

# CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## Bellboating

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, Class 4 and 5 went bell-boating on the River Severn setting sail from Upton Marina. It was a lovely, sunny day for it and all children set off in high spirits. We sailed towards Worcester and stopped under a tree for a snack and some shade. After this we continued down the river twisting and turning until we reached Severn Stoke. We then turned back and stopped for a picnic lunch in a field at the back of Hanley Castle. After lunch we were able to practise some stand up paddling, have a race and walk up and down the middle of the bell-boat. The determination, perseverance and cooperation shown was outstanding and we are very proud of all the children.



## Request from the Police

On Thursday afternoon, the Police had to speak to several parents about their parking outside the school. Please do park considerately, safely and legally.

## 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 essential, 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.

## Stage for the Play

We are due to put the stage into the school for the Summer Play on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 10am. If any parents are able to help on that day, please see Mrs Paton for further details.

## Performance

What an amazing start to the half term! We were treated to a performance by M&M productions of the Wizard of Oz. It was loud, colourful and funny too. The cast are amazing playing several different parts, operating sound and lighting and changing scenery with precision timing. Afterwards, Years 4 and 5 found out from

the cast how they manage all the different elements and how the sound system works. They were able to ask technical questions and find out about plans for future productions.

### **Rounders and Cricket Tournaments**

Unfortunately, the weather has beaten us this week and we have lost both a Rounders and Cricket Tournament to the weather. We have been given a replacement date for the Rounders Tournament, we are waiting on the cricket.

### **Minute's Silence**

We all took part in the national minute's silence on Tuesday at 11am, to commemorate those people who lost their lives in the terrorist attack on London. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families.

### **Cradley Open Gardens 2017**

This year Cradley School has been invited to be part of Cradley Open Gardens. All twelve gardens will be open from noon until 5pm on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th June. Entry to the gardens is gained by buying a programme which costs £6. These can be bought from Cradley Butchers, Blue Ginger Gallery, Crumpton Hill Farm Shop or the gardens themselves. Money raised over the weekend will be donated to the church.

### **Governor Profiles**



#### **Martin McAleese**

Martin McAleese born 1947 joined the Army aged 16 as an apprentice, and then in 1968 graduated as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. He served for 33 years and retired early in 1995, having disbanded his Gurkha Regiment in Hong Kong. His second career was in the private sector for 10 years as a change manager, in the UK, Germany, and Australia. His final employment was with the Royal British Legion.

He and his wife Carol have lived in Cradley for twenty two years. Martin has been associated with the School since 1996, when Cradley Church was a vibrant place, with the school children involved in the church choir, music, shows and community events. His interests are music - guitar player/rock choir/church band - and field sports. He volunteered for a role on the Governors' resources committee, which is responsible for the financial management of the school, to include budgets, staffing and recruitment. Recent activities involve looking at our boundaries to ensure they are secure for all pupils; investigating planning applications to understand impact and expectations on the school and reviewing our budgets for forthcoming years.

#### **William Adams**

I sit as a governor on the Curriculum and Achievement sub-committee, which is responsible for deciding on the areas of the School Development Plan that we should investigate to check that the school is implementing the policy. For example, when the new curriculum came out, one of my tasks was to see

how one of the subjects in the new curriculum was being implemented across the school and what checks and procedures were in place to make sure it was working smoothly and would continue to do so.

Governor meetings and sub-committee meetings give us the opportunity to ask questions and with three of the school's teachers as governors you tend to get answers immediately.

As a parent governor, I keep looking to be reassured that the school is doing things right. I have visited the school to interview staff in conjunction with the above, done learning walks to see the school in action and reviewed children's books. The children are engaged, know what is expected of them and know what to do if they get stuck. These visits have given me confidence that the school is working hard and teachers are committed to achieving their aims.

### **Nursery**

We are going to the zoo, zoo, zoo. How about you, you, you? Nursery has decided to visit the zoo this week. The children helped to create a new 'jungle den'. We have been learning about habitats and have been puzzling out where different animals live. Everyone loved playing safari bingo and matching numerals to feed hungry animals. We also went on a little adventure to the land of Oz. We joined the school to watch 'The Wizard of Oz' this week and even met Dorothy after the show. On Friday, we went on an Insect Safari and made a bug hotel to encourage more to our forest school area. In the afternoon, our Preschool children went for their first transition session with Mrs Robb in Class One. Well done all. We are proud of you all as you embark on this journey. More zoo adventures to come next week.



### Class 1

We have enjoyed putting our holiday photos up on the big screen to talk about with our friends this week. Reception have been busy learning three more speed sounds this week as well as learning all about capacity in Goldilocks and the Three Bears in maths. It was quite a challenge to guess how many baby bowls of porridge would fit into Daddy Bear's big bowl and what might happen if we tried it the other way around! We have been learning all about the five oceans and recapping the seven continents, as well as making clay pots to help us with writing instructions on how to make a clay pot. This week we have welcomed the preschoolers into Class 1 to play to get them ready for September and meet their new teachers. We look forward to getting to know them and their families over the coming weeks. The current Class 1 are going to experience Forest School activities with Yas from Nursery in order to make room in the classroom!



### Class 2

This week we have been writing book reviews about Dear Teacher, a book which we read in class. We have also been practising telling the time and beginning to rehearse our Class assembly which is on the tricky topic of Wisdom. We will be telling some stories which we hope will enable everyone to gain a deeper understanding of what wisdom is. We were disappointed to find out that the Key Stage 1 multiskills festival had to be cancelled because of the weather. Hopefully it will be rearranged and we will let you know what is decided.

### Class 3

What a treat! Monday started with a theatre production of the Wizard of Oz which was amazing. In maths we have been multiplying using the grid method and the ladder method, multiplying and dividing decimals by 10 and 100 and finding equivalent fractions and decimals. In English we have started a unit of work on adventure stories and we have looked in detail at the character Lenny from the book 'The lion and the unicorn', a wartime evacuee. In Forest school the year 4 children made flags and did some sketching whilst the year 3 children looked at what the Bible tell us God is like in RE. In PE we played non-stop cricket and in Topic we designed and painted wartime advertising posters.

### Class 4

This week in Maths, Class 4 have worked really hard on their mental multiplication and division, using factors to help them. In English we have had a really fun time applying personification to lots of different objects and analysing poetry. The afternoons have seen the start of our new cricket sessions with a cricket coach in PE, we have started our DT project to design a gravity racer car and we have looked and assessed different gaming music in Music.

### Class 5

This week in maths we have been working on investigations involving very large numbers, such as how many times we might blink in a lifetime, thinking about efficient calculation strategies. In English we began studying the amazing story of Phillips Petit who walked between the twin towers in New York in 1974 on a tightrope. Was he right to do this astonishing stunt or not? In science we learned about the respiratory system and in topic we continued working on our designs for earthquake-proof structures.

### Value of the Month

#### WISDOM

How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver!

Proverbs 16:16

Chosen by Mrs Knowles, Mother.

### Stars of the Week

- Nursery** Naomi Griffiths being reflective  
Rory Taylor taking a risk  
Jack Yardley take a risk
- Class 1** Millie Elliott-Roberts for being positive  
Toby Boniface for his persistence
- Class 2** Daniel Burton for his independence  
Milly Garner for her persistence
- Class 3** Reuben Alcott for his independence  
William Moseley for his persistence
- Class 4** Abi Philpotts for working positively  
Seb Parkin for his persistence
- Class 5** Lydia Thorne for fantastic work  
Kiya Felstead for independence

## Dates for the Future

<b>JUNE</b>	<b>WISDOM</b>
12 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Workshops @ JMHS
13 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Golf @ JMHS
14 <sup>th</sup>	Class photos
15 <sup>th</sup>	Girls Cricket Tournament
	New Intake Parents Evening 18:30
16 <sup>th</sup>	New Intake morning 8:45-10:30
17 <sup>th</sup>	FOCS Family Camping
19 <sup>th</sup>	Rounders Tournament @ JMHS
20 <sup>th</sup>	Lifepath for KS2
21 <sup>st</sup>	Class 2 Collective Worship 8:55am Parents Welcome
	Janden Trophy Athletics @ JMHS
22 <sup>nd</sup>	JMHS Info Evening for Year 6 Parents
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Crucial Crew for Year 6 @ Leominster
	New Intake session 13:00-14:30
24 <sup>th</sup>	FOCS Fashion Show/Clothes Sale
26 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3 Trip to the Severn Valley Railway
29 <sup>th</sup>	Bellboating Regatta
30 <sup>th</sup>	Yr5 Taster Day @ JMHS
	New Intake Session 08:45-10:30

<b>JULY</b>	<b>CREATION</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	Pass Up Day
7 <sup>th</sup>	Play Dress rehearsal
10 <sup>th</sup>	Reports out to Parents
11 <sup>th</sup>	Play to school am
	Play 6pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Play 6pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Leavers Ceremony
	Teddy Bears Picnic
14 <sup>th</sup>	Film Premiere Year 6 @ Hereford Odeon
	FOCS Summer Fete
17 <sup>th</sup>	School hike
19 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers Rounders
20 <sup>th</sup>	Break up