



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 3rd May 2019



Welcome to the Summer Term

A message from Mrs Jones

I trust you all had a great Easter break; there certainly was some fantastic weather. We are very pleased to welcome Miss Evans to our teaching team this term and also Miss Conner who has returned to work with Class 1 for her final teaching placement. We also welcome Austin and Myleene to Class 3 and hope that they settle quickly into life at Cradley. This week has been busy with lots of visitors and work around the build-up of the school garden. We have a busy term ahead with lots of activities already planned. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for further information. I am really excited to have the opportunity to be Acting Headteacher for the Summer Term and am looking forward to the challenges it brings and working with you to provide the best possible experiences for your children.

Headteacher Vacancy

The advertisement for a new Headteacher has been posted this week through Hoople and Eteach. Full details are also available on the website, which you can find here.

<https://www.cradleyschool.org.uk/vacancies>. Please do share to spread the word.

Cradley Church Clock

Dear Families,

We would like to invite you to come to the May morning celebration, Saturday 4th May at 6am.

Our Clock is the village War Memorial and at present is away being re-enamelled and re-gilded. It is 100 years since it was fixed to the church tower.

We will sing songs together - many of which are at least 100 years old. We will then go for a wander with the Rambling group for about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. Bring your own bacon butties and flasks of hot drinks! We look forward to seeing you outside Cradley Church - or in the Parish Hall if it is raining. Thank you.

Janita Goodwin

School Garden

This week we have begun building our garden at the RHS Malvern Spring Festival. Lots of KS2 children have already been to help and have been measuring, weaving willow, sawing logs, moving compost and planting all the different flowers and herbs we have been growing. They have also had the chance to see the other school gardens taking shape. If you would like to bring your child to the show next weekend, we would love to see them there.

They will have the chance to speak to individual members of the public about the garden and will get lots of support doing so if they are a bit nervous at first!



Lego Wedo Workshop

This week in Class 4, we had fun with Mark Sanderson making Lego robots for the garden using Lego Wedo! We had to follow the instructions to make sure our robot would be able to move in all directions when powered by a motor. We then had fun designing a code that would make our robots move around the garden - some of us even added sensors so they don't crash into anything! We used lots of Science and Computing skills to make sure they can move like a hedgehog and don't fall over.



A message from the Governors

As promised a short update regarding our appointment of a new Headteacher. This week has been spent showing six prospective applicants around our school, they all loved it and thought the children were incredibly focussed on their work and very well behaved! Eryl Copp

Parent's Survey

Thank you for the time that you have taken to provide us with feedback on Cradley School and Nursery. We were really touched by many of the comments that you left and thank you for your support. We recognise that



there are some areas that need improvement and are taking action on the following initially:

Behaviour, Governors, clubs, break times, afterschool club. We will let you know shortly what actions will be taken. If you have any concerns, our staff and Governors are always willing to talk to you. You can discuss through your home liaison books, with teachers at drop-off on the playground or make an appointment through the school office

Some statistics from the survey and comments made

"A kind caring environment for our children to grow"
"Professional, supportive, dedicated, focussed, leading the way"
"Fantastic teachers who know the children well"
"I love the way the children all look after one another and how they are friends across year groups"

73%+ agree that their children are taught well, are supported in the social, moral & cultural aspects of learning and are encouraged to be attentive. 81% agree that teachers and pupils have a good relationship. 79% agree that home liaison books and tapestry work well to communicate with teaching staff. 83% agree that they receive useful information about school news and achievements. 81% of respondents would recommend the school.

Nursery

Welcome back everyone! We hope you've all had a brilliant Easter break. This week we've been to visit Italy! We started off our week by thinking about what foods we'd eat if we lived in Italy and decided that we'd all love to be Italian! Pizza and ice-cream, yummy! On Tuesday our friends joined us for Stay-and-Play. We had a busy morning playing outside with them. Katrina has read plenty of stories outside this week on our new astro-turf. Our book of the week is *The Smartest Giant in Town*. We've made crowns with patterns on and measured our footprints to see who has the biggest and smallest feet in Nursery! We have finished off our week by having our first visit to Forest School for this year. We went on a bug hunt and looked under logs for different

creatures.



Class 1

Welcome back to Class 1. I hope you all had a good rest and are ready for the final term of this academic year. Year 1s have been revisiting the use of commas and looking at where they are used and why in English. Money, counting and number bonds to 20 have been their focus for Maths this week. In Reception we are learning one or two new speed sounds from Set 3 in phonics and in Maths we have been estimating, counting to verify and counting in tens. Through the afternoons we have been back to Forest School for Science to see what changes have taken place since we broke up for Easter. In topic, we have started our new Cyber-rainbow mini topic which is helping us to learn about the online world and all the uses of digital technology. In PE we have done gymnastics and multi-skills on the field in preparation for sports day, coming soon!

Class 2

This week Year 2 have been practising their reading skills and working on Maths questions with Miss Reckling while Ms George has been at the Three Counties Showground. In the afternoons everyone has been working on an RE art project on the theme of Creation. They have made collages in pairs representing one of the days of the Creation story from the Bible. We have also learned about seed bombs and helped wrap the ones made for the school garden by children in Key Stage 2.

Class 3

After the Easter break, it was full steam ahead with our new topic...World War Two. We have explored why it began and ordered events on a time line. In Maths we have firmed up the rules for what happens when we multiply and divide by 10 and 100. Our new English book is *The Lion and the Unicorn* - a story about a boy who is evacuated during the war, which has both sad and happy elements in it. Our art work has also been based around WW2, experimenting with line and shapes, imagining what the British fields looked like to the spitfires flying overhead. In RE we have started a new unit, finding out why the Bible is so important to some people.

Class 4

This week, Class 4 have started thinking about our new style of writing in English, using our text, "*Grimm Tales*". We have learned different grammatical techniques and the children have tried their hand at writing a fairy tale with a twist. In Maths, we have started to think deeper about our knowledge, looking at different reasoning problems, and also revised Roman Numerals all the way to MM (2000)! In the afternoons, we have had a very busy time on our aspect of the Garden and have created robots to resemble the hedgehog for the garden. We have also learned about different places in French, practised our batting skills in tennis, our running skills in relays during athletics and created "tags" for our



graffiti topic in Art, thinking about colour toning and shading.

Class 5

This week we have been working hard revising for our SATs tests during English and Maths lessons. In the afternoons, we completed our lung capacity investigations and considered how to keep our lungs healthy. We also began our new History/Geography topic, 'Ancient Sumer', by considering how a civilisation is built, and in RE we reflected on what commitment means, as an introduction to our new unit, 'Ahimsa, Grace and Ummah'. We were especially excited to receive a letter from Sir David Attenborough in reply to one sent by Will and Ollie describing the inspiration behind our show garden.

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Dear Oliver and Will and all a
Class 5, at Cradley School

Thank you for your letter.
I am delighted to know that you
thought well of Blue Planet II.
Congratulations on all you are
doing to reduce the dreadful
pollution caused by plastic.
The battle to do so has just started
to get going, and if everyone behaves
as vigorously as you are doing,
we would stand a chance of making
a real difference.

Best wishes to you all
David Attenborough

Stars of the Week

Nursery James Mowbray and Poppy Duncan for making a great start in Cradley Nursery

Class 1 Chloe Jeffries for being brave when she got hurt

Hugo Seldon for being reflective and brave in class

Class 2 Jay Kenrick for being positive and co-operative when working with a partner

Oliver Eaton for working independently in Maths

Class 3 Jack Wilson for a big improvement in his handwriting
Ben Griffiths for wonderful Maths on Wednesday

Class 4 Cleo Baynham & Olivia Flanagan for working co-operatively in Computing
Henry Jackson for working independently in writing

Class 5 Abi Philpotts & Chloe Norris for always being responsible and reliable, but especially this week with jobs and as Young Leaders with Class 2

Value of the Month Reverence

Hebrews 12:28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.

Chosen by Mrs Jones

Dates for the Future

MAY	Reverence
6 th	Bank Holiday
8 th	Malvern Spring Show judging
9 th	Spring Show
	JMHS Open Morning (Year 5)
10 th	Spring Show
	Yr 5 Rounders festival @the Elms
13 th	KS2 SATs Week
15 th	Class 3 trip to SVR
20 th	Library Van in
	KS2 Tennis Extravaganza
21 st	Sports Day
22 nd	Headteacher Interview Date
23 rd	Headteacher Interview Date
	African Drumming Day
24 th	TAG Rugby Festival
	Yr 3/4 Tennis
	Break Up
JUNE	Wisdom
3 rd	Class and Team photos
4 th	Yr 5/6 Mixed Cricket Festival @ Eastnor
5 th	Meeting for new parents (Reception 2019)
	6.30pm
6 th	Yr 6 Trip to London
	JMHS Yr 5 Information Evening
7 th	Rounders @ Bosbury
10 th	Phonics Check Week
11 th	Reserve Sport's Day
12 th	KS1 Festival @ JMHS
	MSJ Lacrosse Festival
14 th	KS2 Golf Extravaganza @ JMHS
	Pyramid Tournament @ Ledbury Primary
18 th	Bellboating Class 4/5



19th Class 2 Collective Worship 8:55am Parents
 Welcome
 Rounders Tournament
 20th JMHS Yr 6 Information Evening 6:30-8:00pm
 21st Girls Cricket @ Ledbury Primary
 25th Yr 5/6 Crucial Crew
 26th KS2 Lifepath
 27th KS2 Bell boating Regatta
 28th Yr 5 Taster Day @ JMHS

JULY **Creation**
 5th Clubs finish
 Dress Rehearsal
 8th KS2 Play to School
 9th KS2 Play 6pm
 10th Janden Sports Trophy @ JMHS
 KS2 Play 6pm
 11th Nursery Leaver's Service
 16th Whole School Walk
 17th Leavers Rounders and BBQ
 18th Term Ends
 19th INSET Day

