



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 6th March 2020



Big Write Week

On Monday morning the children came to school dressed in red or blue. The children gathered in different parts of the playground and were registered and taught by a member of staff of the same colour. They entered through different doors, lined up separately and were not allowed to play together at break time. We introduced our Big Write book *The Smeds and the Smoos* by Julia Donaldson. Fortunately after break, having talked about how sad it made us feel to be separated from our friends and siblings, we finished the story where the two families became united and put their difference behind them. We finished with *Breaking Bread* led by Rev Robert who brought everyone together as members of God's family who love and care for one another. Thursday was World Book Day and there were lots of fantastic costumes, with the children having great fun reading special stories together.



KS1 Girls Football Tournament

On Tuesday a team of Year 1 & 2 girls travelled to John Masfield High School to take part in the local cluster schools football tournament. They were full of enthusiasm and excitement at being chosen to represent the school. There were some close matches with hard earned draws against St Marys and Colwall. The next match saw a very close 1-1 draw against Eastnor, with a superb goal from Sophia. The girls then went into the deciding 1st place match against Eastnor, which ended in a draw, with tense extra time efforts from everyone. The girls finished joint winners which is a fantastic result, well done to Becky, Beth, Ruby, Naomi, Charlotte and Sophia!





Coronavirus

We are receiving regular updates from the Local Authority with regards to the Coronavirus and are closely monitoring the situation.

If you have any concerns please see the latest advice on the Coronavirus from Public Health England which is updated daily.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Healthy Snacks

This half-term we are trialling the children bringing in their own healthy snacks to eat at break time. These can be healthy snacks such as nut free cereal bars, hot cross buns, cheese & crackers etc. The snacks should be sugar free and provided in a small pot to minimise plastic waste. Please do not send your child in with chocolate bars, crisps or any snacks for break time which contain sugar. This will be monitored closely. KS1 children will continue to be provided with a free piece of fruit at break time.

Children should also have a water bottle in school every day. Juice drinks should only be drunk as part of lunch. Please be aware that chocolate spreads, such as Nutella and some cereal bars should not be sent in packed lunches as we have children and staff in school with nut allergies.

Food Bank

We will continue to collect for the food bank this term. Tins, packets and toiletries will be very gratefully received. All donations can be placed in the box in the foyer.

Class 4 Collective Worship

The Class 4 Collective Worship will be held on Wednesday 11th March; parents are invited to come along from 8.50am.

FOCS News

FOCS will be running an Easter Egg decorating competition next week, please see Tapestry for further information. Entries cost just £1 and must be sent in by Friday 27th March. There will be prizes for all entries and an Easter Egg for each year group winner.

We have raised £23.76 through EasyFundraising since January, a big thank you to everyone who is signed up to this scheme. If you haven't done so already, please sign

up to EasyFundraising, it takes just 2 minutes and will ensure that over 4,000 shops will donate to us for free every time you shop with them. Please visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofcraleyschool> or download the EasyFundraising app.

The next FOCS meeting will take place on Monday 9th March at 7.30pm at Hollings Hill Farm (Faye's). Please feel free to attend and help organise this term's fundraising events!

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have continued to explore our theme of Space and Planets. All the children have enjoyed learning the names of all the different planets and have been busy making their own rocket to get to the planets during a junk modelling activity. On Monday we drew our own star constellations with Charlie, exploring lines and shapes using big chunky chalks and lots of star stickers. Tuesday was our P.E session with Katrina where we raced in our spaceships to the galaxy and enjoyed playing lots of different space themed games. On Wednesday we got creative with Carol and made our own telescopes! All the children loved making their own telescopes and searched around Nursery afterwards for aliens and stars. Thursday was a little different as we all joined in with World Book Day, we read stories in Nursery and it was great to have a day to explore some of our favourite books. All of the children looked fantastic in their costumes. We finished off another exciting week with cooking on Friday, where we made galaxy pancakes using different food colourings!



Attendance

Well done to Class 4 who've had 98.81% attendance this week. They get to look after Alfie the Attendance Bear next week. Please can we remind parents that late arrivals after the registers close at 8.55am count as a missed morning session and are included in attendance figures.

Class 1 - 95.0%
Class 2 - 97.62%
Class 3 - 97.33%
Class 4 - 98.81%
Class 5 - 98.61%
Whole School - 96.81%

Teeny Tots

We are a friendly local toddler group that meets in Storridge Village Hall and occasionally at Cradley Nursery. We welcome little ones from 0-5, accompanied and supervised by their parents/carers, to stay and play. Please join us on Thursdays from 10:30-12, during term time, for a charge of £2 per family, which includes a craft activity, game, songs, snacks and drinks. Please come and join us!

Value of the Month - Forgiveness

If you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you (Matthew 6:14).

Chosen by Mrs Crane

Head Teacher Award

Bryn Richards for outstanding sportsmanship in football.
Lucas Clay for showing care and concern for his classmates.

Stars of the week

Nursery

Rosie Genner for her brilliant first week in Nursery
Jenson Fowles for his fantastic knowledge of space

Reception

Arthur Keveren for taking a risk and being positive
Charlie Wilson for being reflective and co-operative

Year 1

Harvey Rankin for staying focussed and positive in Maths
Neve Philpotts for showing pride and respect at the Hereford Festival

Year 2

Oliver Hurley for taking pride in his writing
Harry Purser-Wall for being independent when calculating in Maths

Year 3

Isla-Mai Robertson for persistence with times tables in Maths
Jay Kenwick for an excellent piece of work in topic and for staying focussed

Year 4

Preston Loader for giving it his all when practising his song
Stanley Bentley-Price for taking a risk when practising times tables

Year 5

Austin Spiers for pushing himself in Maths
Jacob Robertson for wonderful writing in the Big Write

Year 6

Cleo Baynham and Sofia Ashton for persistence and co-operation when working on their rap

Dates for the Future

MARCH

Value of the Month - Forgiveness

Monday 9th

FOCS meeting 7.30pm @ Hollings Hill Farm

Tuesday 10th

Eggstravaganza @ RGS for Year 5

Wednesday 11th

Class 4 Collective Worship

Monday 16th

Big Sing Yr 5/6

Tuesday 17th

Hi Five Netball @ JMHS 9.15-11am

Wednesday 18th

Class 3 Welcome Wednesday

Friday 20th

Digital Leaders Conference

Monday 23rd March

Class 4 trip to Recycling Centre

Yr 1/2 trip to Cathedral

Tuesday 24th

Last swim for Yr 3/4

Wednesday 25th

Class 5 Welcome Wednesday

Yr 3/4 mixed football @ JMHS 4-5pm

Thursday 26th

ASC Film Night - 'The Secret Life of Pets 2'

Friday 27th

Whole School walk

Monday 30th

Bike Ability Yr 6

Tuesday 31st

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APRIL

Value of the Month - Responsibility

Wednesday 1st

Bike Ability Yr 6

Thursday 2nd

Easter Service

Last day of term

Monday 20th

Back to school

Friday 24th

KS2 Tennis @ JMHS

Wednesday 29th

MSJ Lacrosse Festival Yr 5/6 girls

MAY

Value of the Month - Co-operation

Wednesday 6th

Rags 2 Riches Collection

Tuesday 19th

KS2 Janden @ JMHS

Friday 22nd

Ledbury Rugby Day