

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 27th January 2017

Young Voices

On Tuesday, after months and months of rehearsing, 38 choir members, finally got to perform the Young Voices songs with over six thousand other children in the Genting arena in Birmingham. The rehearsal was great fun as always and after a quick tea we were back in the arena, trying to spot all of our parents coming in to watch the concert. An impossible task! Our African song, Maliswe, sounded truly amazing with the three part harmony and we got our ll's and ch's in the right place for Calon Lan at the end of Over the Hills! Thanks to all those who came to support. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We are looking forward to next year already!



Class 5 lead Collective Worship

How proud we were of our Year 6 children on Wednesday when they delivered a very moving and thoughtful class assembly. Taking the theme of Hope, our value of the month, they told through role play the story of Bethesda, the children's refuge in Sierra Leone which will be the destination of the clothes from our recent whole school collection. As a school we hope to build our links with Bethesda and Class 5 certainly helped to open our eyes to the experience of

children in a part of the world very different from our own. Well done, and thank you, Year 6.



Bethesda Refuge

We received a lovely letter of thanks from Rev Ken Harte concerning our donations to the school. The letter is reprinted below:

Outgrown Clothing Reaches Record!

To all the parents and children of Cradley School who contributed outgrown clothing for the children in Bethesda Refuge in Freetown, Sierra Leone, towards the children still on the streets a huge thank you for a record response.

The people at Cradley Chapel are in the process of sorting all your donations into boxes ready for transport to a Sierra Leone Mission centre from which they will be sent by sea to that country. This is the best and cheapest way - though not the fastest. We are dependent on the shipping schedules, so will let the children know when the boxes are shipping out and when they arrive.

The name Bethesda means "House of Mercy", which the Refuge certainly is. The transformation in the children after they have been there a little while is amazing. They discover that people do care for them, without wanting something from them, that they are loved and accepted, that they CAN go to school - not that they MUST - and that they receive needed medical care. They begin to have hope, to look to the future and learn that they are not merely unwanted rejects.

The work the Refuge does deals with the tip of an iceberg [as I've said to your children], but we have to begin somewhere. Four years ago, even the tip hadn't been touched!!!

Many thanks again to all of you, and ----- watch this space.

Ken Hart
Minister at Cradley Chapel

Sportsmark Gold Award Ceremony

On Tuesday evening, we went to the Sportsmark Award Ceremony to collect our Gold Award trophy. We met Millie Boucher and Jo Beckingsale. Both are part of the Elite athlete Support Programme at Hereford 6th Form College. Millie is a water polo player and Jo is a mountain biker. It was a great honour to go and receive the award on behalf of the whole school.

Archie and Adele



Birdwatch

On Thursday the school took part in the Big Schools' Birdwatch. We spent an hour watching birds in groups, with different classes watching in different parts of the school grounds. Everyone had to keep really quiet, and Class 4 had even built themselves some bird hides to use in Forest School. Our results will be submitted to the RSPB and we will use the data in maths lessons.



Great Cradley Bake Off

Our wonderful School Council have had another brain wave; following the national success of the Great British Bake off, they would like to run a similar competition here in school. Participating children will need to bake three fairy cakes, decorated identically and presented beautifully. We have invited Paul and Mary along to

judge (AKA Mr Greaves and Mrs Copp). One cake will be tasted, the other cakes will be sold off at the gate at home time. Prizes will be offered to each class. This will take place on Monday 6th February. Please look out for further details from the School Council.

Mad Science

The last week of the Mad Science club will be on Wednesday 22nd February not 15th February as initially stated on the booking form. This is due to our half term being different to some other authorities.

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.

Hoodies

We have recently purchased Cradley hoodies for the Sports' teams use during fixtures and tournaments. A number of parents have expressed an interest in being able to purchase these for use as a jumper for PE, especially during these colder months. We are interested in parents views about this, if you would be interested in purchasing a Cradley hoodie please could you let me or Mrs Booth know. If there is enough interest, or if people feel that it's a good idea then we can add it to the uniform list.

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.

TAG Rugby Matches

On Thursday the TAG Rugby squad played two more matches as part of the Winter League series. First up they faced Ledbury in a keenly fought contest and ran out 14-13 winners. Next up were a strong Bosbury side, who were down to one girl because of illness. This was a great game of rugby with excellent skills from both sides, with the final score being a great 8-8 draw. The squad were; Archie, Owen, George, Fin, Maksim, Bradley, Libby, Lydia and Lily.



Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open next week and will be open 3-4pm on Thursday 3rd February until Tuesday 8th February. If anyone can help to run the fair, please speak to Mrs Jones.

Gardening Club

There will be no Gardening Club on Monday 30th January.

Nursery

We have had some beautifully entertaining role playing going on at Nursery this week. Our Police Station has been up and running. The children have been designing their own arrest warrants and using metal detectors to find stolen jewellery. Staff may have ended up in the jail once or twice. The children have been fascinated by boats so we built our very own using wooden blocks. At forest school, the children walked through a frozen wonderland and made ice pizza's. Dressing up to sing and dance to our favourite tunes has been a firm favourite activity too. Those kids sure can move. We have also been chatting about pets. We had a go at painting our friends and chatting about how they look. Some were fluffy, one was scaly! What will we be up to next week? Will Nursery turn into a Doctor's surgery or Vets? Or maybe an ice palace? Only the children can decide.



Class 1

This week we have been looking at the Rainforests of Southeast Asia and the animals which live there. We have been learning Malay at registration and in topic we are starting to understand about the climate in Madagascar. We have been using our bodies as percussion to make a rainstorm and earlier in the week we saw how the conductor of an orchestra keeps time and helps everyone play together. In PE we have been working on how best to work as a team in competitive games and using strategies to get our pirates across the stormy seas one at a time on a small boat! On Thursday we enjoyed a morning of birdwatching with our Year 6 buddies and used our maths to count up how many birds were seen. We are all looking forward to our multi-cultural week next week.

Class 2

This week we have been beginning work on our topic - The Great Fire of London. We have watched some films and we are starting to collect information in order to write a report about the fire. In Science we have been watching our sweet pea seeds carefully to see which ones germinate. We have predicted which ones we think will work and will soon be able to see if we were correct. In Maths we are beginning to think about solving problems with fractions as well as continuing with our ongoing work on counting patterns.

Class 3

This week we have been learning about how the earth is made to enable us to understand how mountains are formed. We learned about the tectonic plates that cover the earth and how, as they have moved over millions of years, they have shaped the world we know today. We also found out about the devastating effects of these plates colliding. We made plasticine models to represent the layers that make up the earth using different colours for each layer. Those children who did not attend Young Voices, painted 'reflective mountain' pictures. In maths we have been learning about fractions and in English we wrote a traditional tale. In RE we heard how Jesus healed the Leper, and then did a Conscience Alley about whether we should play with 'the naughty child' in school; this promoted some interesting discussions.

Class 4

This week in Maths we have been learning about area and perimeter and have measured the classroom. We were introduced to a new character - an alien in Cradley - in our English lessons, and we have been trying to imagine how the alien got to Earth. In the afternoons, we have continued our topic lessons by producing an informative leaflet about the Stone Age, and have learnt how to generate 6-figure grid references on maps. Some of Class 4 became teachers in Class 1 and taught them Maths using lots of fun apps, while the others went to Young Voices where they had a brilliant time. In Forest School we have created walls using dead wood to hide behind for the bird watch and extended these to become a structure for a den.



Class 5

This week has been a full and busy one for Year 6. We worked very hard to prepare our assembly and were very pleased with how it was received. Half the class had been performing the evening before at the Young Voices concert in Birmingham so we were tired! In Maths we have been working on measures. Continuing our theme of endangered animals in English, we considered the plight of the Black Rhino by writing letters from a Black Rhino to humans! In Science we prepared biographies of palaeontologist Mary Anning and in topic we learned how the Ancient Sumerians progressed from a nomadic way of life to becoming farmers.

Stars of the Week

Nursery TJ Malloy for being positive

Jack Yardley for working co-operatively

Class 1 Daniel Jeffries for being positive

Sebastian Brooks for working co-operatively

Class 2 Teyha Stanley for taking pride in her work

Amber Thompson for working independently

Class 3 Reuben Alcott for showing perseverance

Isabella Lyndon for working independently

Class 4 Oliver Burton for taking pride in his work

Tilly Wilson for being positive

Class 5 All the Year 6s for their stunning collective worship

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

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
Parents Evening 17:30-19:30
8th Break up for Half Term
10th Term Starts
20th Class 4 trip to British Camp
21st Net and Wall Extravaganza @JMHS
22nd Big Write Week
27th

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

APRIL TRUST

1st FOCS Junk Modelling
6th Easter Service
7th End of Term
24th Start of Term

Dates for the Future

JANUARY HOPE