

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 13th January 2017

Ofsted Report

We hope that you all received a copy of the recent Ofsted report. It should be live on the Ofsted website today.

Snow

In the event of heavy snowfall, we make a decision about closing the school as early as possible to try and aid parents in finding alternative provision if needed. We will put a newsflash on the school website, send a call parents and notify Herefordshire Council, who place it on their website. You will also be able to hear of any closures on local radio.

If we do get some and the school is open, please send your child in with some wellies and waterproofs, as there is nothing better than being able to play on the field building snowmen.

Year 6 Art Day

On Tuesday, Aidan, George, Brooke and Henry enjoyed a morning in the Art Department at RGS producing a large acrylic painting of the Malvern Hills in the style of David Hockney. Unexpectedly, this complemented beautifully our whole class work preparing paintings for display inspired by this British artist.



Nativity DVDs

Just a reminder that copies of *The Apprentice* are available to order in the office. If you require any further copies, please do see Paula.

School Car Park

Please note that the school car park is not for the use of parents at any time. This includes before and after school. Also, we have a number of parents and children who are walking across the car park in the morning. This is potentially dangerous as the car park is in constant use.

John Masefield Open Morning

Guided Tours of the School by the Senior Leadership Team, Tuesday 17th January, 2017; 9.15-10.45am (please arrive after 9am to sign in, ready for a 9.15am tour)

Bethesda Orphanage

Thank you for all the donations towards the Bethesda Chapel. We will pass them on to Rev Ken Harte to send out to Sierra Leone. We have added an old school football kit, so we hope that they like football!

Football Matches

On Tuesday, the football team travelled to Bosbury Primary School to take on both Colwall and Bosbury Primary Schools as part of the Winter League Series. In the first match against Colwall, the team played some exciting football, running out eventual winners 8-0, with Fin scoring four goals. Against Bosbury - probably the strongest team in the league - things were much tougher, and Cradley eventually lost the match 8-1, with the bounce of the ball definitely not going the visitors' way at times. Overall, it was a great team performance. Well done to Archie, Owen, Maksim, Henry F, Fin, Connor, Jake and Lorenzo.



Gardening Club

There will be no Gardening Club next Monday 16th January due to cluster schools moderation.

Netball Club

There will be no Netball club on Tuesday 17th January due to matches at Ledbury Primary School.

Reception Places

Just a reminder that applications for Reception places need to be in by 15th January 2017. These need to be completed on the County website in which you live. Please pass this on to anyone who needs to apply. We are likely to be oversubscribed, so it is really important that applications are received on time.

Nursery

There has been lots of exploring this week. We have blown up our volcano and explored our island world. This has also helped the children to think about hot and cold things. The hidden den under our island world has been a big hit; it's the perfect spot for a picnic. The children are enjoying superhero dressing up, but then they are all 'super'! Paints have been out, too, painting volcanoes and our

hands, of course. We have been concentrating on phonics this week. The children have had fun fishing letters out of the sea and matching the sound to the correct objects. And the ever-changing weather conditions have fascinated us. We have made wind kites and tried to build dens in the rain. We don't care what the weather is like, we are still learning. Next week, the children will be off camping and exploring again. We can't wait!



Class 1

Our first full week back has been jolly busy. Our topic for this term is Walking through the Jungle and so this week we are in Madagascar, speaking Malagassy at registration. As we visit other jungles we will find out about the people who live there and the different languages they speak. We have created some amazing pieces of art for our new display, inspired by Andy Goldsworthy, a British sculptor and photographer who creates land art by arranging natural materials in the great outdoors. We have started our research on jungles and where to find them. In PE we like to move it, move it around the hall in different ways to see if others can guess which animal we are. We have also been practising our tight-rope walking on benches, like Thembi, in our Real PE circus story.

Class 2

This week in maths we have been mastering the empty number line for adding and subtracting. In our English lessons we have been writing instructions, and in science we are beginning to find out about seed dispersal. We have made paper helicopters to replicate the way some seeds are dispersed in the wind. We have also had fun drawing in the style Quentin Blake for our art display.

Class 3

This week in class 3 we have started to find out about different mountain ranges in the world and the most famous mountain range in each continent. We used atlases to locate the mountains and looked at ways that mountains are shown on different kinds of maps. We learnt how mountains are shown on ordinance survey maps and made contours of our potato mountains! In English this week we have been learning about the features of non-chronological reports and have used our story The Abominables by Eva Ibbotson to find the information that we needed. In maths Year Three have been using place value to order three digit numbers and Year Four have been multiplying and dividing by 10 which involved decimals. In PE we have started a gymnastics unit and have also been developing our throwing and catching skills with Mr Rose from Superstars. Our ceramic artwork is completed ready for our Clarice Cliff display.

Class 4

This week, in class 4 we have been developing our knowledge of decimal numbers by adding, subtracting and multiplying. In English we have started thinking about diary entries, looking at the types of language that might be used for different writing types, focusing on colloquial language and subordinate and relative clauses. The afternoons have been great fun as we have really got stuck into our Stone Age to Iron Age Britain topic. We've had a wonderful time at Forest School thinking about Stone Age tribes and we have been creating timelines and looking at the location of hill forts in the UK. We have been thinking about our PSHCE topic of health and wellbeing in PE and music, taking an aerobics class and body popping to different beats.



Class 5

This week, we have written explanation texts about why the Black Rhino is critically endangered, and completed some lovely pencil drawings of this charismatic creature. In Maths we have been honing our mental arithmetic skills, working with fractions and decimals. We began our new topic 'Ancient Sumer' by considering what makes a civilisation and in Science we studied how fossils form. We had fun exploring the idea of commitment in RE.

Stars of the Week

Nursery Rory Taylor for being positive

Jacob Garner for being reflective

Class 1 Seb Seldon and Luke Richards for their reflective work in art

Class 2 Esmee Roberts for working independently
Henry Jackson for taking pride in his work

Class 3 Izzy Kendrick for taking pride in her work
Liam Miller for his positive attitude

Class 4 Emily Moseley for a positive attitude
Ivan Innocent for being independent

Class 5 Archie Allcock for his positive attitude
Zac Parkin for being independent

Value of the Month

HOPE

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not grow weak.

Isaiah 40:31

Chosen by Isabella K, Minnie and Ceri



Dates for the Future

JANUARY

HOPE

- 17th JMHS Open Morning
Netball Fixtures @Ledbury Primary School
- 24th Young Voices Concert @ the Genting Arena
Sportsmark Award Ceremony @Whitecross
- 25th Class 5 Collective Worship
- 26th Big Bird Watch
TAG Rugby fixtures @ Ledbury Primary School
- 27th Year 3/4 Dance Festival @ Dysons
- 30th Multicultural Week

FEBRUARY

LOVE

- 1st JMHS Trudge
Residential Meetings for Next Year's Trips
- 2nd Dance Workshop
KS2 TAG Rugby Fixture
- 3rd Samba Drumming Workshop
- 6th British Cradley Bake Off
Archaeologist in Class 4
- 7th Parents Evening 15:30-17:30
Netball Fixtures @ Ledbury
- 8th Parents Evening 17:30-19:30
- 10th Break up for Half Term
- 20th Term Starts
- 21st Class 4 trip to British Camp
- 22nd Net and Wall Extravaganza @JMHS
- 27th Big Write Week

MARCH

HUMILITY

- 2nd World Book Day
- 3rd Multiskills Festival @ Dysons
- 8th Class 1 Collective Worship
- 9th Yr1/2 Football Tournament @JMHS
- 13th Science Week
- 21st Yr 5 Maths Tournament @ JMHS
- 23rd Pyramid Prom 18:30 @ JMHS
- 24th Red Nose Day
- 27th Herefordshire Festival Week
Dance Festival Week
- 30th Yr 3/4 Football @ JMHS