week

- Nursery** Arian Evans for being persistent
Elijah Gowen for having a positive attitude
- Class 1** Beth Richards for independence
Jake Bagnall for his positive attitude
- Class 2** Jay Kenrick for persistence
Jakey Vine for independence
- Class 3** Jacob Robertson for taking a risk
Van Hughes for persistence
- Class 4** William Malloy for being independent
Leila Meager for a positive attitude
- Class 5** Oscar Robertson, Tilly Wilson and Ray Hughes for independence and co-operation



Value of the Month COURAGE

For I am the Lord your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'
Isaiah 41:13

Chosen by Gary Barker (Maintenance Man)

Dates for the Future

NOVEMBER Courage

- 21st Class 3 Collective Worship: Parents welcome
- 26th Rock-it-ball @ JMHS
- 27th FOCS - Rags to riches
Netball matches @ Ashperton
ASC Film Night
- 29th Choir @ Hereford Cathedral Advent Service
- 30th Non-Uniform Day for FOCs

DECEMBER Peace

- 1st Cradley Village Christmas Fair
- 4th Football matches @ Ledbury 3:45pm
- 5th Girl's Football Tournament @JMHS 3:45pm
- 7th Nativity play to KS2 children
- 10th Nativity Play to parents 1:30pm
- 11th Nativity Play to parents 1:30pm
Netball matches @ Ashperton 3:45pm
- 14th FOCs Christmas Fair
- 17th ASC Christmas Party
- 18th Nursery trip to the Safari Park
- 19th Sportshall Athletics @JMHS 9-11am
Christmas Lunch
- 20th Community Concert am
Carol Service 6pm
- 21st Break up
Animal Lady in

