

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 29th September

RHS Five Star Award

We are very pleased to announce that we have been awarded the 'Five Star Gardening Award' by the RHS. In order to achieve this award we had to submit evidence of all the work we have been doing in the garden, school grounds and in the community. We told the RHS all about our pond, how we use the garden to support our curriculum and how we have been working at the Leys to create a flower bed which can be enjoyed by residents. As well as receiving a certificate and display panel, we are also able to use the Five Star Gardening logo and have been sent £200 of National Garden Gift Vouchers.

Bell Boating Trip

On Monday, some of the children of Year 3 and 4 and their parents went bell-boating on the river Severn. We had a great time and saw many sights of Worcester from a new perspective. Thank you for all adults who supported this family event. We will be arranging events for other year groups later in the year.



Harvest Festival

Due to the over running of the current set of roadworks, the decision has been made to postpone Harvest Festival. We will let you know a new date shortly.

A4103 Road Closures

We have received notification that the road from Stoney Cross junction to up by Whitewells Farm will be shut from Thursday 28th September to Monday 9th October 08:00-18:00 every day. Please take extra care travelling around the villages at the moment as the congestion has been severe in places. Due to the overrunning of the current set of roadworks, we will keep drop and go procedures in place till at least Wednesday.

Breakfast and After School Club

Please can we remind parents that After School Club and Breakfast Club sessions must be booked and paid for in advance on the School Money system, unless in an emergency which has been communicated to the office. Children are unable to just turn up to either of these clubs without being booked in, due to our legal requirement to meet staff/child ratios.

Also please ensure you are booking and paying for the correct number of hours required for your child. As stated in the terms and conditions, any arrears caused by extra hours being used MUST be paid before any further sessions can be booked. If these are not cleared, your child will be unable to use the services until you have done so. Thank you for your co-operation.

Welcome to Nursery

We are delighted to welcome Carol to our team in Nursery. Carol Maddock is an experienced Early Years practitioner with a Level 3 qualification in Early Years. Carol also holds a Level 4 primary school teaching support qualification. Carol enjoys the specific curriculum areas of mathematics and literacy and loves encouraging the children in these subjects. Carol also enjoys Forest School and holds a Level 2 RHS qualification in Horticulture. Carol has two primary-aged children who take up much of her spare time, but she does love to read in any time she has free.



Equestrian team

We would like to get a school equestrian team together to compete in the National Schools Equestrian Association competitions (NSEA). There are a number of local venues that hold these

competitions. They run many disciplines, but the main ones are show jumping and dressage. The show-jumping heights start at courses of 40cm where riders can be lead or assisted in the ring, up to approx. 1.05m. The dressage starts at intro level (walk and trot), which can be lead or assisted, up to elementary level.

If you have a pony and would like to have a go, or you have regular lessons at a riding school and they would let you compete on one of their ponies, please email me, lucynorris30@gmail.com.

If you would prefer to talk to me in person, the school will give you my home number or you can talk to me outside the school gates. I'm normally in jodpurs and have a baseball cap on.

Nursery

This week has been incredibly diverse in Nursery. During our P.E. session, the children were baby monkeys, balancing beanbags on their bodies, and throwing and catching them - all to the theme tune from the *Jungle Book*. In Forest School, we returned to our pirate ship, walking the plank. The children also dabbled in a little woodland craft, turning pine cones into different creatures. This week we have also chatted about road safety and how important it is to 'stop, look and listen'. The children have measured their feet using an app and plotted them on a graph. We also made bird feeders and used our spotting sheets to spot birds with our home-made binoculars. The children have been exploring poetry; our favourite is Michael Rosen's *Chocolate Cake* poem. Please take a look at the author reading it on YouTube. It is spectacular! What ever will happen next week? Expect pirate treasure, music making and more Guffalo. Did someone say the Gruffalo has a child?



Class 1

In Reception phonics we have been reading *The Little Red Hen/How the Elephant got its trunk* throughout the week to support the children in being able to verbally retell a story. In maths we've been looking at what makes a pattern a pattern. We have used instruments to feel patterns, as well as recap 2D shapes through music. Our Year 1s have been using the story *Too Much* to look at writing lists using bullet points in English, whilst in maths they have been learning about number, place value and addition through practical activities such as counting pennies or getting on the bus and counting the passengers. The afternoons have been busy with rehearsals for the Harvest Festival service and PE. We are looking forward to performing on Monday, starting our Topic on thanksgiving, and harvesting what is left in the kitchen garden to make our seasonal soup!

Class 2

This week Class 2 went to Forest School for the first time this year. We made sailors out of woodland materials and thought about life on board the Golden Hinde and had some free time to play. In our maths lessons we have been practising addition and subtraction, and in our science lessons we have been learning about weather and how sailors navigated in the 16th century.

Class 3

Class 3 have been rehearsing for the Harvest festival next week. We will be reselling the story of Johnny Appleseed who spread the growth of apple orchards across America during the 1800's. We had a great time learning some football skills with the FA coach. In maths we have been finding pairs of numbers to find a given to at a land doing maths problems with missing numbers. In English we have been writing an interesting opening to a story to capture the reader's attention. We have also learnt how Rome was believed to have been founded by Romulus and Remus.

Class 4

This week in Maths, Class 4 have been working on written addition and subtraction, estimating and finding the inverse to check their answers. In English we have been developing our vocabulary describing scenes and settings. We have been working hard towards our Harvest Festival production in music. We have created portraits of Queen Victoria in Art and have thought about what life would have been like if we had lived 150 years ago in History.

Class 5

This week we have been busy preparing a traditional rice harvest dance as our contribution to the Harvest Festival service on Monday. In Maths we have been working on methods of subtraction and in English we enjoyed listening to each other orally re-telling our Bambert stories using our story maps as prompts, taking it in turns to sit in the story-telling chair. We have begun planning our own versions and have had some really good ideas for exciting and intriguing stories. In science we learnt about 19th century palaeontologist Mary Anning and considered whether she worked scientifically despite having no training.

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: Carol Maddock for being a great new member of the team!

Class 1 Tom Malloy for being reflective

Millie Elliot-Roberts for being positive

Class 2 Luke Richards for taking pride in his work

Adam Jones for being reflective

Class 3 Reuben Alcott for taking a risk

Mimi Boniface for a positive attitude

Class 4 Demi Smith for a positive attitude

Laura Jones for taking pride in her work

Class 5 Emily Moseley for taking pride in her work

Imogen Davis for a positive attitude

Dates for the Future

OCTOBER **FREEDOM**

2nd Harvest Festival @ Church 9am

5th Class 5 @ Young Shakespeare @JMHS

9th Kwiksticks Hockey Tournament @JMHS 9-11am

10th Parents Evening 15:30-17:30

11th Parents Evening 17:30-19:30

13th School and Eco Council Elections

Trip to Worcester Wolves

20th School Breaks up

30th Return to school

NOVEMBER **SERVICE**

3rd Rags to Riches Collection

6th Breaking Bread Collective Worship - all welcome

7th Nasal Flu Vaccinations Yrs R-4

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

8th Class 4 Collective Worship - parents welcome

11th FOCS Fashion Show

13th Healthy School Week

22nd NSPCC Collective Worship and Workshops

DECEMBER **THANKFULNESS**

4th Breaking Bread Collective Worship - all welcome

Sportshall Athletics @JMHS 09:00-11:00

8th Nativity Dress rehearsal to school

11th Nativity 13:30

12th Nativity 13:30

15th Break up