

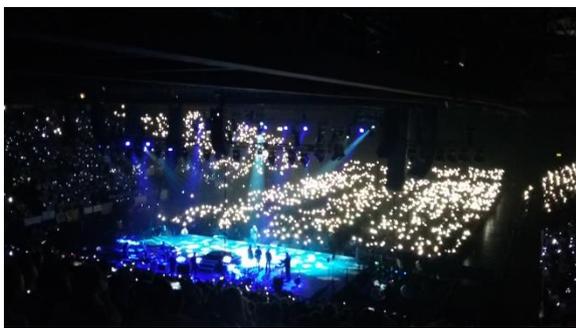
CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 25th January 2019



Young Voices

The choir (and parents!) enjoyed a fantastic experience last Friday when we went to Birmingham to take part in Young Voices once again. As well as performing a wonderful selection of songs and medleys with over 6000 other children in what is recognised as the biggest young people's choir in the world, we thoroughly enjoyed solo performances from Tony Hadley, jazz and blues singer Sharlene Hector and Beau Dermott (Britain's Got Talent 2016). And of course we were once again in awe of 'Urban Strides' as they performed on stage! Well done to our choir for all their hard work leading up to the concert - the effort was well worth it.



Archaeologist visits Class 4

On Tuesday, Class 4 were lucky enough to have a visit from an archaeologist, Mr Justin Hughes. Mr Hughes initially showed the class a picture of the Hive development site and we investigated the evidence of different buildings according to the footprint they have left on the ground. We then looked at detailed illustrations of life in the Palaeolithic Stone Age through to the Iron Age in Worcestershire, and put them in chronological order by investigating what is happening in each illustration.

After this, we looked at various resources, from arrow heads and hand axes through to goat skins; we discussed what era each item was from and how the people of the Stone Age would have developed their tool use throughout the three periods within it. Finally, we took some flint out to Forest School and tried our hands at whittling sticks using just a small piece of flint. This was very hard work but everyone showed brilliant perseverance and it helped us to understand how difficult life would have been for those living in pre-history.





New School Website

Our new website launched last week! We are delighted with its up to date and clean and 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



Parents Evenings

Our next Parents Evenings are on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th February. You should all have received a letter; please return by Monday with your preferred booking times. We will let you know your appointment times by Friday 1st February.

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, so if you have a chance to go beachcombing, please bring in anything which we could use before Easter.

Sickness Bugs

It is that time of year again where all the local schools are seeing an increase in children going down with sickness bugs. Please can we remind parents that after any sickness incident children should be kept away from school and not return for 48hrs after their last vomiting episode.

Scholastics Book Fair - 5th to 11th February

We will be holding a book fair in school, when children can buy books from a great choice of titles. We will receive books for our school reading library as a result of the sales. Last time we received £92.50 worth of free books. The Fair will be open between 3 - 4 pm each day. If anyone can man the fair during Parents Evening (please let Mrs Jones know if you can help) it will be open for sales, and if not you will still be able to browse. Children will bring leaflets home on Monday 4th February and if you would like to place an order please send payment and your order into school in a named envelope. Cheques should be made payable to Cradley VA Primary school.

Parking

We have received several complaints from local residents about parents blocking drives when they are either dropping or collecting children. Please show respect to our local community it is not fair that they are restricted in being able to get out of their drives. Please show consideration.



Before School

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

Residential Meetings

The meetings for next year's residential will take place on Wednesday 27th February. The meeting for current Year 2/3 pupils will take place at 6pm, followed by the meeting for current Year 4/5 children at 6:30pm.



FOCS Disco

FOCS are excited to be holding a school disco on Friday 1st February. The disco will be held at school from 6 - 8pm. Tickets are just £2 per child. There will be hotdogs, tuck shop, glitter tattoos, cake, and heaps of flashing disco accessories for sales. A bar will be open for parents to enjoy a quiet drink while the kids boogie away! Letters are being sent home today, please complete the slip to buy your tickets.

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

In Nursery this week we have been exploring more about under the sea and on Monday in P.E with Carol we had to walk the wooden plank on our pirate ship and then jump into the sea and swim away before the shark caught us and we had great fun dancing away to baby shark! On Tuesday Charlie made a beach in our messy tray and we've been practising writing our names in the sand. Lauren helped us get messy on Wednesday with some finger painting just like our story Barry the fish with fingers which all of the children have enjoyed listening to this week. On Wednesday we also had a little surprise of some snow and everyone enjoyed going out onto the field with Lauren to have a play in the snow. We have finished our week with something very exciting with Katrina! Shark pizzas!



Class One

HOPE has been our main theme this week as we get ready for our Class 1 HOPE assembly on January 30th at 8.50am. Parents are all invited to join us for this assembly and to come back to the classroom afterwards to have a look at all our work so far this year. We HOPE you can all join us as this is the next biggest thing we do as a class after the Nativity. This week in Maths we have been looking at 2D shapes and symmetry and have worked hard on holding and writing our sentences in

phonics. Jim came on Wednesday to teach us more about attacking, defending and tactics for team games in PE. The afternoons have been used to prepare and practise for assembly and to spend some time in small groups revisiting things we have found particularly difficult this week and having another try. Well done to everyone this week for their persistence.

Class Two

This week in Class 2 we have been finding fractions of shapes. We did some Active Maths on the playground and we had to find different fractions and put them in the correct hoop. The sprinkling of snow which was still lying on parts of the playground made it extra special. In Forest School we found different objects which were smooth, rough, straight or yellow. Some people found ice which fitted the 'smooth' category very well. We then made summit sculptures and had photos taken by them.



Class Three

Detailed descriptions of animals from the rainforest have been the order of the day in English this week, using show don't tell, resulting in some amazing descriptions. Work out which animal this is: "A black buttoned nose was sniffing for the most delicious leaves and his mouth, which was wet as a whale, was crunching them up. With claws shiny as a mirror and sharper than knives, he clung onto the tree." Further work on rainforests has included naming the different layers and painting some of the beautiful flowers. In maths, the children have been working out which methods they prefer for addition and subtraction. In PE, attacking and defending skills have been practised.



Class Four

This week, Class 4 have explored addition and subtraction of decimal numbers, looking closely at place value to deepen our understanding and then using our reasoning skills to unpick problems in Maths. In English, we have been looking at character descriptions and how the use of verbs can alter the impact on the reader. We then looked at the different perspectives of characters in a story. In the afternoons we have studied how archaeologists undertake research before they start a dig, we have looked at what Hindus believe their purpose of life is, we have looked at what life was like in the settlement of Skara Brae and we had a hands on session with archaeologist, Justin Hughes, studying local Stone Age images.

Class Five

This week we have been drafting part of the narrative of 'The Arrival', telling the story of the little chimney girl using a rich vocabulary we have generated ourselves from the pictures. In maths, we have been generating and describing number sequences, including using algebraic formulae to find the nth term in any sequence. In topic, we practised finding the best source of evidence for statements we were given about the Anglo Saxons. This week we also began a unit of work on 'Digital Citizenship', learning how to build a positive online reputation.

Stars of the Week

Nursery Hayden Jeffries for taking a risk

Dominic Stokes for persevering

Class 1 TJ Malloy for being proud, reflective and independent in his assembly practice

Chloe Jeffries for being persistent and independent in her BIG WRITE week

Class 2 Nelson Meager for showing perseverance in his topic work

Oliver Eaton for working independently in his writing

Class 3 Stanley Bentley-Price for working independently in Maths

Van Hughes for producing a great interpretation of a Georgia O'Keefe flower and being reflective

Class 4 Sian Smith for always being positive about all aspects of school life

Mimi Boniface for being positive about her English

Class 5 Oscar Robertson and Ray Hughes for taking such pride in their writing

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

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

FEBRUARY

Love

1st FOCs Disco
Yr5 Hockey Festival
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
27th Residential Meetings 6pm and 6:30pm
28th Net and Wall Extravaganza 11-1pm
Pyramid Prom @ JMHS
Class 4 trip to Bishops Wood
JMHS in to see Yr5/6s

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
Class 4 trip to Iron Age Hill Fort
27th Yr 3/4 Mixed Football Tournament @JMHS
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

