

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 3rd February 2017

Multicultural Week

Monday was a mix up day where we got to try a different art activity and find out lots of information about the countries we 'visited'. It was great to work with children of different ages within our school and was great to see everyone working and supporting each other. We made blossom pictures in Japan. In New Zealand we learnt about the fern and made some pastoral pictures using the curls and swirls of the fern leaf. In China we found out about Chinese writing, I had a go at writing the numbers using black paint. We also had a go at using chopsticks and everyone had a fortune cookie. In India we decorated hands using Mendhi patterns. In South America we learnt about the Aztec gods and made some mosaic pictures of them. Whilst in Europe we made a gazpacho salsa and pesto twists then we ate them with olives and Tzatziki. In our weekly song practice collective worship we had a multicultural theme too when we learnt the African song Maliswe, sang in Welsh to Calon Lan and finished with World in Union. Thursday was dance day with Karina, each class got to learn and perform a traditional dance from around the world. Class 1 learned a traditional African dance and performed it wearing their tribal necklaces. Class 2 travelled to India to learn Bollywood and wore printed sashes for the performance. Year 3/4 performed a Peruvian dance inspired by the sea and danced with their hankies. Whilst year 5/6 partied their way through their dance wearing brightly coloured headdresses whilst they did the Samba. Today the whole school will be taking part in Samba drumming workshop and we will let you know all about that next week.
Mrs Jones



Dance Festival

Last Friday, Years 3 and 4 took part in a dance festival at Dyson Perrins High School. The sessions were led by talented dancers from Dance in Motion. The children were in groups with children from other schools within the Dyson's cluster. They each took part in one creative dance, which was on the theme of carnival dancing, and one style dance, which was either break dancing or cheerleading. At the end, the children performed one of these dances and watched the leaders dance in a final performance. It was really interesting to see so many different types of dancing performed by such a variety of people.



Parents Evenings

You should have received your Parents Evening slips for next Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be no football club or netball club next week due to the Parents Evening and netball matches in Ledbury.

The John Masefield Trudge

On Wednesday, a team of 10 went to John Masefield to take part in a Trudge Cross Country race. All the children were very focused and gave it their all in very tough, muddy conditions. Representing Years 3 and 4 were Izzy K, Rupert, William and Amelia, who all ran a 1.5km course. Representing Years 5 and 6 were Lilly, Connor, Libby and Henry, who ran a 2.2km course. We also entered Archie and Emily into a Monster Trudge race which was 2.2km and included a mini assault course. Overall, Cradley came fifth. A big well done to all who took part for showing such determination in a challenging competition!



Residential Meeting

Thanks to all the parents who came to the residential meetings on Wednesday evening. For those parents who were unable to make it, the details will be sent out with your child.

Great Cradley Bake Off

Members of our wonderful School Council have had another brain wave! Following the phenomenal 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).

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.

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 purchasing 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.

Book Fair

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

Nursery

The children have been doctors and nurses this week. We have been looking after each other, bandaging poorly limbs and administering medicine. We have enjoyed traveling around the world at snack time. From Chinese spring rolls and noodles, to tropical fruit from Africa, the children have been trying lots of new foods. It was exciting getting the coconut open; hard hats were needed! We have been using our waterproofs and having fun getting very muddy in puddles. The rain doesn't stop us! The children have been using their muscles to set up our own library, moving the books and stamping them with the Cradley stamp. Each child will be bringing their first book home next week in their brand new book bags - all individually decorated. We hope you enjoy this new facility. The children have worked so hard setting it up. Finally, could we request donations of old clothes please - especially boys trousers, socks and pants. Our cupboards are bare and it is urgent!



Class 1

This week has been lots of fun. We have learned all about different countries, their traditions, language and culture. On Monday, we got to work with children from all different classes and ventured out of our classroom into all the other classrooms in school, to take part in various art activities. We have enjoyed making our African necklaces out of paper plates and wore them to show off our African dance to the rest of the school on Thursday afternoon at the end of the day. The drumming workshop on Friday was amazing and gave us loads of ideas for our rainforest music project. It has been a great multi-cultural week and we have particularly enjoyed our week in Japan as we were able to look at the country in a bit more depth than usual on Monday's mix up day, where we learned to count to 10, paint cherry-blossom trees to make them into fans and have a go at sand art on the light box. We look forward to talking to you at Parents Evening next week.



Class 2

This week we have enjoyed making sashes to wear round our waists for the Bollywood dance which we learned with Karina on Thursday. We painted fabric in lots of bright colours and wore them for the performance. Everyone worked really hard to learn the dance and performed all the moves brilliantly. In topic we have continued to find out about The Great Fire of London. We wrote diary extracts from the point of view of a boy who lived on Pudding Lane and used the iPads to play a game to help us learn about different sources of information.

Class 3

Class 3 have had lots of fun this week, we have also worked hard on our half termly assessments. Mix up day was great fun and it was packed with arts activities. We decorated handkerchiefs with pictures related to the sea to use in our Peruvian dance on Thursday. We made posters and PowerPoint slides using information we found out about the culture of Peru.

Class 4

In Class 4 this week, we have been estimating and measuring capacities of different-sized objects in Maths. In English, we have created a story behind our character of the Alien in Cradley, planned two diary entries from the perspective of that character, and started writing our diary entries. We have been learning about the Bronze Age in our History lessons and have continued to develop our map-reading skills in Geography. As it is Multi-Cultural Week, we have been learning about lots of different cultures from around the world. Some of us designed and created our own carnival headdresses that we wore when we were Samba dancing. Just when we thought we couldn't have any more fun, we ended the week with a Samba drumming workshop - which we thought was amazing!

Class 5

In our multi-cultural week we have enjoyed samba dancing and drumming and created country profiles of Iraq - the modern day location of Ancient Sumer - so fitting in with our topic. In maths we have been working on measures and coordinates and in English we have been using sentences with question tags and punctuation for parenthesis in our writing about saving the Black Rhino.

Value of the Month

LOVE

Luke 6:35

Love your enemies and do good to them; lend and expect nothing back. You will then have a great reward and you will be sons of the most high God.

Chosen by Scarlett, Darcey and Meryl

Dates for the Future

FEBRUARY

LOVE

- 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

APRIL

TRUST

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