



# CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019



### Healthy Schools Week

This week we have all been getting active and thinking about healthy bodies and minds in Healthy School's Week. Each morning we have started with a busy hall for Wake up Shake up, run by Sports Crew; Each day fresh fruit and vegetables have been provided to all of the school; on Tuesday a yoga instructor came in and led a session with each class, teaching them about mindfulness, calming and positivity; On Thursday we had a mix up day where each group had children from R - Y6 in and they rotated around various activities teaching them about eating healthily, keeping their mind healthy and living an active life; Choir has been singing lots which has proven benefits for mental health; Class 4 went for a morning's walk across the hills; There have been additional activities out at break time and on top of all of this all classes have done their own healthy lifestyle activities. Thanks to all the children for being so positive about making their lives healthy.



### KS2 choir at Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival

Well done to all the choir pupils who took part in the competitive class at The Courtyard Theatre on Tuesday. We came joint 2<sup>nd</sup> with a score of 87 (a Distinction) which meant we gave an excellent performance technically and artistically. Every school had to sing The Skye Boat Song and our second song was an arrangement of Amazing Grace. Here is what the adjudicator said about the pieces:

Skye Boat Song - "Lovely lilting melodic lines and all the rhythmical detail is confident. All the phrases are carefully shaped and there were some well graded dynamic variation. Good control on the final phrase and if you aim for a few more final consonants it will help to enhance this already polished performance."

Amazing Grace - "Lovely sotto-voce opening and attention to the syncopated rhythmic structure. Good dynamic variation from the verse leading to the chorus. Again aim for a few more final consonants so that we hear all the words clearly. Lovely soloist and confident accompanying harmonies."

I think we have our target for next year! Thank you to all the parents who came to support both KS1 and KS2 choirs, either as part of the trip or in the audience.



### Class 4 trip to British Camp

On Monday, Class 4 went on a trip to British Camp, to explore the Iron Age hillfort. Initially, we walked away from British Camp up Black Hill. This gave us a brilliant view of British Camp's shape and we were also able to look at Midsummer's Hill from there. After this, we headed for Clutter's cave, where we learned different legends from the area. Finally we set off for the summit of British Camp, thinking about the number of people who would have lived there and how they survived.



### KS2 Choir at Hereford Cathedral

It's been a busy week for the KS2 choir! On Wednesday night we took part in singing Faure's Requiem with lots of other primary schools at Hereford Cathedral alongside Hereford Cathedral School Choir. We are extremely proud of everyone who took part as this was not an easy song and was a real education for us. We particularly loved singing with the orchestra. A big thank you to Mr Evans - Music Director at Hereford Cathedral School - who came out to Cradley two Fridays in a row to rehearse with us. We had lots of fun learning to sing this. What a great experience!

Thank you to Mrs Paton and Mr Robb for giving the KS2 choir two fabulous experiences this week.



### Digital Leaders Conference

On Wednesday, the four Digital Leaders went to Hampton Dene for the Digital Leaders Conference. The conference started with a presentation from us about the things that we have been doing in school, particularly focusing on the vlogs we have been creating for the Spring Garden Show. After this, we looked at a few different apps and thought about how to best utilise the learning from each one, which we are able to share when we get back to school. We looked at what the chief medical officer advises for young people's screen time and thought about advice we would offer to parents and children to support this, creating an advice video using Clips App. Finally, we listened to an Apple expert talk about Garage Band and learned how to support English learning through this app. We are hoping to run a staff meeting to teach the teachers some of the things we have learned in the near future.



### FOCS

FOCS are running the Easter Colouring Competition again this year. The children should have received their colouring form already. We are asking pupils to colour in an Easter Scene using bright spring colours then hand them back into School by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April to enter the competition. It is only £1 per entry. Every child who enters will receive a small prize. The winner from each year group will get an Easter Egg. All prizes will be given out by 12<sup>th</sup> April. Please support the school by entering the competition.

We had a very productive meeting last week at the newly refurbished Red Lion. If anyone wants a copy of the minutes, please speak to Sarah Jeffries or Reception and



we can email them to you. We are desperately looking for volunteers to help with various activities coming up over the next few months. We are looking for people to help with the Friday Tuck Shop - there will be a rota so that no one has to commit to looking after it every week. We also need people to help start organising the Summer Fair - if volunteers can each take on a small job, then we can quickly and effectively plan a fantastic fun afternoon for all the students. Sadly, we've had to cancel two fundraising events already this year due because of a lack of volunteers.

The next FOCS meeting will be W/C 8th April at the Red Lion.

### Clubs

Just a reminder that all clubs will finish by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

### Parish Council Big Spring Clean

The Spring Clean is planned for Saturday 6th April between 10 am - 2pm. Anyone can turn up and help and litter pickers, bags, gloves and hi-vis jackets will be available to borrow.

You can litter- pick at any time between 10am and 2pm, for half- an-hour or longer, from anyone of our three bases: Storrige Village Hall, Cradley School or Chapel Lane Recreation Ground. This is a nationwide event promoted by the Keep Britain Tidy Group and run with support from Herefordshire County Council, The great Herefordshire Spring Clean, [www.herefordshire.gov.uk](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk) and [www.keepbritaintidy.org.uk](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org.uk)

### Nursery

This week in Nursery we have visited France and on Monday Mrs Robb started off our busy week by teaching us some French. Mrs Robb also bought us some croissants for our snack! In P.E. we played parachute games and danced to our favourite song 'Party Freeze'. Our story of the week has been 'Monkey Puzzle' and we have all enjoyed moving like different jungle animals around Nursery. We have decorated cupcakes and made cards for Mothering Sunday. On Thursday we planted some seeds for the Spring Garden Show and joined Class 1 for our weekly dance session. To finish off our week in France we baked our own croissants with Carol.



### Class 1

It has been a real mix up week this week! It has given us opportunities to work one-to-one on reading, spelling and Maths in both year groups. In RE we have been learning about Lent and why we give things up at Lent in the run up to Easter. We have done lots of physical exercise, talked about the importance of balancing activities with well-being and sleep. We've made the most of the sunshine and discussed why being outside is so important to our healthy bodies and minds. Mix up day was fun as we had the chance to work with older children in our school. Next week we shall look forward to learning about Easter and ways in which we celebrate it and why.

### Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have been thinking about Easter in our RE lessons. We made woven palm leaves and collages of the Last Supper. We also thought about which colour might represent different feels. In Maths Year 2 have been solving multiplication problems and Year 1 have been comparing numbers. In English, Year 2 have been writing letters to the zoo and Year 1 have been focusing on phonics, grammar and spelling.

### Class 3

Our final week of swimming was great fun because at the end, Wendy threw in the floats and other fun stuff and the children had a blast! Well done to those who passed their tests and earned their certificates. The children (who were not involved in choir!) have also enjoyed Healthy School Week, waking and shaking each morning, stretching out in Yoga, making Fortune Tellers with a twist (full of healthy facts) and having a Mix Up Morning. In English they have been working on Kennings and in Maths they have been checking out compact multiplication.

### Class 4

Class 4 have had a wonderfully busy week this week, we had a fantastic walk in the beautiful sunshine on the hills on Monday, and showed what we had learned in the afternoon creating an iMovie or PicCollage about the British Camp. We have looked at all 4 operations through Healthy Living problems in Maths, created a leaflet about healthy lifestyles in English and we thoroughly enjoyed mix up day on Thursday learning about various ways to keep healthy. We have also undertaken an Ultimate Frisbee session and written a news report about the England vs Scotland Rugby match then played our own rugby games.

### Class 5

What a varied week we have had! We began the week writing our own versions of Bamber's 'missing stories', and ended the week visiting Hellens Manor for a riveting performance of 'Hamlet' by the Young Shakespeare Company. It was great! In between, we worked on converting between imperial and metric measures in



Maths, completed our monochrome artwork for the show garden, and enjoyed our healthy schools week activities.

### Stars of the Week

**Nursery** Sophie Caren for joining at morning circle time  
Elijah Gowen for being a willing helper

**Class 1** Beth Richards for co-operation and being a great role model  
Blake Loader for persistence and taking a risk

**Class 2** Sophia Mears for working independently to produce lots of writing in English  
Thomas Exton for persistence when working to improve his phonics

**Class 3** Preston Loader for hard work in Maths  
Maisie Gelling for super Maths work and for being helpful and sensible

**Class 4** Leah Gray-Hitchings for a fantastic positive attitude on the hill walk  
Toby Cooper for being independent in all his work

### Sports Crew Award chosen by Miss Guy

Tilly Bentley-Price & Bo Brett for being amazing Sports Crew this week

### Value of the Month      HUMILITY

James 4:10

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Chosen by Miss Knight (Class 3 student)

### Dates for the Future

**MARCH**                      **Humility**

29<sup>th</sup>      Class 5 - Young Shakespeare @ Hellens

**APRIL**                      **Trust**

12<sup>th</sup>      Break Up

29<sup>th</sup>      Term Starts

**MAY**                      **Reverence**

6<sup>th</sup>      Bank Holiday

8<sup>th</sup>      Malvern Spring Show judging

9<sup>th</sup>      Spring Show

10<sup>th</sup>      Spring Show

13<sup>th</sup>      KS2 SATs Week

20<sup>th</sup>      Library Van in

KS2 Tennis Extravaganza

21<sup>st</sup>      Sport's Day

22<sup>nd</sup>      Class Photos

23<sup>rd</sup>      African Drumming Day

24<sup>th</sup>      TAG Rugby Festival

Yr 3/4 Tennis

Break Up

