

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 12th May 2017

The School Spring Show Garden

After weeks of hard work it was finally judging day on Wednesday. Our three pupils spoke very confidently about the garden, describing its layout, our reasons for planting and the projects completed by each class in the school. On Thursday we were very excited to be awarded 3 prizes, Best Build, the Council for the Protection of Rural England award and the big one 'Best School Garden'. We are very proud of this achievement, in fact the children were featured on Midlands Today last night and are the front cover stars of the Malvern Gazette today. A very big thank you to Kat Norbury, Tony Copp and Ms George without whom this all would not be possible.

After the show has finished we will be bringing the garden back to school as well as taking some of our plants to a flower bed at The Leys.



Suntan lotion and Water bottles

When good weather is forecast, please can sun-cream lotion be applied before school. Older children can bring their own to put on during the day. A cap is also an excellent idea, as we do like to take advantage of our outside areas. Children are expected to have a water bottle - clearly labelled - with them every day.

SATS Week

Well done to the Year 6s on their hard work and outstanding effort during the tests this week. Now you can start thinking about the summer play.

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 23rd May; events will start at 10am and run till midday. After a picnic lunch on the field, the children will be registered by their teacher and you may take them home with you at that point. If not, they can remain in school till 3pm. Please remember that there will be no hot dinners available that day, so all children must bring a packed lunch. Limited parking will be available on the playground from about 9:15 onwards. As always, we are at the mercy of the British weather. We aim to make a decision regarding cancellation the night before, based on the forecast. We will notify people via the text-messaging service and a note on the school website if we have not been able to make a decision during the school day.

Nursery

We are pleased to report that the children at nursery have had a quiet week! For short periods in our morning sessions, we have been tiptoeing to the toilets and being super silent. We are so proud of how hard the children worked to avoid disrupting or disturbing our big friends in Year 6 tackling their SATs. Well done everyone! To keep us entertained, we have been jolly busy. The malleable table has been very popular. We have been making cakes, crumbles and some very sloppy mixtures. I do apologise for those children who came home covered in flour, but much fun was had. We have been creating 'big art', drawing stories and pictures (the dragons were scary!) on a paper that stretched the length of nursery! The afternoons have been beautifully sunny. Water play has been a hit. Putting different colours into buckets of water really got us thinking about colour mixing. And it was a meatball restaurant in the sand pit. Oh, and I hope the children had fun making their hobby horses in Forest School. There was lots of cantering among the bushes. We're still looking for old pots, pans and spoons for the Forest School mud kitchen - if you have a spring clean, think of us!



Class 1

It's been a busy, quiet week! Class 1 have been working hard on our topic of The Great Fire of London all through the week. On Monday we listened to an eye-witness account from the event itself and heard all about how it started, and how and why it quickly spread. We made mind maps of all the things that contributed to the damage caused by the fire and then we made fire pictures by crayoning over orange card and scratching a picture into the crayon. We talked and wrote about what our artwork represented. Later on in the week we tackled a reading comprehension and we are beginning to be able to answer the list of questions we started out with at the beginning of the topic. On Thursday Rev Ward met us at

church and talked about Baptism and how we welcome a new baby into the church. Thank you to all our volunteers from church and Open the Book who walked with us to church, read us a story and helped us write our prayers for the prayer tree. Our third football session was great and we are really seeing how our tactical games are preparing us for football in the future. We have also been practising for Sports Day and letting off steam after being so brilliantly quiet all week!

Class 2

This week we have been revisiting 2 and 3-D shape in maths and thinking about the properties of shapes. We have also continued to practise calculating accurately. In our English lessons we have been adapting the book 'Dear Teacher', which tells the story of a boy's adventures and his excuses for being late for a maths test! In PE we have been getting ready for Sports Day and in science we have been finding out about creatures which live in ponds.

Class 3

Class 3 have started learning about World War 2. This week we have learnt how the war began and have listened to the radio broadcast by Neville Chamberlin, where he announced that England was at war with Germany. We have found out what to do when we hear the air raid siren and have taken shelter under our desks when we heard the shrill sound. We made gas mask boxes ready for our trip when we will be an evacuee and travel by train. In maths we have been learning about area and perimeter and in English we have been writing diary entries and learning about what features to include. Cricket was great fun as we worked on our batting techniques and we are practicing for Sport's Day.

Class 4

Class 4 have been developing their fractions knowledge in Maths, using skittles and biscuits to think about fractions of amounts and fractions of a whole. In English, we have been making inferences about the characters in the book we have been reading, and we have written postcards from a character's point of view. In the afternoons we have continued to develop our tennis and athletics skills in PE, we have created a picture from one of Banksy's artworks - using the computers to develop our art skills. We have also learned about Cleopatra and put the events of her life into a timeline.

Class 5

SATs are over! We can now look forward to the rest of our final term at Cradley. We thoroughly enjoyed the first read-through of our play, *Pirates of the Curry Bean*, and can't wait to find out what our roles are going to be. We're very much looking forward to our film project next week.

Value of the Month

REVERENCE Hebrews 12:28

Let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.

Chosen by the Teaching staff

17th

FOCS Summer Fete

School hike

19th

Leavers Rounders

20th

Break up

Stars of the Week

Nursery Leo White for having a positive attitude

Mya Oseman for working co-operatively

Class 1 Jacob Vine for being reflective in his work

Amelia Phipotts for being independent

Class 2 Fred Jackson for taking a risk

Elsie Jackson for taking pride in her work

Class 3 Cleo Baynham for speaking confidently to the judges

Bella Hughes for being independent in her work

Class 4 Imogen Davis and Henry Flanagan for speaking confidently to the judges

Class 5 All the children for doing so well in their SATs

Dates for the Future

MAY REVERENCE

11th-14th Malvern Spring Show

16th Year 6 out filming

18th Yr 1/2 football tournament @Ledbury Primary

19th TAG Rugby Tournament

20th FOCS Family Skittles Night @ The Legion

23rd Sports Day

24th FOCS Rags to Riches Collection

26th Class 4 and Class 5 Bellboating trip

Break up

JUNE WISDOM

5th Start of Term

Rounders Tournament 1-3pm @ JMHS

6th Cricket Tournament pm

8th JMHS Information Evening for Yr 5 pupils

9th KS1 Summer Festival @ JMHS

12th Start of Workshops @ JMHS

13th KS2 Golf @ JMHS

14th Janden Trophy Athletics @ JMHS

15th Girls Cricket Tournament

16th Rounders Tournament @ Dysons

17th FOCS Family Camping

20th Lifepath for KS2

21st Class 2 Collective Worship 8:55am Parents Welcome

22nd JMHS Info Evening for Year 6 Parents

23rd Crucial Crew for Year 6 @ Leominster

24th FOCS Fashion Show/Clothes Sale

26th Class 3 Trip to the Severn Valley Railway

29th Bellboating Regatta

30th Yr5 Taster Day @ JMHS

JULY CREATION

6th Pass Up Day

7th Play Dress rehearsal

10th Play to school pm

11th Play 6pm

12th Play 6pm

13th Nursery Leavers Ceremony

Teddy Bears Picnic

14th Film Premiere Year 6 @ Hereford Odeon