

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 2nd October 2020



Hello Yellow

We are very aware of the importance of supporting mental health and well-being following recent events in Cradley. It is particularly important that we support young people's mental health. Please wear yellow on October 9th and donate £1 to this amazing charity. You can wear a yellow hairband, yellow socks, a yellow t-shirt or even yellow hair!



Class 1 Corridor Display

Class 1 spent their first week of school going on a muddy Bear Hunt every day. Who knew there was mud, a cave, long wavy grass, a forest, a snow storm and a river on Cradley School field?

On Monday we found Billy the baking bear who helped us with our cooking skills. On Tuesday we found 'Thomas the show and tell bear' who helps us with our show and tell. On Wednesday we found 'Alex the Assembly bear', who helps us with collective worship. On Thursday we found 'Rainbow bear' who helps us with our feelings. On Friday we found 'Boris our Spanish bear'. He helps us in

our Spanish lessons. The children were amazing at being able to re tell the story using actions. We think Michael Rosen would be very impressed. Ask your child if they can tell you the story? This was a great start to our Explorer topic!



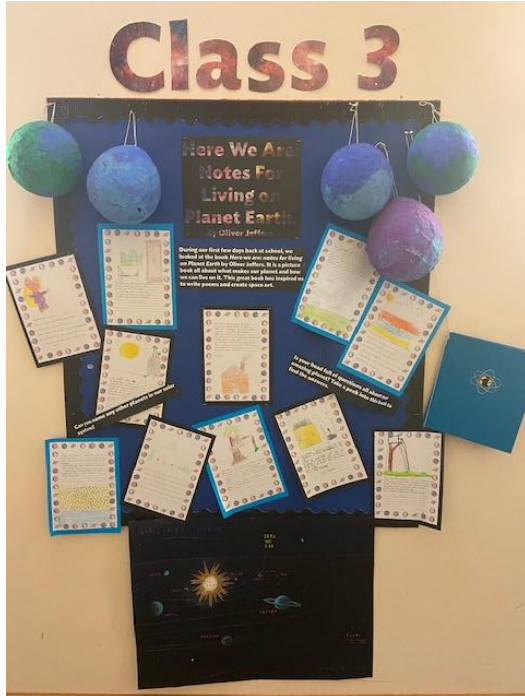
Class 2 Corridor Display

Class 2 studied the book 'We're All Wonders' by R. J. Palacio. The book explores the fact that we are all special and have many things we should be proud of about ourselves. We must also accept and love each other, celebrating our differences and ensuring no one is ever left out just because they might not be the same as ourselves.



Class 3 Corridor Display

At the start of the school year, Class 3 looked at the book 'Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth' by Oliver Jeffers. We used the book to spark discussion about how it feels to be back at school and how we have settled in. We also made papier mache planets and wrote poems about our own 'Special Place'.



Class 5 Corridor Display

Dr. Seuss's hugely popular story 'Oh, the Places You'll Go' has an inspiring message about the importance of seizing new opportunities, keeping an open-mind, and trying new things. Life is a huge adventure, jam-packed with unexpected twists and turns, ups and downs as you work hard to achieve your goals and shape your own path. After enjoying a rap version of the story, we 'signposted' our own goals and wrote a motivational letter to ourselves. We made a card game based on 'Lonely Planet's' top 10 travel destinations, and created a piece of 'jigsaw' art which forms the centrepiece of our class display.

Class 4 Corridor Display

Our display is inspired by 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. In it, the main character who is called Lila, goes on a journey and discovers the secrets of becoming a firework maker for herself. We learned about different sorts of fireworks before planning our own display. Everyone had the choice of whether to use scratch paper, pastels, paint or stop-frame animation to present their work. Year 5 have also written book reviews and are currently writing their own innovated version of the story.



Parents Evening

Due to the current situation relating to Covid -19, we are unable to run parents evenings in the usual format. Therefore this year the teachers will produce a short report which will include:

- How children have settled back into school and any challenges they are facing
- Where they were academically on return to school (baseline)
- The level we are aiming to get to by the end of the year
- What we need to do to help children achieve these targets.

This report will be sent home on Wednesday 14th October. If you would like to discuss your child further following this report please put a message on Tapestry and your child's class teacher will call you in the week beginning 19th October.

Apple Juicing

A big thank you to everyone who brought in apples this week. They have now been collected and will be sent off ready for juicing. The children will be designing their own labels for the bottles in school next week. The winning designs for each year group will be announced shortly after. We will let you know when the bottles are ready for sale!

FOCS News

A big thank you to those who joined us for the first FOCS meeting of the year last night, it was lovely to see so many new faces. There were many exciting ideas discussed for fundraising events so look out for further details.

There will be an AGM in the next few weeks, further details will be sent out closer to the time. We are on the lookout for a new chairperson and secretary, if you are interested in taking on these roles, or indeed sharing them with someone, please let us know.

Christmas Cards

FOCS will be working with school for the children to design their own Christmas cards again this year. This is always a favourite with family and friends, as well as a great way to help raise funds for the school. The timescales for printing are shorter this year, so if there are any parents/carers who are available to come in to school to assist the children with their Christmas Card designs over the next week or so, please let school, Annie Meager or a member of FOCS know asap.

Easy Fundraising

Please remember if you are doing any online shopping please help us raise money for Friends of Cradley School by doing it through easyfundraising.org.uk. Just start your online shopping first at [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk), then shop as normal. Over 3000 retailers will each donate up to 15% of the cost of your shopping.

You can also use it at your workplace if you book hotels, flights, insurance or just ordering stationery, this can

be done using easy fundraising first and raise money for our school.

It won't cost you a penny more to shop via easyfundraising.org.uk and by making this one small change to your shopping habits, you could make a big difference to Friends of Cradley School.

Find out more at

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofcradleyschool/> or simply download the Easy Fundraising app straight onto your phone or tablet.

Your School Lottery

Why not take the opportunity to raise funds for school whilst being in with the chance to win up to £25,000 for yourself!! To sign up to our School Lottery please follow the simple steps at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Cradley.

Reception places 2021

If you know of anyone looking for a reception place for next September we are very happy to show parents around after 3pm when the school is quieter. Please call the school office on 01886 880315 to make an appointment.

The poster is titled 'Important notice' and 'Reception admissions for 2021-2022'. It asks 'Do you have a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017?'. It states that applications will need to be completed by 15 January 2021 for a school place starting in September 2021. Applications can be completed online at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/reception-class-admissions. A note says 'Please note: a place at a nursery does not guarantee a place at the associated primary school, therefore you must still apply.' For further information, contact the school admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk. The poster includes the Herefordshire Council logo, social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and the website herefordshire.gov.uk.

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been exploring our new book of the week, 'The Gruffalo'. This is such a wonderful story and definitely one of our favourites in Nursery. We started off our week with P.E on Monday and all of the children were racing around looking for the Gruffalos food before the music stopped! Tuesday was a very exciting day as we made our very own Gruffalo Crumble with Lauren. In little groups we all got to go up to the kitchen to help make the Gruffalo Crumble. All of the children have been given a recipe if

you would like to try this at home. On Wednesday we explored clay modelling and used the clay to make little rainbow fish for Mrs Jones. On Thursday Katrina made a autumn themed sensory tray for us, full of acorns, orange leaves, pine cones and inside were hidden Gruffalo characters. We finished off our week with our Forest School session with Carol on Friday where we've been hunting for our very own conkers.



Lunches

If you would like to order a packed lunch for your child via Black Pepper, please do so at least 3 days in advance, thank you. After half term we are looking at ways to expand our lunchtime menu. We will begin by adding jacket potatoes with a range of fillings as a way of providing a hot meal at lunchtimes again.

Volunteers

If you are able to help out in any way we would welcome your support. Please try to stick with helping in one class only, social distancing will be essential and full guidance will be given. Please let your child's class teacher or myself know if you are able to help in anyway.

Value of the Month - COMPASSION

Ephesians 4:32

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

Chosen by Mrs Smith

Stars of the week

Nursery

Florence Mathias and Billy Lane for an excellent start to Nursery

Class 1

Rowan Lennox for working independently on his phonics
James Horsfield for being kind and always listening

Class 2

Nicholas Hurley for being brave every morning
Johnny Duncan for a super independent start to his story using appropriate contractions

Class 3

Ruby Cowell for working independently and completing extra Maths at home

Leo White for taking pride in his work in English

Class 4

Ben Griffiths and Minnie Stevens for co-operating to produce a great fractions poster

Class 5

Lottie Seddon for showing independence by being ready to learn in every lesson

Albert Wilson for his enthusiasm for reading

Dates for the Future (these are subject to change)

OCTOBER

Value of the Month - Compassion

Thursday 6th

The Chase in to see Yr 5/6

Wednesday 14th

Parents evening reports out

Thursday 15th

Individual school photos

Friday 16th

School Council elections

Thursday 22nd

Harvest Festival

Friday 23rd

Half term

NOVEMBER

Value of the Month - Courage

Monday 2nd

Term starts

Wednesday 4th

Class 1 Welcome Wednesday

Rags 2 Riches collection by 9am

Friday 6th

Flu immunisations

Wednesday 11th

Class 2 Welcome Wednesday

Wednesday 18th

Class 3 Welcome Wednesday

Wednesday 25th

Class 4 Welcome Wednesday

DECEMBER

Value of the Month - Peace

Wednesday 2nd

Class 5 Welcome Wednesday

Monday 7th

Nativity dress rehearsal

Tuesday 8th

Nativity

Wednesday 9th

Nativity

Tuesday 15th

Winter Walk

Wednesday 16th

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 17th

Community Carols

Carol Service 6pm

Friday 18th
Animal Lady
End of term

JANUARY
Value of the Month - Hope

Wednesday 6th
Term starts