



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 8th March 2019



World Book Day

On Thursday, we welcomed World Book Day with an assembly based on sharing stories. The costumes looked great and the staff joined in with a pirate theme that linked in to our theme of oceans for the Big Write Week.



Big Write Week

The children (and staff!) were astonished when they arrived at school on Monday morning to a playground awash with plastic: the contents of just one week's worth of plastic in staff recycling bins! It was a salutary reminder of how much we are disposing of every day and was the 'hook' into our whole school Big Write text 'The Day the Ocean Went Away'. This week we have all become thoroughly immersed in the issues surrounding the problem of disposing of plastic, and in particular the impact this pollution is having on our oceans, and have all been inspired to write poetry, instructions, stories and persuasive arguments on the theme. We will share our writing together next week.

The children will be bringing home their World Book Day book tokens which they can use to help pay for books from participating bookshops, including books written especially for World Book Day 2019.



Swimming Gala

Well done to the four children, William Mo, Tilly B-P, Mimi and Laura, who represented the school on Tuesday at the timed swimming trials held at Malvern College. They all swam their hearts out, and gave their very best. Special thanks to Laura who willingly stood in at the last minute due to someone having an injury.



School Council

School Council are hosting a onesie/home clothes day for the special occasion of Red Nose Day. It will be on the 15th of March and you will be fined £1 if you want to participate in this event and the money will be sent to Comic Relief.

School Council

Casual Lunchtime Vacancy.

We are looking for someone who could work as a Lunch time Supervisor on a casual basis. This may involve serving lunch, preparing and clearing the hall, washing up or supervising the children. It would be for 1 hour and 25 minutes and could be at short notice. If you are interested please speak to Mrs Jones for more information.

Cradley Church

Work has begun on extensive repairs to Cradley Church. This will include re-roofing the tower and repairing high-level stonework, replacing the North Aisle floor, dismantling and repairing the organ and the complete renovation of the kitchen area. A total of £196,300 in grants has been secured, mainly from the Heritage Lottery Fund, with additional grants from seven other bodies. We expect the work be completed by the end of June.

The church will be hosting three Open Events, before the work starts, while it is in progress and on completion. The first of these will be on Sunday March 3rd, between 11.30am and 2.30 pm, when you can see the plans for the work together with photographs showing the condition of the Tower roof and stonework and the north aisle floor before work starts; members of the congregation will be on hand to explain more. Tea and coffee will be available until 1pm."

Nut Products

We have had another incident of children bringing products containing nuts. This includes Nutella based products. Please don't do it, we have people in school who are allergic. I am sure that as parents you would not want to be responsible for a person having anaphylactic shock.

Water Bottles

Please can you ensure that children come to school with a named water bottle. It is really important that they are able to hydrate during the day.

Parent Survey

You should all by now have received an e-mail with a link to complete a parent survey for the Governors. Please take the time to complete this as we really value your opinions and views about the teaching, learning and care at Cradley School. Please can this be completed by Friday 15th March. The link for the survey is: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cradleyPS2019. Thank you.

Nursery

This week in Nursery we are visiting India and Carol has taught us all how we would say "hello" in India and that is "Namaste". On Monday we started off our week with some Bollywood dancing in P.E with Charlie. On Tuesday we drifted away a little from India as it was Pancake Day and we had to have some pancakes in Nursery. We have also been learning all about Henna patterns and Katrina has helped us to decorate our own henna pictures. Lauren showed us all on Wednesday what our names would look like if we went to a school in India and it was very interesting to see what they all looked like. We have learnt all about different types of food this week whilst we've visited India and we even had poppadum's for snack time one day this week to try. It wouldn't be a visit to India if we didn't have a curry! So on Friday we all got to try some chicken curry, rice and we cooked our own poppadum's.



Class 1

We have really enjoyed our BIG WRITE week in Class 1. *The Day the Ocean Went Away* has inspired our writing this week. We have thought about the issues facing our *Blue Planet* and made some school promises to make a change for the better. We have been on a poetic adventure with Straw-man to get a better understanding of the commotion in the ocean humans have forced upon him and his straw-lady love and his straw-children three! In maths we have been weighing out our ingredients and making pancakes. In topic we have taken a canal boat trip with Peppa Pig and her family to see how locks work and have enjoyed some weaving. In PE we have added to our street-dance choreography and continued improving our dynamic balance through games and warm-up skills. Next week will be Miss Filby's last week with us, before she heads back to Worcester University for the last part of her Teacher Training.



Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have been learning about rivers. Miss Evans demonstrated what happens when a river flows between rocks and sand and everyone could see how the water twists and turns. On Shrove Tuesday we learned how to make pancakes and enjoyed eating them with strawberries and bananas! We have also been writing our stories based on the Big Write Week book 'The Day the Ocean Went Away'. We are changing some of the characters in the original story to make up our own versions.



Class 3

Our Rainforest Dioramas are finally complete (and don't they look grand!), and the children have used them as backgrounds in their stop frame animations. Keeping both the camera and the background still has proved to be quite tricky, but we are getting the hang of things. Our respect for the Wallace and Grommit producers has gone through the roof! In Maths we have been working on addition and subtraction and in English our persuasive writing has been further inspired by the Big Write. We have been researching our facts ready to write letters to Theresa May about the awfulness of the current plastic pollution.

Class 4

This week Class 4 have used our Big Write Book to create story maps and blurb and then created a set of instructions on 'How to Destroy the Oceans'. In Maths, we have focused on addition and subtraction with the Year 5s focusing on subtracting decimals. In the afternoons we have learnt about the importance of contour lines in mapping hill forts and have continued to work on our Stone Age houses.



Class 5

This week we have been busy preparing for our class assembly, taking our inspiration on the theme of 'humility' from 'Mountains of the Mind' by Robert McFarlane, and 'Blue Planet 2'. Our theme has fitted in beautifully with our Big Write text too. In Maths we have been working on mixed calculations, and in Science we have been learning about the science of the oceans: how they hold our world in balance. In art, we began work on our 'Moment in Time' canvases for the show garden.



Stars of the Week

- Nursery** Dominic Stokes for his brilliant enthusiasm in our topic of the week
Evie Pinchbeck for taking pride in her learning
- Class 1** Mya Oseman for her co-operation in all things
Johnny Duncan for his reflection and greater depth thinking in all subject areas
- Class 2** Conor Mackay for being positive in our PE lesson and thinking of great ideas
Jacob Mifflin for being persistent when calculating in Maths
- Class 3** Amber Thompson and Isabella Kildare for working co-operatively on their Rainforest Rap
- Class 4** Laura Jones and Eve Vipond for taking responsibility for classroom tasks and showing pride in everything
- Class 5** Tilly Wilson for good, independent ideas in our assembly preparation
Abi Philpotts for having the confidence to take the lead in our assembly preparation

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

- 11th Height and Weight measurement Yrs R & 6
Dental Talk KS1
- 13th Class 5 Collective Worship, Parents Welcome
8:55am
JMHS Trudge
Science Eggstravaganza @ RGS
- 14th Class 4 trip to Bishops Wood
- 15th Red Nose Day
- 21st Yr1/2 Football Tournament @JMHS 4pm
- 25th Healthy School's Week
Class 4 trip to Iron Age Hill Fort
- 26th Herefordshire Festival Choir Events
Yoga Lady in
- 27th Yr 3/4 Mixed Football Tournament @JMHS
Choir @ Hereford Cathedral
Digital Leaders Conference @ Hampton Dene
- 28th Mix up Day
- 29th Class 5 - Young Shakespeare @ Hellens

APRIL

Trust

- 5th TAG Rugby Extravaganza @ Bosbury
- 12th Break Up
- 29th Term Starts

