

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 25th November 2016

SIAMs Inspection

On Tuesday we welcomed Mr Andrew Teale into school to carry out our SIAMs Inspection. This is the Church of England version of an Ofsted inspection and it is every bit as rigorous and demanding. The Inspection looks at four key questions: How well does the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meet the needs of all learners? What is the impact of collective worship on the school community? How effective is the RE? How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a church school? At this time we are unable to give you the result of the inspection, as the report has to be written and go through a process of quality assurance. I would like to thank all members of the school community who have helped and supported us through this process. It was an absolute pleasure to hear the children talking about our school and what it means to them. We look forward to sharing the result of the inspection with you as soon as we possibly can. The result is expected in about two weeks.

Class 4 Trip to the Wolves

Last Friday, Class 4 went to watch a basketball match at the University Arena. Worcester Wolves were playing Manchester Giants. When we arrived we were able to meet Wolfie, their mascot. Our courtside seats meant that we really could get involved in every pass and touch of the ball. The game had us on the edge of our seats, with the final shot of the game putting the Manchester Giants ahead by 1 point. We loved the whole experience - from the fast-paced nature of the match, the cheerleaders at half time, through to the chanting during the game. Now we are all really looking forward to our training session with some of the players next week.



Yr 6 Shakespeare Trip

Year 6 had a fantastic introduction to Shakespeare on Monday afternoon when we went to Hellens for a performance of *Twelfth Night* by the Young Shakespeare Company. It was brilliant, and the children felt thoroughly 'involved' with plenty of choral participation.



School Council

Thank you to all those who joined in with the Children In Need fun by dressing up as Disney characters. The School Council is proud to announce a total of £143, which has been sent off to help this worthy cause.

Our councillors don't spend ALL their time raising money for charities, but they do have another one in the pipeline; on Thursday 8th December they would like to hold a (late!) Macmillan Coffee Morning. This will be at 9:15am, straight after the children go in for registration, so instead of chatting at the school gate, you can natter in comfort! Do support yet another worthy cause.

Tchouckball

On Wednesday, a group of Year 5s and 6s went to a mini-games tournament at John Masefield. We practised our throwing-and-catching skills and then took part in a 'two-bounce' competition against pupils from other primaries. After a break we were split into teams with children from other schools to play in a tournament of tchouckball - a fast-paced game which involves bouncing a ball against a trampoline to score goals. It was great fun - and we were all exhausted when we'd finished! Well played Imogen, Seb P, Paige and Aidan!



Nativity

Our performances of the Nativity play 'The Apprentice' will be taking place at 1.30pm on Monday 12th and Tuesday 14th December. No preschool children other than our Nursery performers are allowed at these shows, but babies and toddlers are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal to the school on Friday 9th December, also at 1.30pm. Tickets will be available next week.

Rugby Matches

On Thursday evening a team from Cradley travelled to Ledbury Primary School to take part in the first TAG Rugby league matches of the season. They played against very strong opposition in Ashperton and Eastnor, and showed great fight and determination. In the team were Archie, George, Owen, Fin, Bradley, Henry, Lydia, Sadie and Kiya.

FOCS Football Match

On Sunday, Cradley Dads welcomed Leigh and Bransford Dads to the school for a friendly match. In an absorbing match, Leigh and Bransford Dads ran out winners 4-2. Thanks to all the Dads who played, all the spectators for their support and to FOCS for arranging the day. A big thank you to Debbie Jackson for donating the trophy and to Mark from Colwall Motor Services for sponsoring the t-shirts. We look forward to the rematch after Christmas. Rumour has it that the Cradley Dads might actually train for the next one!!



Yr 5/6 Dance Club

To all parents of Year 5/6 dance club children: your children have been working really hard this half term and would love to show off their skills. Please join us at 3:45pm next Wednesday to see a performance of what they have achieved this half term.

After School Clubs

Next week is the last week of clubs. There will be no clubs after the 2nd December.

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.

Non-uniform Day

On Wednesday (30th November) children are welcome to come into school in their own clothes. In return, FOCS kindly ask that you bring in a bottle of some sort which can be used for the Tombola Stall at the Christmas Fair on Friday 2nd December.

Nursery

On Monday, the rain poured so we were soaked through in our boats and explored the Noah's Ark story. The children helped Lauren paint the boat, decorate animals and then, at circle time, decide on a promise to make to God. Please take a look at our Reflection Area. Some of the quotes are beautiful. On Tuesday we got messy making our own chocolate and ginger play dough with Charlie. We used it to make gingerbread men. Then we had a very special visitor, Charlie the Chocolate Lab, who came to share stories with us. Wednesday saw us continue with our preparations for Christmas; much glitter has been used! We have been exploring shells, too, washed up on the sand. And what an adventure we had on Friday, hiding our hibernating buddies and sharing hot chocolate around the log circle in our forest school area.



Class 1

This week we have travelled back to Europe to spend some time in France, so it's 'bonjour' from all of us in Class 1. In maths, Reception have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes in construction, whilst Year 1's have been counting on and back on number lines. In phonics we have been on the run with *The Gingerbread Man* in Reception, whilst a non-fiction text about mice has been the theme for Year 1. We have all shared stories about times we have shared things and how it has made us feel, after watching the story *Rainbow Fish* in our RE lesson. We enjoyed our therapeutic activities which followed - making beaded rainbow fish, using halves, quarters and whole paper plates to make a fish shape, which were then beautifully decorated, ready for their swim in the ocean next week. We also enjoyed a bit of detective work, when rainbow fish left us some selfies and asked us to work out where he had been for a swim the night before! Rehearsals are now underway for our Nativity which is only a few weeks away! Keep singing at home.



Class 2

This week in PHSE we have been learning about caring for animals and how they can sometimes care for us. We were very excited to meet Charlie, a Chocolate Labrador - an assistance dog who listens to children read! We learned about other dogs such as guide dogs and others who go into hospitals and hospices. We saw Charlie being bandaged and found out about healthy and unhealthy food for dogs. Last of all, Charlie heard all of Class 2 read and left a paw print on everyone's home liaison book! We are looking forward to Charlie coming back to hear some other children read next term.



Class 3

Class 3 have been working hard on their model houses, making modifications to ensure that they are really sturdy. We will soon be ready to create our Rainforest village. We have made films using iMovie which we have called *A Journey into the Rainforest*. We have uploaded photographs and selected music to create a mood. In maths we have been telling the time and solving time problems. In English we have started to look at the features of persuasive text. We have been science investigators, too, this week finding out whether sound waves travel better through solid, liquid or gas. The highlight of the week was a FaceTime conversation with Amelia in India on her birthday.

Class 4

What a fantastic week in Class 4! We had a brilliant time showing all the parents how wonderful we are in our collective worship on Wednesday. We have also been plotting data onto graphs and used the graphs to write sentences about our findings. In English we have written a letter to our friends encouraging them to attend a basketball match, and we have started to explore reading comprehensions. In the afternoons we have applied all our enthusiasm from watching the basketball on Friday into a class tournament. In RE we have studied marriage in Hinduism, Judaism and Christianity. We have also looked at the celebration of Thanksgiving and thought about the meaning of this to Americans. We were joined this week by Miss Cornes who will be joining us full-time for her final placement after Christmas.



Class 5

Year 6 really enjoyed a performance of *Twelfth Night* on Monday. We followed it up with a discussion on whether Malvolio really deserved the punishment he received in the play. We have been exploring why Hollywood became the centre of the film-making industry at the beginning of the 20th century, with film companies moving from New York. In maths we have been working with decimals. As part of our topic in RE, we had a very interesting discussion with Rev. Ken Harte on what inspired him to become involved with the Bethesda Refuge in Sierra Leone. We wanted to find out more about how personal faith is expressed through charity and generosity.

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: Elijah Gowen for being independent

Beth Richards for working co-operatively

Class 1 Ava Oseman for being persistent

Nelson Meager for being independent

Class 2 Minnie Stevens for taking pride in her work

Van Hughes for being positive in his learning

Class 3 William Malloy for his positive attitude

Eve Vipond for taking pride in her work

Class 4 All of Class 4 for their Collective Worship

Class 5 Libby Kite and George Knowles for being great ambassadors for the school on Tuesday.

Dates for the Future

NOVEMBER **COURAGE**

26th Junk Modelling

30th Non Uniform Day for Tombola

Worcester Wolves players in with Class 4

DECEMBER **PEACE**

1st Choir @ Hereford Cathedral

2nd Christmas Fair

9th Nativity Dress rehearsal

12th Nativity pm

13th Nativity pm

14th School Christmas Lunch

15th Concert for the Leys and Evergreens 10:30am

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