

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 20th January 2017

Cluster Moderation

On Monday, the staff met with their counterparts from Bosbury, Eastnor and Much Marcle to look at the importance of reasoning in mathematics. It is really effective to be able to share good practice across our small schools cluster and to try new ideas to further improve the quality of the education that we can offer your children.

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. We will also post on our Facebook/Twitter feed.

If we do have a fall of snow but 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.

Christmas Tree Festival

We have had a lovely Thank You letter from the church for our contribution to the Christmas Tree Festival. I know the children loved creating the decorations that hung on the tree. The theme was Bible Stories and we chose the Nativity.

Class 5 Collective Worship

Class 5 will be leading our Collective Worship on Wednesday 25th January at 8:55am on the theme of Hope. All parents welcome and afterwards, Year 6 parents will be invited into the classroom to look at their children's work books.

Residential Meetings

We will be holding meetings for next year's residential on Wednesday 1st February. This will therefore affect the children currently in Years 2-5. Each meeting will last no more than 30 minutes. The meeting for next Year's 3/4 will take place at 6:00pm in the hall and the meeting for next year's 5/6 will be at 6:30pm. There will be info packs handed out at the meeting.

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.

After School Club

Just a reminder that parents must sign their children out of After School Club in the register book and that the Club does close at 6pm. Late pick ups after 6pm may be charged for an extra hour. Film Night returns to After School Club on Friday 27th January. You can book in the normal way.

Bethesda Orphanage

On Tuesday, Rev Ken Harte arrived from Cradley Chapel to pick up the pre-loved, good-quality clothes collected by the School Council for the orphan children of Sierra Leone. A big thank you from Ken for the biggest collection ever sent from Cradley to date! We continue to hold the children and the mission in our prayers ; in fact, Class 5's Collective Worship next Wednesday is on this very subject.



Netball Matches

On Tuesday, the Netball team travelled to Ledbury Primary School to play two matches as part of the Winter League Series. In the first games, against Ashperton, Cradley ran out 5-3 winners with Lucy and George grabbing the goals. In the second match against a strong Colwall team, Cradley fought valiantly but lost 6-2. The squad were: George, Lucy, Libby, Sadie, Lilly, Lydia and Emily.

Football Club

There will be no football club on Tuesday 24th January due to Mr Greaves attending the Sportsmark Award Ceremony.

Nursery

Camping fever has set in this week. We have had lots of fun making picnics and toasting marshmallows on our pretend campfire. At Forest School on Tuesday, we played hide-and-seek in the den, made mud firework pictures and drank our hot chocolate around the log circle. We practised our diddi car skills in PE on Wednesday, working very hard to make them move without using our feet. We have also been concentrating on writing shapes and letters in strange places - from sand trays to chalk boards, mud painting to tracing shapes on a friend's back! On Friday, a special visitor came to visit with flashing lights, handcuffs and a bit of "ello, ello, ello". We even had a jail pop up in nursery! Now, can someone let me out please?



Class 1

This week in maths, Reception have been using 2D shapes for purpose and trying to describe shapes using mathematical language. In Year 1 they have been revisiting money and adding/subtracting 10. In English, the focus continues to be on Read, Write, Inc and using popular stories as wider reading around the subject relating to our RWI story of the week. In PSHE we have been drawing/writing about the things which make us happy and what we can do for people who seem upset about something. We have talked about strategies we can use if people are making us cross or upset, and about talking to grown-ups to help us sort out problems we need help with. In PE we have been looking at Stranger Danger and how to stay safe and protect ourselves, and in Topic we have been back to the Island of Madagascar to discover a bit more about the animals that live there. Our trip around the world has taken us to Thailand this week where there are more rainforests to learn about. Our Andy Goldsworthy-inspired art is now on display in the corridor and the materials have been left in the outdoor classroom to continue creating land art.

Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have been writing stories about dragons. We read a story called *George and the Dragon* which was all about a dragon who was afraid of mice! We wrote the story in our own words then thought of a twist to the story which we could add. In science we have been thinking about seed dispersal. We made clay models of dandelion seeds and other seeds called burrs which are designed to hook on to animals' fur. The Year 2s have begun times tables tests this term. Children will complete a test each week and move on to the next level if they get full marks.

Class 3

In RE we looked at how Jesus must have been very inspiring for the disciples to leave everything to follow him. We decided it would be very hard to leave behind the things we love (X-boxes were mentioned!). This week we have found our facts and information about specific mountains around the world. Our Mount Readmore challenge is well under way; children are reading all kinds of different genres in order to meet the challenges and reach the top of the mountain. In English we have been using conjunctions and have written non-chronological reports on the Yeti. In Maths we have been adding and subtracting using different strategies. In

Gymnastics we have been putting symmetrical and asymmetrical balances into sequences involving different ways of travelling.

Class 4

This week in Class 4 we have been adding and subtracting amounts of money to calculate change from a given total. We have continued our diary writing in English and have been using Alan Peat sentences to make our writing sound more interesting. We started our new Art topic this week and researched the Caves of Lascaux, which we will be recreating over the next few weeks. In the afternoons, we have had fun making 3D models of hillforts using contour lines on a map, and have been exploring square lashing and knots, cooking snacks on the fire, whittling sticks and building sturdy structures for shelters at Forest School. In French we have developed our vocabulary to describe our journey to school.

Class 5

This week we have been working hard to prepare our class assembly on 'Hope' for next Wednesday. We are looking forward to it and hope that as many of our parents as possible can come and watch. In maths we have been working on reasoning and problem solving using percentages. In topic we learned where in the world 'Ancient Sumer' was located, and prepared a memory maps. In Science we learned about the work of palaeontologist Mary Anning and began biographies on the iPads using Book Creator.

Stars of the Week

- Nursery** Jake Bagnall - being persistent
Elijah Gowen- being independent
- Class 1** Oliver Blewett for his persistence in lessons
Conor McKay for pride in his work and his cooperation with his friends
- Class 2** Elsie Jackson for working independently
Emilia Buck for working independently
- Class 3** Millie Honeywood for showing perseverance
Finn Belgard for working co-operatively
- Class 4** Seb Parking for a positive attitude
Tilly Wilson for working independently
- Class 5** Henry Adams, Brooke Smith, Aidan Somerville and George Knowles for their stunning artwork

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

- 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