

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 11th November 2016

Digital Leaders Teach the Teachers

On Wednesday we had a bit of role reversal, with our Digital Leaders leading our staff meeting. The children were there to tell us about several new apps that they have identified as being really useful for us in school. They were QR Reader, Seesaw, Tellagami, Aurasma and Imag.n.o.tron. Many thanks to Owen, Henry, Lorenzo and Lilly for giving up their time.



Children in Need

Next Friday (18th November) is Children in Need and the new School Council is keen to raise money for this worthy cause. They would like children to come to school dressed as their favourite Disney character. Of course, there would have to be the usual £1 fine for not wearing school uniform, which will go to Pudsey.

FOCS Photo Shoots

Last Sunday, FOCS were able to offer a family photo session, thanks to local photographer Jason Jackson. He was able to get some amazing shots outside in the early morning sunshine before the weather deteriorated and we were forced inside. There were some dazzling Christmas jumpers and very smart attire being modelled! We can't wait to see the final photographs. A big thank you goes to Sam and Jason Jackson for this wonderful opportunity and for giving up their Sunday for us.



School Garden Challenge - Space: The Final Frontier

We have been extremely impressed by the imagination, creativity and skill shown in many of the garden designs this year. There are lots of great ideas which can be incorporated into the final garden design. A big thank you to everyone who lent a hand; the children really benefit from being involved in this type of creative project. If you would like to see the garden designs they are on display in the school entrance hall. You are welcome to come and view them next week between 8.30am - 8.45am.

Phonics Session

On Wednesday evening, the new Reception parents and some Nursery parents came to a phonics evening in Class 1 where they were given lots of information and guidance about how phonics is delivered in Early Years and how they can best support their child at home. The feedback from the evening was very positive and all who attended now have a much clearer idea of what a pure sound sounds like, what a phoneme is and how to remember how a grapheme is formed. They met Fred, know why he can't read, and why our Fred Fingers are very important when segmenting and blending a word. It was a whistlestop tour of Read, Write, Inc.



Breakfast and After School Clubs

Thank you to all the parents who have made sure that their children have been booked in - in advance - for our extended provision. However, we are still having an issue with parents who book their children into the clubs and then fail to turn up. We will therefore be reviewing our terms and conditions for the club, as we cannot be left in a position where we put on extra staff to meet an increased demand that is suddenly not needed.

School Website

We are in the process of updating the Special Events section of the website; we have already placed pages on there about the trips that have happened this term.

Football Club

There will be no Football Club on Tuesday 15th November due to matches at Bosbury Primary School.

Remembrance Day

Today at 11am the Year 6 children led a short service of Remembrance at Cradley Church to honour the dead of the parish. The rest of the children had a two-minute silence in the school hall.

Film Club

Film Club returns to After School Club next week with the showing of Madagascar 3 - Europe's Most Wanted. The film will be shown Thursday 17th November. Please book in the normal way.

Nursery

Whiz, pop and bang all this week! After our fascinating chats about Guy Fawkes last week, we had sticky fun making edible fireworks on Monday. Who knew fireworks could taste so yummy! On Tuesday, we explored numbers with the Numicon and used tricky stickle bricks to construct. Wednesday was about trying something new in the hall. We had lots of equipment out to get psychical. The children

balanced on beams, threw things into a target and then bravely tackled the pommel horse! On Friday, we got messy again, mixing colours and mastering scissors to make our own fireworks pictures. We have enjoyed making silly rhymes with our names and scaring staff with our snake sounds when we see the letter 's'. Oh, and building with Lego and boxes has got our minds working to create props for our play. We love how creative your children are. We are cooking up lots of further adventures for this chilly season. We can't wait! Now... pass me the jiggle bells.



Class 1

This week in Class 1 we have been to India to learn more about Diwali and we have learned how to say Nameste and the meaning of it. We have enjoyed listening to some Indian music whilst having our snack. In science, the Reception children have been making owls with leaves they have found in forest school, as well as having a fire. We have had a full singing rehearsal with Class 2 for the Nativity and are getting really good at remembering all the words and actions. In PE we have been pirates, collecting treasure and listening out for the cannon blasts so we can make it back to the pirate ship with the same number. We have been experimenting with different materials to make different-sounding shakers to play alongside our Indian music and listened to various Indian musical instruments. In real PE today, we have been very cheeky monkeys, balancing in the trees and pinching bananas from the gorillas!

We are looking forward to starting our script rehearsals next week with Class 2 and retelling the story of Jesus's birth from a new perspective.



Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have been thinking about our favourite books and making library logos. In maths we have used decimetres and centimetres to measure our height and foot length. We have enjoyed reading some new books which we have put on the bookshelf this week and at Forest School we planted tulips and swept the leaves as well as using potato peelers to take the bark off willow sticks.

Class 3

Class 3 had an amazing trip to Cadbury World this week where we found out how cocoa beans were discovered by the Aztecs and how they are grown in the Rainforest. We saw the modern machinery used in processing the beans into yummy chocolate and how chocolates are made by hand. The 4D cinema was definitely the most exciting bit! Back in school we have written a recount of our trip in English. In maths we have been using our knowledge of place value to add and subtract. We have started making our Rainforest village in DT following our designs from last week to create houses from wood, card and other natural materials.



Class 4

This week Class 4 started to rehearse for our class assembly on 23rd November. We have worked very hard in English thinking about grammar, identifying and using adjectives and adverbs effectively. In Maths we have been using column methods to complete additions and subtractions. We have studied a world map, locating key features, including the continents, equator, rivers and mountains. Our board games are coming along well, with fact cards being created. In PE we have begun to learn a dance ready for our assembly and also apply our shooting skills in basketball games.

Class 5

This week, we had fun preparing the poem 'Night Mail' for performance; most of us now know the whole poem off by heart! We then compared the poem with 'Junkmail', written in a similar style. Next week we will have a go at writing our own! In maths, we have been practising formal written methods in multi-step problem-solving and in science we began a new unit on electricity, revising what we already know about circuits. Today, we led a short service of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Cradley. Afterwards, we completed a survey assessing the condition of our war memorial and uploaded our conclusions onto the War Memorials Online website.

Value of the Month

COURAGE

Psalm 27:1

The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?

Chosen by Libby and Max

Stars of the Week

Nursery: Leo White for being persistent

Rory Taylor for being positive

Class 1 Isabelle Malloy for taking pride in her maths & spellings
Toby Boniface for his persistence & positivity in maths

Class 2 Isabella Kildare for her enthusiastic & persistent approach to learning

Miah Heard for excellent listening skills & her independent approach to learning

Class 3 William Moseley, Meryl Phillips & Millie Honeywood for being positive about the class topic

Class 4 Lily Collop & Lorenzo Ashton for being positive & taking a risk when leading the teachers in a staff meeting

Class 5 Henry Adams & Owen Boniface for being positive & taking a risk when leading the teachers in a staff meeting

Dates for the Future

NOVEMBER COURAGE

14th Healthy School Week

15th Football Fixtures @Bosbury Primary School

17th Film Club in ASC

18th Class 4 trip to see Worcester Wolves

20th Dads' Football Match against Leigh and Bransford Dads.

21st Yr 6 trip to Young Shakespeare

23rd Class 4 Collective Worship

Rock-it ball @ JMHS

24th TAG Rugby League Fixture

25th Hi5 Netball @ JMHS 9am

26th Junk Modelling

DECEMBER PEACE

1st Choir @ Hereford Cathedral

Girls Football Tournament @ JMHS

2nd Christmas Fair

9th Nativity Dress rehearsal

12th Nativity

13th Nativity

14th School Christmas Lunch

15th Sportshall Athletics@ JMHS 11am

Carol Service 6pm @ Church

16th Animal Lady in

Break up

JANUARY HOPE

3rd Term Starts

10th Football Fixtures @ Bosbury Primary School

17th JMHS Open Morning

Netball Fixtures @Ledbury Primary School

25th Class 5 Collective Worship

26th TAG Rugby fixtures @ Ledbury Primary School

27th Year 3/4 Dance Festival @ Dysons

30th Multicultural Week