

# CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016

## RHS Gold Award School

In addition to being the Heart of England School of the Year, we are delighted to say that we were awarded a gold award.

We received a lovely letter from Laura Russell, the Heart of England in Bloom Assessor, who wrote;

*Dear Children, Teachers and Parents*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for entering this year's RHS Heart of England in Bloom initiative. Here we bring together communal, environmental and horticultural themes to give all those involved a better standard of living.*

*Through an open-minded approach to the curriculum, Cradley CE Primary School has been able to incorporate these values into the everyday life of its students. The great thing is that it does not stop there. Any member of the community that comes into contact with the school will feel the beneficial effects of a respectful interest in the world and of each other.*

*Huge congratulations are in order for you all as I would like to award you a Gold medal. Furthermore, because you have reached such an exemplary standard this year and have the ability to inspire others I am delighted to give the Discretionary Award for School Involvement.*

*I hope very much that you will feel proud of these achievements and that they encourage you to maintain and surpass your current standards in the years ahead.*

*Hearty congratulations and best wishes*

*Laura Russell*



## School Garden Challenge - Space: The Final Frontier

Homework over half term for the whole school is to design a garden on the theme of 'Space: The Final Frontier'. Everyone should have received an information sheet about this, but here are some ideas to get you thinking:

- A garden for the International Space Station
- A garden for astronauts on Mars - think about food and relaxation
- A garden to represent our solar system
- A garden to celebrate 350 years since Isaac Newton discovered gravity

Gardens can be 3D or on paper and the work is due in on Monday 7th November.

## Half Term

It's been a very busy half term and I know the staff and children are ready for their half-term break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Have a great week.

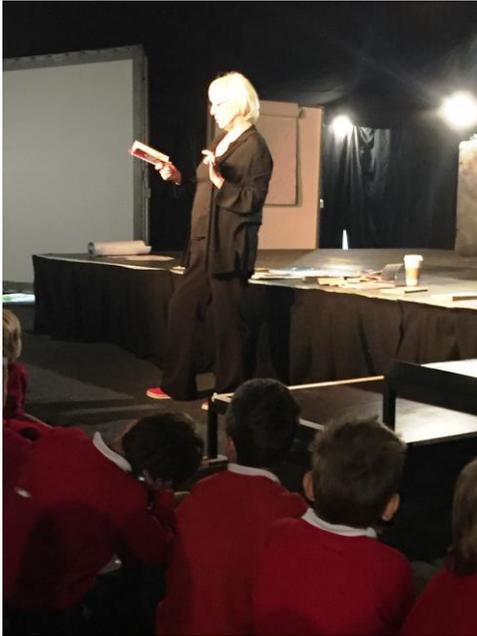
## Breakfast Club

Today we said goodbye to Miss Reckling from her role as Breakfast Club Manager. We really appreciate her efforts in the development of Breakfast Club over the last twelve months. On Wednesday we held interviews for the post and we are delighted to say that we have appointed Mrs Rhian Smith to the manager post and she will start work after half term.

## Storytelling Festival

Over this week, Years 1-6 have all taken part in the Beeline Storytelling Festival in Worcester. The Year 1 and 2 children saw Chloe Inkpen, Year 3 and 4 met Anne Fine and Year 5 and 6 Daniel saw Mordan this morning. The storytelling was hugely entertaining and inspirational. Thank you to the Sylvia Short Foundation for funding the coaches to enable this trip to take place.





### Class 1 visit Eastnor Pottery

On Thursday, Class 1 had the chance to visit Jon the Potter on his home turf! After our CommuniCLAYtion and Language project last summer, we decided there was still a lot more we wanted to learn about clay, so we continued the topic into Class 1. Jon was able to visit us early on in the term to bring back our pots and collaborative flowerpot from the summer and invited us all to the Eastnor Pottery to see some of the things he and his wife Sarah have made. It was great to see the work of local artists - and to have a go at being sculptors! We all had another opportunity to work with clay and to master some of the techniques we were shown in Nursery. Our collaborative Christmas tree is going to look amazing in our classroom in December and we also had to make something very special in time for Christmas.

The children were able to explore the clay art in the garden, have a picnic in the gazebo, and to see the Kiln. It is going to take two days to fire our creations!

Thank you to Mel and Katrina, our parent helpers, for coming on the trip and a huge thank you to Jon and Sarah for our great day out. We shall look forward to seeing our finished products in time for the end of term.



### 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.

### Nursery

This week has been an upside down and mixed up week in many different ways! The children have enjoyed dressing up. We have had pirates, princesses and a donkey, which made for some interesting role-play games. It was especially entertaining when all our different characters went on a train ride under the sea. A love of looking after our friends continues. Lots of plasters have been applied and temperatures taken. There has been lots of colour experimenting this week, too: hand-printing to make cards, and changing the decor of the bathroom. Photos were a chance to show off our big grins. We were very brave in front of the camera. Yasmin has been 'back to school' learning all about Forest School. Poor Charlie has been snuggled up in bed poorly. Get well soon Charlie!



### Class 1

We made it! Our very first half-term together and we have all survived! The six-and-a-half weeks have flown by and we have crammed in so much. This week the Year 1s have been out of school on two trips, which have enriched what we have been learning about in Class through our Clay topic and also in English. The Reception children have also experienced their first school trip and were very excited about seeing Jon the Potter again at his house! We have been to Russia this week, so we have been answering hello to the register and saying goodbye at the end of the day in Russian. We have made Russian flag bags and looked at photos of where Russia is and how it is the biggest country in the world. In PE this week we have been learning dance actions to an African song *Maliswe* and have even started rehearsing our Nativity songs! Oh yes... Christmas is just around the corner!

### Class 2

This week we have started learning some of the songs for this year's Nativity Play, *The Apprentice*, which is told from the viewpoint of an apprentice carpenter called Sarah. We decided to invite furniture-maker Neil Taylor to visit Forest Schools so that we could find out how he makes chairs in his workshop. He demonstrated how to use an adze, an axe and a drawknife and how to 'pickle' the wood. As part of our Forest School activities some of us turned into his apprentices for the day and helped to make shepherds' staffs for the play. On Monday we also enjoyed a fabulous visit to the Beeline Festival where we met the author/illustrator Chloe Inkpen (daughter of Mick!) who entertained us with her interactive storytelling.



### Class 3

The children in Class 3 have worked really hard on their assessments this week. We've tackled reading, spelling, grammar, writing and maths so, on top of our our regular spelling and times tables tests, we are well and truly tested out! We have been learning about drawing techniques, including stumbling, made geometric monochrome patterns and started to make tribal head-dresses using these techniques. We have found out about life as a child from the Kayapo Tribe in the Amazon Rainforest and have written a diary entry showing what life is like for children in this region. We led the Reflection and one-minute silence in Collective Worship this morning in memory of the Aberfan disaster 50 years ago today.

### Class 4

This week, Class 4 have worked hard on their half-term assessments. They have learned about fractions and place value in Maths. In English they have been working extremely hard to create their Haiti newspaper reports, using all the skills they have learned so far. In the afternoons they have developed their knowledge of the USA by learning about the different states. In Science they have been learning how decibels are a unit of measurement for sound. They have continued to make excellent progress on their group illustration books and have enjoyed playing a hockey tournament in PE.

### Class 5

This week we have had fun preparing for and making a green-screen film on the theme 'Are children's storybooks fair to wolves?' We learned about the behaviour of wolves in the wild and answered the question in our films 'in character' as storybook characters or 'experts'. We have finished off our science topic on light and decided on the culprit in the laptop theft. We have also fitted in half termly assessments and a thoroughly enjoyable visit to the Beeline Festival where we heard the highly entertaining professional storyteller Daniel Morden, and took part in storytelling in the interesting setting of the old infirmary in Worcester.

### 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:** Harvey Rankin for being independent

Clem Tambling for being positive

**Class 1** Daniel Jeffries for his persistence in phonics

Stanley Bentley Price for showing all learning behaviours through his positive attitude towards everything so far this term.

**Class 2** Emilia Buck for her perseverance

Jamie Agnew for his independence

**Class 3** Bella Hughes for being reflective

Izzy Kendrick for her independence

**Class 4** Tilly Wilson for her independence

Lilly Collop for working co-operatively

**Class 5** Archie Allcock for taking a risk

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## Dates for the Future

### OCTOBER            **COMPASSION**

31<sup>st</sup>     Return to school

### NOVEMBER         **COURAGE**

2<sup>nd</sup>     Chris Collins Workshop @Malvern Showground

6<sup>th</sup>     FOCs Photo session

7<sup>th</sup>     No iPad club

8<sup>th</sup>     Class 3 to Cadbury World

9<sup>th</sup>     Early Years Phonics Evening 6pm

11<sup>th</sup>    Remembrance Day

School Disco

14<sup>th</sup>    Healthy School Week

18<sup>th</sup>    Class 4 trip to see Worcester Wolves

20<sup>th</sup>    Dads' Football Match against Leigh and Bransford Dads.

21<sup>st</sup>    Yr 6 trip to Young Shakespeare

23<sup>rd</sup>    Class 4 Collective Worship

Rock-it all @ JMHS

25<sup>th</sup>    Hi5 Netball @ JMHS 9am

26<sup>th</sup>    Junk Modelling

### DECEMBER        **PEACE**

2<sup>nd</sup>     Christmas Fair

9<sup>th</sup>     Nativity Dress rehearsal

12<sup>th</sup>    Nativity

13<sup>th</sup>    Nativity

14<sup>th</sup>    School Christmas Lunch

15<sup>th</sup>    Sportshall Athletics@ JMHS 11am

Carol Service 6pm @ Church

16<sup>th</sup>    Animal Lady in

Break up