



# CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018



## Apple Juice and Labels

This week Mrs Copp was given the difficult task of judging the apple juice competition. She was very impressed with all of the entries but in the end the following winners were selected: Bo (Year 6), Toby (Year 5), Sian (Year 4), Jonas (Year 3), Mia (Year 2), Charlotte (Year 1) and Johnny (Year R). Well done to all the winners. Everyone's work will be returned home next week. The winning children are pictured with the arrival of the bottles of apple juice.



## Skipping Workshops

This week we welcomed a specialist into school to run some skipping workshops with Class 2, and Years 3 and Year 4. She taught the children how to skip using their elbows, rather than their arms to control the rope. Then she progressed to teaching different skills they can try to master themselves. From this session we now have a skipping session happening at break and lunchtimes which has been very successful.



## Harvest Festival

You are all warmly invited to our Harvest Festival which will take place up at church on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. Please can all children be taken straight to church that morning for 8:45am. Children in Breakfast Club will walk up to church with staff. It should last less than an hour and the whole school will then walk back to school afterwards.

## Harvest Festival Donations

Please send any silver coins that you can spare to be added to the Church's 'river of silver' on Tuesday. The contributions will be collected at the door as the children enter the church. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

## Mrs Booth

Mrs Booth will be off work for several weeks from next week to recover following a small operation. We wish her all the best. Mrs Smith and Mrs Kirkwood will be manning the office in her absence.

## Environment Week

Environment Week starts on Monday and we will be finding out about different animals, the problems they face and what people do to protect them. We will also be carrying out a litter pick around the school grounds.

## Parents Evenings

Thank you to all the parents who have returned their Parents Evenings slip by today. The staff will be allocating appointment times at the staff meeting on Wednesday and you should receive your time slot on Thursday. We look forward to seeing you.

## Black Pepper Lunches

A further, more detailed, letter has followed today including the details of how you will need to register your child and log-on to order lunches. I am delighted to say that Mark and David from Black Pepper will be on hand at both Parents Evenings to answer any further questions that you might have about the lunches, ordering or dietary requirements. There might even be some free samples!



### FOCs Update

A big thank you again to everyone who sent in apples for juicing last week. The bottles have arrived today ready for labelling and selling.

Thank you to Vikki and Steve at the Red Lion pub, for their quiz night this week, which raised £60 for FOCS. Please pass on thanks to parents and friends who went along to support the evening. It was good fun! The next pub quiz is in on Tues 16<sup>th</sup> October in aid of Cradley Royal British Legion as it marks 100 years since the end of WW1.

Please join us for FOCS AGM on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm at school.

### Small Art for Acorns

Sue Lim of Blue-ginger Gallery in Cradley, invites families and friends to come to Blue Ginger's auction of small art this Sunday (7<sup>th</sup> Oct) at 2pm, and support our brilliant local children's hospice Acorns. Do feel free to pop in before the day to place a bid on your favourite piece.

### Football Club

There will be no Football Club on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October due to matches at Bosbury.

### Nursery

This week in Nursery we have all enjoyed exploring our new story of the week which is *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. On Monday we have been recreating the story in P.E - crawling around like a caterpillar, then jumping off the big P.E equipment like a beautiful butterfly. We've had great fun outside with Carol, planting some flowers in our new garden area. Carol even brought in a real cocoon for us all to see this week and all the children watched a video to see how a caterpillar changes into a butterfly. On Wednesday we got arty with Lauren and made some lovely butterfly pictures. We've ended our busy week with a welly walk with Katrina looking for the Very Hungry Caterpillar and then searching for butterflies.



### Class 1

This week we have been hard at work, practising for our Harvest Festival performance. This will be our first performance this year as a class so we are a bit nervous! In English we have been reading *Farmer Duck* and discussing what the animals might be saying if they could actually speak and where we think the farmer might have ended up. It's been a very thought-provoking book! On Tuesday in PE we had fun taking it in turns to be the aerobics instructor and trying our new moves for our friends to copy. We also got out the parachute and played some competitive games with the balloons. In real PE we have moved on to our co-ordination unit with a physical focus. The Year 1s have been working hard on their spellings this week and have been earning lots of house points for completing their homework and equalling or beating last week's spelling scores. In Maths we have been learning all about one more and one less through a variety of songs and activities. We are looking forward to welcoming our student from Worcester University next week.



### Class 2

This week we have been finding out about how planes fly. We conducted an experiment using a hairdryer and some ping pong balls to show how planes stay up in the air. It was very exciting! We have also been practising our adding of small numbers and continuing with our spelling games and activities.

### Class 3

Drawing circles and describing shapes have been the order of the day during maths in Class 3. Do ask the children what a polygon is. In English we have been editing, honing and completing our fantasy stories, remembering to use paragraphs, inverted commas and exciting vocabulary. We are excited with our Harvest poem and are looking forward to performing it next week in the church. We have enjoyed practising our netball skills in PE, remembering to stand still when holding the ball!



#### Class 4

This week Class 4 have been enjoying preparing for the Harvest Festival on Tuesday. We have looked at different ways of subtracting and some of us have started to come up with hypotheses and investigated these. In English we have looked at speech; looking at how to punctuate it correctly and how to use it to move a story along. In the afternoons, we have studied the physical and human geography of Mexico and looked at the different fiestas they have across the country. We have also enjoyed some Real PE, Swimming and Forest School depending of our Year group.

#### Class 5

Class 5 began an exciting poetry and film project this week linked to the WW1 centenary. We will be writing our own poems based on the imagined experiences of WW1 soldiers who grew up in Cradley. Working with poet Sara-Jane Arbury, we visited four locations in Cradley which we know to have been the homes of four soldiers who died in action during the Great War. We closely observed the buildings as they are today and then took ourselves back a hundred years to imagine what it would have been like growing up in the village. We were inspired! We are going to make a film in which we will narrate our poems in locations around the village. The project will coincide with the memorial display to be set up in the church. In maths we have been multi step problem-solving and in science we had great fun considering how we have inherited physical characteristics from our parents and earlier generations by looking at family photographs.



#### Stars of the Week

- Nursery Hayden Jeffries - for being persistent  
Isla Blakeman - for taking a risk
- Class 1 Jack Yardley for his positive attitude  
Genevieve Stevens for being reflective
- Class 2 Amelia Philpotts for being co-operative  
Rory Taylor for independence
- Class 3 Isabella Kildare for being independent  
Jonas Clay for being persistent
- Class 4 Millie Garner for a positive attitude  
Fred Jackson for being persistent
- Class 5 Bo Brett for her reflective learning  
Chloe Norris for her reflective learning

#### Value of the Month

#### COMPASSION

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Chosen by Mrs Gleaves (Children's Champion).

#### Dates for the Future

##### OCTOBER

##### Compassion

- 9<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival 9am @church  
Football matches @ Bosbury
- 11<sup>th</sup> JMHS Open Evening
- 16<sup>th</sup> Panto for all children  
Parents Evening 15:30-17:30  
Netball @ Ashperton
- 17<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 17:30-19:30
- 18<sup>th</sup> School photos
- 19<sup>th</sup> School Council elections
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 3/4 trip to Book festival event
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Key Stage One trip to Book festival event  
Football Matches @ Ledbury
- 24<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Collective Worship: Parents welcome  
Quicksticks hockey tournament @ JMHS 9-11
- 25<sup>th</sup> Digital Leaders Conference
- 26<sup>th</sup> Break up  
Library Van visiting

##### NOVEMBER

##### Courage

- 5<sup>th</sup> Return to school
- 9<sup>th</sup> Remembrance event in school
- 13<sup>th</sup> Flu immunisations Yr R-Yr5
- 14<sup>th</sup> Netball tournament @ JMHS 9-11
- 20<sup>th</sup> Basketball @ Ashperton 1.30-3pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Class 3 Collective Worship: Parents welcome
- 26<sup>th</sup> Rock-it-ball @ JMHS
- 27<sup>th</sup> FOCS - Rags to riches  
Netball matches @ Ashperton

