

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 9th February 2018

Storytelling Day

On Friday last week we welcomed Carol, a story teller, who shared with us a range of legends and traditional stories from around the world. Each class had a story telling workshop. She engaged the children using a range of props and by encouraging them to join in with actions. Great fun was had by all.



Dad's Football Match

Cradley Dads have been challenged to a rematch by Leigh and Bransford Dads on Sunday 4th March. We need players. If you are interested please contact Paul Clayton on paulc30@sky.com or call him on 07707345182.

After School Club Film Night

The next Movie night will take place on Friday 16th February with the screening of The Emoji Movie. Lots of yummy popcorn.

Parents' Evening

You should all have received your parents evening slips that detail what time slot you have been given for next week. If it has not arrived home, please see the relevant teacher.

Lost Property

Over the last term we have collected a fine array of lost property. At Parents Evenings we will set up a table near the entrance with the property on. If you have lost anything please have a look through.

Shire Services

Shire Services, our school meals provider, are undertaking a customer satisfaction survey. They are inviting parents, of children who have hot lunches, to take part in the survey. The link is as follows;

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/shireservicesparents2018>

The survey is open till the end of March.

Winter Football League

It certainly lived up to its name on Tuesday evening as the Cradley football team battled a snowstorm to compete in the next round of the winter league. First up were Eastnor, the team played superbly running out 5-0 winners with four goals for Fin and one for Lorenzo. Second up we faced the league leaders Ledbury, a very strong team. The team battled well and were unlucky to lose 2-0. A great squad

performance from; Jake, Henry, Max, Logan, Connor, Lorenzo, Finn B, Fin G and Liam

Moir's Annual Pancake Race

Moir's Annual Pancake race will take place on Sunday 11th February at 2:30pm at Storridge Village Hall. £1.50 per person in teams of four. All proceeds to be donated to Breast Cancer Haven, Hereford. For further details please see the posters around school.

School Car Park

Please may I draw your attention to the fact that the school car park is not for the use of parents at any time. This includes before and after school.

Clubs

There will be no football club, Netball or Little Fishes next Tuesday 13th February due to Parents' Evening.

World Book Day

Thursday 1st March, children are invited to come to school dressed as one of their favourite book characters. We would like children to bring a copy of the book in which their character appears if at all possible. We have asked the School Council to organise a book amnesty and donate good-quality second hand books to the school library. They will let us know more nearer the time.

Nursery

We have been learning all about the constellations in our night sky this week. Sirius the dog has been a firm favourite, and we all agree that the Plough should be called the saucepan. The children have been exploring the stories behind the constellations. A favourite must be the cheeky crab, Cancer, who gets up to mischief. Other adventures this week include playing parachute games in P.E. with Charlie and bravely tackling the obstacles at the adventure playground. The amazing Dale has been helping out. She encouraged the children to heat up their own pancakes in the microwave - PING! Carol has been helping everyone to make a special Valentine's card for next week, following our space theme, they look out of this world! Lastly we must mention that the captain of our ship can't be in nursery at the moment. A huge thank you for your patience and all the support shown on tapestry from parents. I know she can read them all.

Class 1

We have been busy being bug detectives and explorers this week through the use of ICT. We have located the Galápagos Islands and have done some research on the iPads to answer some of the questions we have. We have all done a Big Write this week in phonics, concentrating on our spelling and grammar through our Talk4Writing approach in Early Years and KS1. In maths we have been sharing cakes with fraction work in Year 1 and number bonds to ten in Reception. On Thursday, it was our turn to take part in Open the Book, which involves helping the Open the Book team to tell a bible story to the whole school in assembly. We met Mr

Chapman from Superstars who is going to be working with us next half term, as well as practising a few circus skills with our REAL PE curriculum. Next week we are looking forward to planning our class assembly on March's value of the month - Forgiveness. We will be inviting parents along to watch this in early March.



Class 2

This week Class 2 visited Cradley Church to learn about the different parts of the church and what makes them special. Reverend Ward gave us a guided tour of the church, talking about each part in turn. We went into the bell tower before founding out about the font which was given to the church in 1722. We then learned that the nave is like a ship with the entire congregation like rowers on board doing God's work. Next we visited the chancel and saw the beautiful St Francis window. We also sat in the Lady Chapel and were invited to look inside the vestry and see the safe. The snow started to come down on our way back but it didn't spoil a fascinating afternoon!



Class 3

Class 3 have had fun with fractions this week. We have been finding fractions of numbers and shapes, ordering fractions, finding equivalent fractions and solving problems. In English we have started writing a newspaper report and have done some assessments. We have been finding out facts about France and exploring the work of some famous French artists. Swimming is going well with everyone working towards swimming awards. We've had more news from Flat Stanley who has been to watch rugby in Wales and in the Netherlands he has been finding out all about cheese.

Class 4

This week in Class 4 we have been working extremely hard in maths - solving challenging area and perimeter problems. We even worked out the perimeter of the playground and the area of our tables in class! In English we have been developing our fictional writing skills using show and don't tell to come up with some very impressive character and setting descriptions. We have had engaging class discussions in RE this week exploring how Christians respond to wrong behaviour in different situations. In PE we have been developing our hockey knowledge - understanding how to shoot and when it is best to in a game. Finally, in Geography, we have been developing our understanding of the climate in North America and how this can impact the environment due to the items they export from their countries.

Class 5

This week has been test week, but alongside the assessments we have been reading some very thought-provoking poems written during WW1 by Jessie Pope, Wilfred Owen and John McCrae. This links to our topic this term 'Into the Unknown' in which are studying life both at home and on the front line during the Great War. In maths we have been working on area, perimeter and volume, and in science we modelled the circulation of blood cells in the playground! We also had a look at the bbc.co.uk/ownit website this week, following Internet Safety Day on Tuesday.

Value of the Month

Respect

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.
Matthew 7:12

Chosen by Mrs Shepherd

Stars of the Week

Nursery: Neve Philpotts for being positive

Jake Bagnall for being reflective

Class 1: Mya Oseman for being co-operative and reflective

Isla McCarthy-Wicks for being reflective, positive and co-operative

Class 2: Isabelle Malloy for taking pride in her writing, spelling & punctuation

Jemima Roberts for her independent approach to all aspects of school work

Class 3: Henry Jackson for being brave

Reuben Alcott for persistence in his spelling

Class 4: Cleo Baynham for being independent

Izzy Kendrick for being reflective

Class 5: Imogen Davis for her persistence in maths

Fin Greaves for taking pride in his artwork

Dates for the Future

FEBRUARY **RESPECT**
13th Parents Evening 15:30-17:30
14th Parents Evening 17:30-19:30
15th Chase Open Morning 9:15-11:30
16th Break up
26th Return to School
 Children's Bookshelf Book sale
27th Netball Tournament @JMHS

MARCH **FOREGIVENESS**
1st World Book Day
6th Football Matches @ Bosbury
7th Class 1 Collective Worship - parents welcome
8th Yr 3/4 tennis @ JMHS
16th Pyramid Football and Netball Tournament
20th Last swimming session
21st Police visiting Nursery
22nd Yr 1/2 mixed football @ JMHS 4pm
23rd Clubs Finish
27th Easter Service @ Church 9am
 Football matches @ Bosbury
28th Yr 3/4 mixed football @ JMHS 4pm
29th Break up

APRIL **RESPONSIBILITY**
16th Term starts
18th Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Evening for Parents @18:30
24th Football matches @ Bosbury