

# CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

## Half Term

School breaks up today for half term. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Enjoy your holiday.

## Creative Writing Workshop

On Thursday, seven Year 5 children spent the morning at RGS in Worcester at a creative writing workshop. They visited different parts of the school learning about the history of the building and looking at artefacts. They then described characters and settings based on what they had seen and been told about in each part of the school. The children were fascinated by the characters and history of the building and they all had a great time.

## Dads Football Match

Cradley Dads have been challenged to a rematch by Leigh & Bransford Dads on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March. We need players! If you are interested, please contact Paul Clayton on [paulc30@sky.com](mailto:paulc30@sky.com) or call him on 07707345182.

## After School Club Film Night

The next movie night will take place tonight (Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February) with the screening of *The Emoji Movie*.

## Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents who came to Parents Evening over the last couple of nights. It is great to be able to share progress and talk through the next steps that children need to take to develop their education.

## 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.

## Club changes

Just a reminder that after half term there are several changes to clubs.

Gardening starts on Monday

Yoga changes to Yr1/2

Superstars changes to Yr 3/4

Dance changes to Yr 1/2

Choir moves to a Friday.

## World Book Day

On Thursday 1st March, children are invited to come to school dressed as one of their favourite book characters. If at all possible, we would like children to bring a copy of the book in which their character appears.

## World Book Day Book Amnesty

Do you have any books at home which your child has grown out of? As part of our Big Write Week we would like everyone to look on their book shelves at home to see if they have any children's favourites which could be donated to school. These books can be brought in on any day between 26th February and 2nd March and will then be added to our class reading libraries.

## KS2 Residential Meeting

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm there will be a KS2 presentation evening about the Conover residential in September. This will be your chance to find out about this exciting adventure and ask any questions. This is aimed at the parents of the children that are currently in Years 2-5.

## Nursery

The end of term has finished with a bang! Monday was all about making writing exciting. We practised our squiggling while we wiggled, which involved moving our arms to make huge shapes then replicating them on big rolls of paper. This is all done to some groovy upbeat tunes. Tuesday was Pancake Day so we couldn't resist eating them then trying our hand at a team pancake race. Wednesday was our end-of-term space party day! The children consumed lots of yummy food and played party games. The alien party hats helped us to be creative and were lots of fun, too. We climbed into our bobsleigh on Thursday, using a video on the whiteboard to transform us into bobsleigh drivers. Finally, on Friday we couldn't resist learning about Chinese New Year, learning a little Chinese and making Chinese fans, too. Next term the dinosaurs will be moving in. Watch out!



### Class 1

We have had a busy last week preparing for our Collective Worship assembly on Forgiveness. Thank you to everyone who came to parents' evening to share progress and discuss targets. In PE this week we played a great game of bench ball and have finished our static balance programme based on circus skills! When we come back after half term we will get straight into The Big Write week, when our phonics activities will be based on a chosen book which will be used throughout the school. All will be revealed on the first Monday back! We will also look forward to dressing up for World Book Day on the first Thursday back. Have a restful half term.



### Class 2

This week we have been writing character descriptions. We thought about describing both appearance and personality then had a go at describing Goldilocks and the Wolf from *Little Red Riding Hood*. Finally, we wrote our own character descriptions. In RE we have made jigsaws representing objects from our visit to Cradley Church. We drew pictures of the bread and wine that are stored in the Lady Chapel and explained why there is a special light on the wall.

### Class 3

This week, Class 3 have completed their half-termly assessments. In maths we have been adding and finding equivalent fractions. We have written a newspaper report based on the story of Flat Stanley's adventure in Paris. We have been learning about the physical and human features, the climate and the use of land in France by exploring the work of French artists. We have also created our own artwork based on their styles of painting.

### Class 4

This week in Class 4 we have been developing the plot to our descriptive stories ready for us to write. We're all very excited to read them once they're done! In maths we have been working out the volume of boxes in the classroom and have moved onto weighing objects in a problem-solving context. We've all been looking forward to our topic this week - exploring our eco-friendly theme further. We have looked at certain inventors and debated whether they should be considered a hero or a villain based on the impact their inventions have had on the environment. In science we have been getting messy separating 'Alien soup' using our knowledge of reversible and irreversible changes.

### Class 5

This week we have enjoyed reading *The Giant's Necklace* by Michael Morpurgo and re-telling the story in the form of a newspaper report. In maths we have been working with co-ordinates, and transforming shapes by reflecting and translating them on co-ordinate grids. We had fun in science, modelling the digestive system using plastic bags, tights, food colouring, Weetabix and bananas! In topic, we began listening to a play broadcast on BBC radio about the wartime experience of a 10-year-old boy, Archie Dobson. The play has been written to commemorate the centenary of WW1 and is full of interesting details about the war from a child's perspective. We used role play and drama to get into character: in the photo below we imagined the recruiting process, thinking about some of the reasons why people would have enlisted in the army.



## 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:** Frankie Taylor for being positive

Charlie Rankin for being positive

**Class 1:** Chloe Bagnall for being helpful

Harry Purser-Wall for his great improvement in phonics

**Class 2:** Jay Kenwick for working to help his partner

Mia Mabey for concentrating on her work

**Class 3:** Lottie Seddon for having a positive attitude to writing

Toby Cooper for having a more positive attitude in maths

**Class 4:** Annabel Plant for being independent in English

Tilly Wilson for taking pride in all her work this week

**Class 5:** Seb Parking for being quietly independent in his work

Chloe Hughes for her attention to detail in her science report

## Dates for the Future

### FEBRUARY      **RESPECT**

- 26<sup>th</sup>    Return to School  
         Children's Bookshelf Book sale  
27<sup>th</sup>    Netball Tournament @JMHS

### MARCH          **FOREGIVENESS**

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

### APRIL            **RESPONSIBILITY**

- 16<sup>th</sup>     Term starts  
18<sup>th</sup>     Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Evening for Parents  
         @18:30  
24<sup>th</sup>     Football matches @ Bosbury