

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 1st December 2017

School Litter-Pick Day

Earlier this week, the whole school took part in a litter pick around the school grounds. Each class was assigned a different area and everyone worked hard to make sure it was litter-free by the end of the day. Children worked in teams and used Graptors, gloves and bin bags to complete the task. Thank you to the School Council for suggesting the idea.



Lunchtime Supervisor

We are very sorry to be losing Mrs Jane Gwillam as a member of staff who is moving on to a new position. We will be very sorry to see her go as she has been at Cradley - in various roles - for 23 years! This means that we are seeking to appoint a new Lunchtime Superintendent. We are looking for someone to join a friendly and hardworking team who strive for excellence in supporting our children during this important part of the day. This position will include general serving food, supervising children and clearing up and putting away dining tables at the end of the lunch break. You will need a first-aid qualification or be willing to undertake training as part of your duties. The successful candidate could also act as a casual Breakfast Club assistant (employed on a casual contract), although this role is not essential to the post. If you are interested, please contact the school office. Closing date for applications is Monday 11th December.

Tidiest Classroom

Well done to Class 1 which is the first to win the cup for the tidiest class of the week. The competition was introduced by our school councillors and is judged by Head Cleaner Miss Morgan. Whose will be the tidiest classroom next week?



Christmas Cards

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! To get us all in the Christmas spirit, our traditional postbox will be in the entrance hall from Monday. Please make sure all cards are properly addressed with full name (including Surname) and class. Cards will be distributed on the last day of term.



Student Teachers

Over the next two weeks we will welcome two student teachers from Worcester University into Classes 1 and 2 for an introductory visit before joining us for their placement after Christmas. Miss Madeley will be working in Class 1 and Miss Robinson in Class 2. We wish them every success.



After School Club Christmas Party

Just a quick reminder that the After School Club Christmas Party will take place on Thursday 7th December. Please make sure that you have booked your space via School Money; limited places available.

Class 4 trip to the Judge's Lodgings

We will bring you details of this trip in next week's issue.

Clubs

After school clubs have now finished, apart from Choir which will have one more session on Friday 8th December.

Christmas Concert

Every year, we do a small concert in school for the elderly residents of The Leys. This has expanded to include a care home in Malvern as well. If you know of any elderly people who would enjoy coming to school on Thursday 14th December (10am) please can you let Mrs Booth know. They are very welcome to join us.

Nursery

Christmas has arrived a little early in Nursery. On Monday the children arrived to a winter wonderland den and Christmas tree that needed to be decorated. Charlie then took us on a Santa P.E. experience, playing a snowball game, then turned into elves to collect presents for Santa. We have got very excited with all the craft activities on offer, from handprint angels to making homemade decorations. The children are becoming experts at making their own play dough and turned this into snowmen, with sticks for arms and lots of eyes! We have been enjoying practising for our nativity with our older friends and we can't wait to show our loved ones. Later in the week, we discovered all about animals who live in the snow, and it was great fun to move like them - especially when we waddled like penguins. We will be jumping into another Julia Donaldson book next week as Stickman and his family will be arriving.



Class 1

This week we welcomed Miss Georgia Madeley, our student from Worcester University, to our class. She has been working with Reception on phonics and maths through the week and on Thursday she taught us all about how to stay safe when using the internet. Reception have been learning all about time in maths and in phonics have been learning how to put words together to make a sentence, using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. In Year 1 English, our non-fiction text has taught us how to follow instructions and make a treat! In Maths, we have been describing 3D shapes using mathematical language as well as understanding the value of money. We are only a week away from our first dress rehearsal performance so we have been practising hard all week on our acting and our singing. We can't wait to show everyone!



Class 2

This week Class 2 welcomed our student Miss Robinson to class. She will be with us for one more week and then we look forward to her coming back to school in the Spring term. In maths we have been working on our doubling and halving, and in English we have been writing list poems based on *The Sound Collector* by Roger McGough. We have started learning about how Tim Peak got to the ISS in Topic. Next week we will find out more about life on board and make some comparisons with Francis Drake's round-the-world voyage.

Class 3

This week in Class 3 we have been busy writing descriptions of characters and settings ready for writing our myth. In Maths we have been finding fractions of numbers and shapes. We all took part in the whole-school litter pick, focusing on the forest-school area. In RE we have been exploring key questions based on how people pray. We combined RE and French this week by studying the Nativity story in French.

Class 4

This week Class 4 were very excited to have started work on their Victorian dolls' houses. In groups, they have chosen a room and are designing furniture and fittings appropriate for the era. In PE they all got very muddy playing tag rugby... there were some great tries made. Fractions have been the order of the day in Maths, and in English they have begun writing a story based on the tale of *Oliver Twist*... with their own twist!

Class 5

This week we have been working on 'finding the mean' in maths together with some mixed problem solving. In English we have had fun preparing for a performance of the poem 'Night Mail' in small groups, learning it by heart and using a percussion accompaniment. In science we constructed 'Robot Dodos' using cams and a motor, and in topic we learned how to draw Viking knot patterns.



Value of the Month

Thankfulness

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Psalm 107:1

Chosen by Mrs Gleaves

Stars of the Week

Nursery: Thomas Blewett for being positive

Chloe Jeffries for taking a risk

Class 1 Isla-Mai Robertson for persistence and independence

Sophia Mears for learning all the Nativity songs

Salina Kordys-Rudule for progress in phonics

Class 2 Miah Heard for knowing all her lines for the Nativity

Conor Mackey For lovely writing in English

Class 3 Eddie Wilson for taking a risk

Milly Garner for her perseverance

Class 4 To be announced next week

Class 5 Jake Robb for taking pride in his work

Connor Hewitt for his persistence

Dates for the Future

DECEMBER

THANKFULNESS

- 1st Class 4 trip to Judges Lodging
- 4th Breaking Bread Collective Worship - all welcome
Sportshall Athletics @JMHS 09:00-11:00
FOCS Meeting 7:30pm @ School
- 7th Girls' Football @ JMHS 11-1
ASC Christmas Party
- 8th Nativity Dress rehearsal to school
- 11th Nativity 13:30
- 12th Nativity 13:30
- 13th School Christmas Lunch
- 14th Concert for the Community 10am
Carol Service 6pm
- 15th Break up
ASC Film Night - Nativity 2-Danger in the Manger

JANUARY

ENDURANCE

- 2nd INSET Day
- 3rd Term Starts
- 9th Football matches @ Bosbury
- 24th Class 5 Collective Worship - parents welcome
- 29th Multi-Cultural Week
- 30th Football matches @ Bosbury
- 31st Trudge Cross Country competition @ JMHS