

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 14th October 2016

School Council Elections

On Thursday, the children witnessed democracy in action when they voted to elect our new School Councillors. It was very exciting; a huge 'well done' goes to the exiting Councillors who organised the event and counted the slips so efficiently. The results were very close this year, and we are so proud of *all* the children who stood. After hard canvassing, we are pleased to welcome Leyla V, Sebastian B, Milly G, Freddy J, Mimi, William Mo, Imogen, Jacob T-R, Sadie and Bradley. We hope that they represent the views of their classmates faithfully.



Robin Hood

On Wednesday afternoon the whole school was treated to a spectacular performance of Robin Hood. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show and were happy to cheer the goodies and boo the baddies. In fact, it was described by several children as the best show they had ever seen.



The Planetarium

Today the Black Hole Company came with a huge planetarium to the school hall. Each class had a session finding out about Earth and space. It was very informative and we all learned some new facts about the stars and planets in our universe and the relationships between them. There were moments of awe and wonder as it went dark and the constellations were projected onto the surface of the planetarium and we could see the characters described including Orion the hunter and the Great Bear. This visit was organised in order to inspire the children who will be set a half term challenge to design a garden with a space theme. More details to follow.





Mrs Jackson

Just to let everyone know that Mrs Jackson's operation was a success and she is now resting at home, being waited on by the rest of her family. Get well soon, Donna.

Open the Book

Class 3 were the stars of Open the Book this morning. We acted out the story of the 'Hole in the roof'. We told the story of the lame man being lowered through the roof to get to Jesus so that he could be healed. Jesus showed compassion and healed the man. It was a privilege to share in this special act of worship.



Values @ Cradley

Thanks go to the children in Year 4, Tilly W, Tilly B-P, and Annabel, for collating and sorting the data from the Values slips which the children fill in when they catch someone being good. In the Summer term, the most noticed value was 'compassion', followed by 'love'. It's pleasing to see such kind behaviour from the children at school. Our Values Box is open for adults to use, too, should you spot any signs of our Christian values being applied in and around school. Don't be shy!

Curriculum Newsletters and Year Grids

Curriculum Newsletters and Year Grids from this term have been placed on the school website for your information.

Pick up at the end of the day

Can we just remind everyone that once children have been handed over at the gate they become the responsibility of parents or carers. Please do not let children play in the bushes around the car park, as vehicles are exiting at this time.

Gardening Club

There will be no Gardening Club on Monday.

Nursery

We've had another wonderfully 'Wolfie' week! Monday saw us using our brains to work out size and number problems with Julia. What a clever bunch we are! Welly walk was a very relaxed affair, ambling through the forest school area, trying to make grass trumpets as we sat around the log circle. Wednesday saw us playing *What's the time Mr Wolf?* during P.E. as well as exploring the inside of pumpkins. The Robin Hood pantomime was a real treat, too, with lots of shouting and clapping from us all; we were so proud of how well the nursery children sat during the performance. The last day of the week saw us cooking again, as Little Red Riding Hood needed flapjacks for granny. There has also been lots of role playing this week after a doctors' surgery popped up in our book corner. Next week, we will stay with *Little Red Riding Hood*, but concentrate on 'what big teeth' Granny has. Are we brave enough to brush them?



Class 1

We've had a very different week. In maths, the Year 1s have been learning about distance and symmetry, and in Reception we have counted all the way up to 100 in lots of different ways. In phonics, the Reception children have been sorting out the real words from the nonsense words and we have listened to a nonsense poem called *Ning, Nang, Nong*. We've had two amazing 'extras' this week: Robin Hood came to Cradley on Wednesday (Oh yes he did...) and then, on Thursday morning, the hall changed into a planetarium and we all went star gazing. This morning, Class 1 led the reflection in our celebration assembly on the 950th anniversary of The Battle of Hastings. Next week we are looking forward to our trip to Eastnor Pottery and making music with Jon's musical clay pots!



Class 3

This week started off with Class 3 taking part in the whole school Harvest Festival where we told the congregation about the history and traditions about growing and picking hops in Herefordshire. We donned our decorated hats and flower hair bands and paraded and danced in the traditional hop pickers style. In English this week we have been discussing the emotions of characters in our book 'Leon and the Place Between' and have made emotions graphs and word clouds. In maths we have been working on addition and subtraction using an empty number line. In art this week we used pastels to draw a rainforest picture using colour to identify the different layers. In RE we learned what Christians believe about God and used symbols to help us to understand the Trinity.

Class 4

This week, the children in Class 4 have developed their illustration work, relating to a Beatrix Potter book. They have located and looked at the climate, capital cities and continents of the Americas and been making use of our new basketball hoops in PE. In the mornings, the children looked further into journalistic writing by creating a recount based on a newspaper report. In Maths, they have looked at multiples, factors and prime numbers and applying their knowledge to different problems. Finally, we had a great time watching the Robin Hood Pantomime!

Class 5

This week we have finished writing our stories in the style of Wolves in the Walls and preparing an 'action page' on an iPad. We have been getting to grips with the skills required for division in maths and in science we have been looking at how periscopes work. Our planetarium experience was fantastic!



Class 2

This week we have been finding out about Ghana and where it is in the world. We have been practising our basic maths skills in order to be able to use a number line with confidence, and Mrs Crane's group have been learning about time. In our English lessons we have been thinking about describing words and getting used to spotting adjectives in our writing. Our Year Two boys also met their Year Five reading buddies this week.



Value of the Month

COMPASSION (chosen by Tilly W and Annabel):

Matthew 12:20

If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink.

Stars of the Week

Nursery: Jack Yardely for being brave and working co-operatively
Mya Oseman for working co-operatively

Class 1 Daniel Unwin for having a positive attitude to homework

Daisy Green for having a positive attitude to homework

Class 2 Tehya Stanley for her positive attitude towards learning

Eddie Wilson for working independently in maths & English

Class 3 Mimi Boniface for being responsible

Amelia Alcott for her positive attitude

Class 4 Max Kite for showing compassion

Scarlett Pritchard for being positive

Class 5 Ruby Belgard for being proactive in class

Libby Kite for her positive attitude

Dates for the Future

OCTOBER **COMPASSION**

- 17th Classes 1/2 trip to Storytelling Festival
- 18th School photos and siblings
- 19th Year 3/4 trip to Storytelling Festival
 Digital Leaders Conference
- 20th Class 1 trip to Eastnor Pottery
- 21st Year 5/6 trip to Storytelling Festival
 School Breaks up
- 31st Return to school

NOVEMBER **COURAGE**

- 6th FOCs Photo session
- 8th Class 3 to Cadbury World
- 11th Remembrance Day
 School Disco
- 14th Healthy School Week
- 18th Class 4 trip to see Worcester Wolves
- 20th Dads' Football Match against Leigh and Bransford Dads.
- 23rd Class 4 Collective Worship
- 25th Hi5 Netball @ JMHS 9am
- 26th Junk Modelling

DECEMBER **PEACE**

- 2nd Christmas Fair
- 9th Nativity Dress rehearsal
- 12th Nativity
- 13th Nativity
- 15th Sportshall Athletics@ JMHS 11am
 Carol Service 6pm @ Church
- 16th Animal Lady in
 Break up