

# CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to another year at Cradley CE Primary! A special welcome to all our new children in Class 1 and to the children who have joined us in other year groups.

## Ironbridge Residential

We have just about recovered from a non-stop, fun-filled residential to Ironbridge. Where to begin...? Well, we carried out rock experiments at Carding Mill Valley, investigated the lime kilns at Lea Quarry and searched for fossils - and that was all before we arrived at the youth hostel in Coalbrook Dale! The fun and learning didn't stop there! On our second day, we visited Enginuity and made our own moving monsters using pneumatics, along with exploring all the fascinating exhibits Enginuity had to offer. We also walked down to the Ironbridge and made charcoal drawings of it. Our last day was spent at Blist Hill, the old Victorian town, where we were able to change our money into Victorian coins, which we then enjoyed spending - especially in the Confectioners! It was fascinating to have a glimpse of what life would have been like in the 1900s and one, I'm sure, the children will remember for a long time. All in all, it was a fantastic residential and the children represented the school extremely well!



## Conwy residential

Last Friday, Years 5 and 6 returned from another highly successful trip to Conwy. Once again we had the privilege of enjoying the beautiful scenery of Snowdonia National Park and the area around the Conwy estuary. The children didn't stop from breakfast time to bedtime with action-packed days, and walks up Conwy mountain and around the town walls occupying our evenings. The children were full of energy and enthusiasm and once again it was heartening to hear so many compliments from members of the public on how considerate and well-behaved our children are. Well done everybody!





#### **A4103 Road Closures**

You should all have received a copy of the letter concerning the closing of the main road over the next couple of weeks. It is likely to cause congestion throughout the village and any routes that are used as alternatives. Please allow yourself extra time for any journeys.

#### **Clubs Letter**

You should all have received a Clubs letter on Tuesday; these need to be returned asap to secure a place on our range of clubs. Clubs will start on Monday, with Gardening, Yr 1-3 football and Girls football.

#### **Curriculum Newsletter**

You should all have received your curriculum newsletters from your teachers. We will put copies on the website shortly, along with an overview of each class's curriculum for the year.

#### **School Car Park**

Just a reminder that the school car park is not to be used by parents at any time. Please pass this on to any grandparents or others that drop children off. Please do not walk across the car park either - this is incredibly dangerous as staff vehicles are moving in and out at all times.

#### **Dogs**

Dogs are not allowed on school premises; this includes the meet-and-greet area at the end of the day. We have had a report that a Nursery aged child was bitten this week.

#### **Volunteers**

We value the help that you as parents and grandparents can give to school. Many activities simply wouldn't happen without the help of volunteers. If you are able to help in any way we would really appreciate it. You could hear children read, help with classroom activities and trips, or maybe share a skill or interest you have with us in school, such as gardening, cooking or sewing. If you would like to help in anyway, we invite you for coffee and cake to a volunteers' induction meeting. At this meeting you can discuss helping in school, we can arrange for you to help with one of the classes, meet other parents, find out important information about procedures, safeguarding and our volunteer policy. Please come along at 2.15pm on Wednesday 20th September.

#### **Learning Behaviours**

Just a reminder of the Learning Behaviours that we have in school. We use these to support the children in developing their skills as learners. They are: be independent, be a reflective thinker, take a risk, be positive, be persistent, work co-operatively and take pride in your work.

#### **Nursery**

Welcome to Nursery to our new children and those returning after the summer break. And a warm welcome to our new member of staff - Carol - who has already settled in so well. What an exciting start to the term we've had! The Gruffalo has been popping in and leaving us notes and footprints. So we have collected apples with Yasmin and made him a crumble. We worked out how to mix up our own playdough and created our own Gruffaloes with Lauren. We have even been learning the Gruffalo song with actions. The children have been noticing how the world is changing around them, too. Mr Moon has been out most mornings and the hot topic of conversation as he should be asleep. Carol took the children on a windy leaf hunt and got them matching them. Then Charlie encouraged the children to attempt colour-mixing with their hands to make a rainbow. It was wonderful to see their faces as they made new colours like magic. Next week, we will continue to explore 'the woods'. We expect the bears might be up to mischief!



### Class 1

A very big warm welcome to all of the new children and their parents who have joined Class 1. We hope you have all managed to log-in to Tapestry each day to see what the children of Class 1 have been up to since last Tuesday. We enjoyed our first quiet week without the KS2 children but we did miss our Year 6 buddies who helped us out at the transition sessions in the summer. We are glad they are back to help support the Reception children at break times and lunch times. Well done to the Year 1s for helping the new children in class and showing them what to do if they are a little unsure. We have all got to know each other a little better, looked at our learning behaviours to see what makes us effective learners and worked out which house we are in and how we can earn house points for our team. We've been on the adventure playground and explored school so that we know where everything is. Through the mornings this week we have taught the Year 1s and Reception children separately for phonics and maths. Everyone is busy learning/recapping the speed sounds in phonics ready for some super writing later on in the term. In RE we looked at pictures of our church and talked about St James and the scallop shell and its meaning. We were very excited to discover that we had the shell on our uniform to represent all the different paths we might take in life!

Next week we will be learning all about Harvest Time which will later link in with Thanksgiving as part of our Topic for this term and we will be starting rehearsals for our Class piece for the Harvest Festival celebrations at church at the beginning of October.



### Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have been solving place value problems in maths and writing stories based on *Not Now Bernard* in English. In science we have been presenting weather forecasts and in our topic lessons we have begun finding out about Sir Francis Drake's voyage around the world. We thought about what questions we would like answered about his journey.

### Class 3

Class 3 has been investigating objects from the past to see what we can find out about the Romans to start off our Ancient Rome topic. We have been digging up the past and identifying parts of objects that have been buried for 2000 years. We dissected Roman poo to find out what Romans ate, and investigated different objects to find out what life was like. In PE this week we have learned how to dribble in hockey. In English we have been reminding ourselves about what makes a good sentence and have started to explore the book *Escape from Pompeii* at the beginning of a narrative unit where we will be learning about adventure stories. In maths we have been looking at place value, what each digit in a number represents and comparing and ordering numbers. We followed up our residential visit by sketching the Ironbridge with charcoal.

### Class 4

Class 4 have had a fantastic time settling into the routines of this new school year. We have revised our times table and place value knowledge and learned about bigger numbers in Maths. In English we have written a diary entry about our residential and developed reading comprehension skills. In the afternoons we have learned about the Kings and Queens of England, thinking about how the monarchy contributes to life in England. In PE we practised hockey skills and we have also begun our portraits topic in Art by doing line drawings of ourselves and others.

### Class 5

What a fantastic start to Year 6! We have been reflecting on our residential to Conwy this week and produced green-screen films to inform about each of the places we visited. In maths we have



learned how to construct pie charts using percentages to present data from our Llandudno surveys, and in geography we considered how the physical geography of the Conwy region affects the human geography, producing some lovely geographical sketches from photographs. In addition, we have been getting to grips with the extra responsibilities which come with being a Year 6 pupil. A great start to what promises to be an exciting and productive term!

### Swimming

Just a reminder that year 5 & 6 children start swimming lessons on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> at Ledbury Pool so please remember your swimming kit.

### Value of the Month

#### FRIENDSHIP

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed.

Ecclesiastes 4:9

Chosen by Mrs Paton, Class 5 teacher.

### Stars of the Week

**Nursery:** Hayden Jeffries

Thomas Blewett

Dexter Wyatt all for being positive

**Class 1** Isla McCarthy-Wicks for taking risks

Uriah Lyndon for being positive

Toby Boniface for being co-operative

**Class 2** Nelson Meager for being independent

Isabella Kildare for being persistent in spelling

**Class 3** Felix McAuley,

Leah Gray Hitchens

Frazer Tilsley all for being brave and settling into a new school

**Class 4** Amelia Alcott for being persistent in maths

Quinn Stephenson for thinking positively in maths

**Class 5** Phoebe Bramich Muniz

Chole Bramich Muniz both for settling into year 6 so brilliantly

### Dates for the Future

#### SEPTEMBER **FRIENDSHIP**

18<sup>th</sup> Clubs Start

26<sup>th</sup> Class 4 to Cradley Chapel

#### OCTOBER **FREEDOM**

2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Festival @ Church 9am

5<sup>th</sup> Class 5 @ Young Shakespeare @JMHS

9<sup>th</sup> Kwiksticks Hockey Tournament @JMHS 9-11am

10<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 15:30-17:30

11<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 17:30-19:30

13<sup>th</sup> School and Eco Council Elections

Trip to Worcester Wolves

20<sup>th</sup> School Breaks up

30<sup>th</sup> Return to school

#### NOVEMBER **SERVICE**

6<sup>th</sup> Breaking Bread Collective Worship - all welcome

7<sup>th</sup> Nasal Flu Vaccinations Yrs R-4

Hi5 Netball Tournament @JMHS 11:15-13:15

8<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Collective Worship - parents welcome

11<sup>th</sup> FOCS Fashion Show

13<sup>th</sup> Healthy School Week

22<sup>nd</sup> NSPCC Collective Worship and Workshops

#### DECEMBER **THANKFULNESS**

4<sup>th</sup> Breaking Bread Collective Worship - all welcome

Sportshall Athletics @JMHS 09:00-11:00

8<sup>th</sup> Nativity Dress rehearsal to school

11<sup>th</sup> Nativity 13:30

12<sup>th</sup> Nativity 13:30

15<sup>th</sup> Break up