

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 13th October 2017

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Tuesday 17th October at 9am at Cradley Church. You will need to drop your child at the church that morning. Any children in Breakfast Club will be walked up to the church by staff. All parents are invited to stay and share our service; we will be including our Breaking Bread service into our Harvest celebration. This year, we are joining Cradley Church for our donations, and we are therefore asking children to bring in non-perishable goods that will be donated to Ledbury foodbank. After the service, we will ask all parents to leave the church before we walk the children back to school. Please ensure that you park sensibly around the church.

Hockey Tournament

On Monday, the Hockey team travelled to John Masefield to take part in the Ledbury cluster tournament. The team performed superbly, finishing second by one point. Well done to the team: Finlay, Henry, Connor, Lorenzo, Emily and Lilly.



School Photos

School photos will take place in the hall next Thursday morning, 19th October. Children with pre-school younger siblings, who are not in Nursery, will be photographed first at 8:30am.

Leigh & Bransford Badgers Girls Football

Come and join our training sessions! Girls up to Year 6 can sample the fun and enjoyment that football offers and make some new friends at the same time. Every Saturday morning, 09:00-10:30 at Ralph's Field, Leigh Sinton. If you are interested in attending training or have any questions, please contact: join@lbbfcco.uk or Facebook @BadgersFootball.

Hunting the Gruffalo

Children and parents from Cradley Nursery set off on a magical autumnal quest to find the Gruffalo on Friday. It was an old fashioned adventure of losing wellies in the mud, kicking leaves and sharing a biscuit under a golden canopy. Thanks to staff from Queenswood Country Park for letting us hire a room, but it wasn't needed; the sun shone, allowing the children to really enjoy meeting the animals from Julia Donaldson's amazing book. They were to be found stroking the mouse, building a nest for the owl and hissing at the snake. All the children made it round on their little legs, not one relying on the pram that followed. We were too excited. And when their eyes finally spotted the Gruffalo hidden among the dark forest, it was beautiful to see them run to greet him. A great day to fill young ones' imaginations.



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

On Monday, the children learnt a dance routine to our favourite tune 'Can't stop the feeling', moving their bodies to the music. We attended a performance of 'Sleeping Beauty' and clapped along to all the songs. The children have been exploring autumn, cutting open a pumpkin and bravely touching the gooey insides. They are still enjoying exploring stories written by Julia Donaldson and we can't pick a favourite. The doctors bags have been popular. Children have been dressing up as doctors and nurses to look at after poorly

friends. On Friday the children went to the library van to pick some new books to enjoy. Next week we might be going on a bear hunt!



Class 1

This week in Reception Phonics we have been learning how to retell a story through drawing a mind map to remind us of the key events in the story and continuing with our set 1 speed sounds for spelling and writing. Year 1s have been retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and focussing on grammar points in the story as well as learning to spell the tricky words which can't be spelt phonetically. In Reception Maths we have been partitioning 5 in lots of different practical ways and Year 1s have been understanding subtraction as take away and learning to count back to subtract and getting to grips with a 100 square. In RE we have read the story of David and Goliath and talked about what makes the Bible holy and in Topic we have been learning all about the story of the First Pilgrims and the meaning of Thanksgiving and how it links to our Harvest Festival. Class 1 learnt how to vote this week as we chose our school council representatives for our class.

Class 2

This week we have been finding out about food on board The Golden Hinde. We tasted limes, hard cheese, dried apple and crackers. We are hoping to make 'hard tack' next week. Everyone has been very enthusiastic about our topic this half term and it has been lovely to see how many facts are being remembered about navigation and life on board ship. In English we have been finishing our fantasy stories and in maths we have been thinking about the properties of odd and even numbers.

Class 3

This week we have finished and edited our adventure stories, polishing them so that they can be the best they can be. In maths we have been looking at properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We have learned about all kinds of lines, parallel, perpendicular and lines of symmetry. We have found out what a Roman soldier would need to invade Britain and how the Roman Army was organised. We loved the pantomime production "Sleeping Beauty" it was "the best ever" according to the children. In hockey we had a game where we were able to put our dribbling, passing and shooting skills into practise.

Class 4

This week Class 4 have thought about their maths learning and what they would like to develop further, practising mental maths and short multiplication and division. In English we have looked at using commas in our work, finding features of diary entries and writing

our own examples for these features. In Art we have created a self-reflective profile portrait which involved drawing, cutting, colouring and painting. We have learned about the different foods that were available in the Victorian times and tried some brands which are still around today. We also had a great time watching the pantomime, Sleeping Beauty.

Class 5

This week we have completed our Bambert stories, and have begun to discuss the question 'Should Shakespeare be taught in primary schools?' We are coming up with some strong arguments! In maths we have been working with percentages and measures, and in science we discussed the work of Darwin and the much lesser-known scientist Alfred Russell Wallace as they explored the question of the origin of species.

Value of the Month

FREEDOM

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

Chosen by Mrs Gleaves, Children's Champion.

Stars of the Week

Nursery: Clem Tambling for his positive attitude

Chloe Jeffries for working co-operatively

Class 1 Oliver Eaton for showing all the learning behaviours
Naomi Griffiths for being reflective and positive

Class 2 Daisy Green for being independent
Leyla Vine for being reflective

Class 3 William Malloy for taking a risk
Milly Garner for her independence

Class 4 William Bryce for his positive attitude
Isabella Lyndon for her positive attitude

Class 5 Jake Robb for being persistent
Chloe Hughes for being reflective

Dates for the Future

OCTOBER **FREEDOM**

13th Trip to Worcester Wolves
17th Harvest Festival @ Cradley Church
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
11th FOCS Fashion Show
13th Healthy School Week
15th Class 4 Collective Worship - parents welcome (change of date)
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