



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 12th April 2019



Head's Farewell

Well after eight years, my time at Cradley has drawn to a close slightly faster than I anticipated when getting the job at Northleigh two weeks ago. It has been an amazing time and experience and I have loved leading this school and its development. I leave the school in the hands of a very capable team to guide it until the new substantive Head is appointed. I want to thank all the staff at school who really give 110% to support all the children and make Cradley such a magical and exciting place. Thank you to all the children who have been truly wonderful and to everyone for their kind words over my move and their support over the years. As the great philosopher, Winnie the Pooh wrote: "How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard".

On behalf of the Governors I would like to wish Adam every success in his new post. He will be greatly missed at Cradley school, and we thank him hugely for all his efforts over the last eight years.

Eryl Copp
Chair of Governors



Mr Greaves' Departure

The Chair of Governors wrote on Tuesday to explain of a change of circumstances and advising that Mr Greaves will be leaving Cradley school at the end of this term. If there are any concerns at all, please do come and speak to Mrs Jones.

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.

Year 5 triumph at the JMHS Maths Tournament

Yesterday four Yr 5 students went to JMHS to compete in a Primary Inter-Schools Maths Challenge. They started the competition with a set of warm-up questions. This was followed with a 15 question challenge where they scored 14/15! The second challenge was a cross-number grid where they had to complete a whopping 60 questions in 35 minutes - what a difficult task! They next had to make a number using 5-6 numbers, one of the questions was so hard even the teachers couldn't work it out! The final task was a relay to complete more tough questions. In the end they were shocked to be awarded the winning prize of first place! A huge well done to Eve, Darcey, Laura and Finn.



Year 3/4 Football Tournament

A Year 3/4 mixed football team travelled to John Masfield on Wednesday full of excitement and enthusiasm. They played 3 games against tough opposition in Ledbury, Eastnor and Ashperton. There were fine performances up front from Preston and Ben and some fantastic saves by Eddie and Freddie in goal. We were delighted to finish in joint second place. Well done to Bryn, Siân, Preston, Eddie, Jack, Ben, Lexi, Henry and Freddie.



Open The Book and Easter

On Thursday, we were joined by the Open the Book team and we decided to join together to celebrate Easter, with the team telling us the story of the Joyous Day and Year Six recounting the Crucifixion. The choir amazed us with a wonderful rendition of Amazing Grace.



School Garden

Everyone has been working hard to get ready for the RHS Spring Festival which begins on Thursday 9th May this year. We would love to see as many children as possible visit the show at the weekend. Under 16s are free and we have reduced price adult tickets available for £10 each. You should have already received a letter about this. All children in KS2 have now been given their letter inviting them to attend the build-up or show itself during school time. Please return the permission slips as soon as possible - the visits begin on the first day back after the holidays! Some of our Year 6s have also written a letter to David Attenborough himself to tell him all about our garden project. We hope he enjoys reading it!

FOCS Easter Colouring Competition

Thank you to everyone who supported FOCS and joined in with our fun Easter activity. We had 78 entries to the Easter Colouring Competition so raised a fantastic £78. The judges were really impressed with how much time, effort and care the children had been put into each entry. They had a really tough job picking out the winners. At one point the judges had to ask the barmaid in the Red Lion to help!

Overall Year Winners were:

Nursery - Evie
Reception - Genie
Year 1 - Leo
Year 2 - Daniel J
Year 3 - Molly
Year 4 - Lexi
Year 5 - Will M
Year 6 - Chloe N

Special Prizes for:

Neatest colouring in KS2 - Leila M.
Neatest colouring in KS1 - Lukas
Cutest chick in KS1 - Nelson
Best bunnies in KS2 - Mali
Judges favorite - Sophie (Nursery)
Brightest colours in KS1 - Rory
Brightest colours in KS2 - Ben G

Church Easter Service

Cradley Church are running children's activities during the Easter Service on Sunday 21st April at 10.30 am. These will take place in the village hall and include the Easter story, making cress heads from eggs, decorating biscuits and the Easter tree, ending with the egg hunt around the churchyard.

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been getting ready to celebrate Easter and on Monday in our P.E session we have been warming up with chicken and rabbit dancing games. We've been collecting Easter eggs into our baskets before the fox (Katrina) tried to take them out; when the music stopped we counted up all the eggs to see which teams had collected the most eggs. On Tuesday stay and play joined us and we had a busy morning with lots of playing and we all enjoyed decorating Easter egg pictures using glitter and Easter themed sequins. Wednesday the sun decided to make a fully welcomed appearance and we've all enjoyed being outside planting sunflower seeds. Thursday we had a lovely day with the local village toddler group going out around Forest School on an Easter egg hunt. We have finished off our term on Friday with making Easter egg cakes. Staff, parents and children of Cradley Nursery would like to wish Mr Greaves the best of luck in his new role as Head Teacher at Northleigh Primary School.





Class 1

It's been a good week for the garden in Class 1. We have revisited our bat topic from Autumn term and made waterproof bats made from recycled plant pots. They will be hanging around at the Malvern Spring Show! We had fun making a place for them to fly in and out of too, as we made bat boxes in the sunshine on Wednesday with Gary. We will be choosing the best one to go in the show garden. This week we welcomed back Miss Conner, our student teacher from the Autumn term, who came to visit for the day in preparation for returning to us for her final school experience in the Summer term. We are looking forward to teaching with her again. We've had lots of Easter activities this week and enjoyed helping the Open the Book team tell the story of the Resurrection on Thursday. Finally, we all want to wish Mr Greaves lots of luck in his new job. We will keep him posted with all the amazing things we will have achieved by the end of the academic year. All the very best from all of us.

Class 2

This week Class 2 have been painting their stones for the show garden. We chose a minibeast and painted it using only black, white and grey. We have also been designing bird feeders using Lego and other construction materials. We tested them to see if they would hold bird seed and then modified them if necessary! Year 2 have been practising comprehension questions in pairs and solving maths problems involving fractions, multiplication and division. Year 1s have had an assessment week.

Class 3

We finally completed our work on the Rainforest this week, studying plants which are used to create medicine and having a read of the Great Kapok Tree which we re-wrote it as if it was in an English forest. We had to remember English animals rather than rainforest ones, and tried hard to include direct speech correctly punctuated. In Maths we have been finding perimeters of shapes, which can be tricky when the units are not the same. As Easter approaches, we have studied the sad, then happy story of the death and resurrection of Jesus,

and have completed our Easter cards, writing our greetings using Publisher, learning how to import pictures.

Class 4

This week Class 4 have been revising all the knowledge they learned this term. They have been completing a Maths hunt around the school to revise their Maths knowledge and completing reading comprehensions written by their peers in English. In the afternoons; we have learned about Celtic life and looked at a final hillfort in Topic, we have continued to support the Spring Garden project and created our own small collages of David Attenborough. I hope everyone has a wonderful break and see you on the 29th April.

Class 5

This week, we have been working on some practice SATs papers in English and Maths. In Science, we planned and carried out an investigation in which we measured our lung capacity. We considered all the various factors which affect our lung capacity, then planned a fair test changing just one of these variables. In R.E, we discussed the biblical concept of salvation, and prepared a short choral reading for our Easter Service in school on Thursday morning. We are looking forward to relaxing over the Easter holiday, in preparation for a very busy final term at Cradley! A special well done and thank you to Oliver and William for writing a letter to Sir David Attenborough to draw his attention to our school show garden. We're sure he'll be very impressed!

Stars of the Week

Nursery Arian Evans for his great participation in P.E
Cherish Evans for being kind to new friends in Nursery

Class 1 All of Class 1 for being persistent and reflective and for all their hard work this term.

Class 2 Jakey Vine for being confident in Maths problem solving
Isla-Mai Robertson for her persistent approach to Maths

Class 3 Maisie Gelling and Isabella Kildare for working co-operatively being Keynote leaders in Computing

Class 4 Izzy Kendrick for having a positive attitude towards her tests this week
Mali Robb for taking pride in all her work and for suggesting improvements

Class 5 William Moseley for focus and persistence in preparing his Science investigation
Oscar Robertson for taking responsibility for his learning



Value of the Month**TRUST**

When I am afraid, O Lord Almighty, I put my trust in you.

Psalm 56:3

Chosen by Mrs Gleaves

11th KS2 Play 6pm
 11th Nursery Leaver's Service
 16th Whole School Walk
 17th Leavers Rounders and BBQ
 18th Term Ends
 19th INSET Day

Dates for the Future**APRIL****Trust**

29th Term Starts
 30th Mark Sanderson working with Class 4
 ASC Film Night - Hotel Transylvania 3

MAY**Reverence**

3rd Dysons in to talk to Yr 6
 Hearing Test Yr 1s
 6th Bank Holiday
 8th Malvern Spring Show judging
 9th Spring Show
 10th Spring Show
 13th KS2 SATs Week
 17th Yr 5 Rounders festival @the Elms
 20th Library Van in
 KS2 Tennis Extravaganza
 21st Sport's Day
 22nd Headteacher Interview Date
 23rd Headteacher Interview Date
 African Drumming Day
 24th TAG Rugby Festival
 Yr 3/4 Tennis
 Break Up

JUNE**Wisdom**

3rd Class and Team photos
 4th Yr 5/6 Mixed Cricket Festival @ Eastnor
 6th Yr 6 Trip to London
 JMHS Yr 5 Information Evening
 7th Rounders @ Bosbury
 10th Phonics Check Week
 11th Reserve Sport's Day
 12th KS1 Festival @ JMHS
 Class 4/5 Bellboating trip
 14th KS2 Golf Extravaganza @ JMHS
 Pyramid Tournament @ Ledbury Primary
 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 Dress Rehearsal
 8th KS2 Play to School
 9th KS2 Play 6pm
 10th Janden Sports Trophy @ JMHS

