



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 18th January 2019



Choir at Young Voices

The school choir is currently at the Resort World Arena in Birmingham preparing for their Young Voices Concert this evening. We will bring you the full story next week. Thank you to Mrs Paton and Mrs Robb for their commitment and for putting the time in to make this possible. I bet all the children will sleep well tonight!

School Admissions

The closing date for school admissions for Reception 2019 was on Tuesday. If you still have not completed the online forms, please get them done as soon as possible as you might miss out on your first-choice school.

New School Website

Our new website launches today! We are delighted with its up-to-date, fresh look. We are completely indebted to Tracy Iwanczuk - who has built the website for us - and to all the staff and governors who have contributed to its new look. Thank you to the parents who have beta tested the site for us. The website will be updated every Friday by Mrs Smith.
www.cradleyschool.org.uk



Show Garden

Make sure you have a look at the Vlog created in December by our Digital Leaders. It is a great update of the progress we have made so far in preparing for the garden and is available on our Facebook page. We need to collect objects washed up on beaches for our show garden art projects; if you have a chance to go beachcombing, please bring in anything which we could use before Easter.

Student Teachers

We have been lucky enough to have three students from Worcester University join us this term. Miss Filby is working with Class 1, Miss Evans with Class 2 and Miss Knight with Class 3. We wish them all the very best while they are with us.



Before School

We have noticed an increase in the number of children who are being left - on their own - outside school from 8:20 onwards. This is not acceptable. School has no responsibility for children until we open the gates at 8:30am. Please do not leave children in this vulnerable situation.

After School Club Film Night

The next After School Club Film Night will take place on Friday 25th January. We will be showing the Dreamworks film *Home*. Please book through School Money as normal.

Inset Day

A date for your 2019 diary: school will be closing on Friday 8th February from 12pm. Four local schools are joining together to allow all our staff to undertake training from an international expert in attachment disorders. We hope that this gives you enough notice to make alternative arrangements for that afternoon.

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been exploring more about under the sea. In P.E on Monday we all boarded our pirate ship in the hall and the Nursery shipmates had to jump overboard into the sea collecting bean-bag treasure before the shark caught them! On Tuesday it was our first Stay-and-Play session of the year - what a busy day we all had. It was great to see lots of new faces come and join us to play and we all enjoyed decorating rainbow fish. We've been practising counting this week at circle



time with Carol; all of the children have taken it in turn counting friends in the circle and then choosing which fish had the right number to match. We've had some water out this week in our messy tray and all the children have loved exploring the bubbly water finding different animals from the sea. We finished off our week cooking with Charlie on Friday to make our own chocolate rice crispy caviar.



Class 1

This week we have been joined by Miss Filby, who will be teaching with us in Class 1 through the spring term. Miss Filby joins us from the University of Worcester for her final teaching practice of her B Ed. In Maths this week we have been estimating how many objects we can see and counting to verify, as well as experimenting with how many groups of objects we can fit into a jam jar - comparing and ordering the results. In English we have enjoyed reading non-fiction books about our new topic - *Rivers and Canals* - and looking at some of the rivers in Great Britain. In PE we have had our second session with PACEs which we are all thoroughly enjoying - even the teachers are learning new things, too! We are enjoying the benefits of our new THRIVE approach in our PSHE lessons, using games, stories and strategies to become good citizens and friends to everyone. Next week we will be preparing for our Class 1 HOPE assembly on January 30th at 8.50am. Parents are all invited to join us in this assembly and to come back to the classroom afterwards to have a look at books in the classroom. We HOPE you can join us!

Class 2

This week we have begun our new topic and have been learning about mountains! At Forest School we made summit sculptures out of woodland materials and during topic lessons we learned about maps. In our English lessons we have continued adapting *The Three Little Pigs*, and in Maths we have been rounding and thinking about ordinal numbers.



Class 3

First full week back and Class 3 have been extending sentences in English and looking at different methods for addition and subtraction in Maths. In Topic we have explored body percussion to make music of the rainforest, and in Art we have been developing our shading skills, making colours darker and lighter. The children very much enjoyed their first swimming trip and are getting into the story of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

Class 4

This week Class 4 have been looking at decimal numbers in Maths; we have been thinking about the place value of the numbers, multiplying and dividing numbers and problem solving. In English we have been learning from our new book *Stone Age Boy* where we have been making inferences from the book and developing our setting descriptions. In the afternoons we have learned about archaeologists and thinking about how information is discovered about the Stone Age. We have also studied the Stone Age site of Starr Carr, in North Yorkshire. In RE we have begun looking at our life as a journey, creating a road map of our life so far.

Class Five

This week we have been learning how to express problems with missing values algebraically. In English we have been putting ourselves into the shoes of the central character in our class reader, *The Arrival*, as he leaves his family behind to travel to a new and strange country to find work. As the book has no text, we have to generate our own rich vocabulary to tell the story. In



Science, we learned how blood circulates around our body, and in topic we used evidence to answer the question 'Were the Anglo Saxons Christian, and how do historians know?'

Stars of the Week

- Nursery** Ayvah Rankin for a great start in Nursery
Dexter Wyatt for being persistent
- Class 1** Keerah Hitchings for being positive and persistent
Lukas Clay for being reflective and co-operative
- Class 2** Toby Boniface for being reflective when writing a traditional tale
Elena Edwards for working independently in lessons
Toby Gibbons for settling in so well
- Class 3** Albert Wilson and Molly-Mae Gibbons for settling in so well to Class 3 and Cradley School
- Class 4** Leila Meager and Lottie Seddon for showing all the learning behaviours when creating a plan for the School Garden
- Class 5** Chloe Norris and Ceri Smith for working co-operatively and thinking logically in our history topic

Value of the Month HOPE

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Chose by Donna and Dale, After School Club supervisors

Dates for the Future

JANUARY **Hope**

22nd Justin Hughes, Archaeologist visiting Class 4

23rd JMHS Open Morning

25 ASC Film Night - Home

30th Class 1 Collective Worship, Parents Welcome 8:55am
Cluster Trudge 9-11am @ JMHS

FEBRUARY **Love**

1st FOCs Disco

5th Book Fair Arrives
Parents Evening 15:30-17:30

6th JMHS visiting Yr 5/6
Parents Evening 17:30-19:30

8th School closes at 12:00

12th Hockey Extravaganza

15th Break up

25th Return to School

28th Net and Wall Extravaganza 11-1pm
Pyramid Prom @ JMHS
Class 4 trip to Bishops Wood

MARCH **Humility**

4th Big Write Week
FOCs Rags to Riches

7th World Book Day

13th Class 5 Collective Worship, Parents Welcome 8:55am

21st Yr1/2 Football Tournament @JMHS 4pm

25th Healthy School's Week

27th Yr 3/4 Mixed Football Tournament @JMHS

28th Choir @ Hereford Cathedral

29th Class 5 - Young Shakespeare @ Hellens

APRIL **Trust**

5th TAG Rugby Extravaganza @ Bosbury

11th Easter Service @ Cradley Church 9am

12th Break Up

29th Term Starts

