



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 22nd March 2019



Gardening Club Trip to John Richard's Nursery

Last Monday afternoon, Year 4 and 5 Gardening Club pupils went to Colwall to find out how the Nursery operates and to choose some plants for our school show garden. Paul and Naomi Richards talked us through different areas of the Nursery and showed us how a plant starts out, how compost is made and how the plants are looked after before being sold to local Garden Centres. We were able to ask lots of questions, including finding out what happens to the black plastic flower pots that are so difficult to recycle! We are looking forward to returning to do some willow weaving on site, ready for our show garden in May.



Environmental Health Visit

Last week, we were visited by Environmental Health as part of their regular inspection of kitchen and food serving facilities. We are delighted to say that we scored 5/5. Top Marks! Congratulations to our fabulous team of lunchtime supervisors and to the Black Pepper team for their contribution. The number of children having Black Pepper lunches has risen to almost 70% every day.



Basic Skills Report

We are thrilled to have achieved our Basic Skills Award once again! We were delighted with the report, which gave a very accurate account of all that we do to promote fantastic teaching and learning for all pupils. Please find attached a copy of this report on the email that you will have received with this newsletter. If you require a paper copy, please ask at the office.

Egg-stravaganza

Last week, eight budding scientists from Cradley School joined other primary children in a workshop at RGS in Worcester. Their task was to construct a working crane that could hold a crème egg. But there was a catch! The only materials available to them were straws, paperclips, pipe cleaners, string - and a single piece of sticky tape. Before building got underway, the teams were given 30-minutes to plan and design their model. Teamwork was the key! Then, with the clock ticking down, they were given an hour to complete their crane before presenting it to the judges. There were many innovative and creative solutions. Cradley didn't walk away with the overall prize, but their crane was judged to be the most stylish! Well done to our Year 5 eggheads: Mimi, Mali, Bella, Frazer, Eve, Laura, Harley and Meryl.



Healthy Schools Week

Next week is Healthy School's Week and we are looking forward to getting our bodies moving and our minds focused. We have got lots going on: Sports Crew will be running a "Wake up shake up" every morning at 8.40, which both parents and children are invited to; Each class will all be undertaking a yoga session on Tuesday; We will have a mix up morning on Thursday, where all the classes will be muddled up and they will undertake sessions about healthy eating, mindfulness and fitness and we will also be getting moving in class throughout the week.

Thrive Update

As Mrs Gleaves and Miss Guy are nearing the end of their Thrive training, we would like to update you about what it involves. Thrive is a play-based approach, supporting children's emotional and social development derived from heavily researched information about attachment theory, neuroscience and child development and the arts. We allow the children opportunities to explore their thoughts and emotions through play, which has been scientifically proven to help communication and expression of feelings, without having to verbalise them. It also gives children a sense of fun and joy which supports the release of happy hormones and gives time for negative hormones to be released from their body, helping to build the neuropathways between the left and right sides of the brain. If your child joins these sessions, we hope they will feel they've had an opportunity to play and use this support without necessarily being made aware of the underlining reason for them. So far, we've had a very positive response to those that we've run.

Comic Relief

The School Council are delighted to say that we raised the total of £110 for Comic Relief. Thank you to everyone for supporting this worthwhile cause

FOCS

FOCS are running the Easter Colouring Competition again this year. We will be sending out the colouring forms next week. We are asking pupils to colour in an Easter Scene using bright spring colours then hand them back into School by Friday 5th April to enter the competition. It is only £1 per entry. Every child who enters will receive a small prize. The winner from each year group will get an Easter Egg. All prizes will be given out by 12th April. Please support the school by entering the competition.

We had a very productive meeting last week at the newly refurbished Red Lion. If anyone wants a copy of the minutes, please speak to Sarah Jeffries or Reception and we can email them to you. We are desperately looking for volunteers to help with various activities coming up over the next few months. We are looking for people to help with the Friday Tuck Shop - there will be a rota so that no one has to commit to looking after it every week. We

also need people to help start organising the Summer Fair - if volunteers can each take on a small job, then we quickly and effectively plan a fantastic fun afternoon for all the students. Sadly, we've had to cancel two fund-raising events already this year due because of a lack of volunteers.

The next FOCS meeting will be W/C 8th April at the Red Lion.

Football Club

There will be no Football Club on Tuesday 26th March. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Mothering Sunday Service

St James' Church Cradley are looking for children to take part in their Mothering Sunday Service at 10.30 am on Sunday 31st March. It will be a fun, active service for all ages. If your child would like to be involved in any way - especially reading prayers - please let Mrs Jones or Mrs Booth know as soon as possible. Mrs Copp, Chair of Governors, can then allocate readings and jobs in advance.

Social Media

Just a reminder that parents should not put photos of Cradley schoolchildren who are not their own on any form of social media. You do not have permission to do so.

Parish Council Big Spring Clean

The Spring Clean is planned for the Saturday 6th April between 10 am - 2pm. Anyone can turn up and help, litter pickers, bags, gloves and hi vis jackets will be available to borrow.

You can litter pick at any time between 10am and 2 pm for half an hour or longer from any one of our 3 bases at Storridge Village Hall, Cradley School or Chapel Lane Recreation Ground. This is a nationwide event promoted by the Keep Britain Tidy Group and run with support from Herefordshire County Council and the Great Herefordshire Spring Clean. For further information please go to www.herefordshire.gov.uk and www.keepbritaintidy.org.uk

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.

After School Club Film Night

Just a reminder that the next After School Club film night takes place on Wednesday 27th March. They will be showing the film Ponyo. Please book your child in on School Money as normal, thank you.



Nursery

This week in Nursery we have visited China! On Monday Carol started off our exciting week with some dragon dancing and ribbon dancing in P.E. Our story of the week has been *The Tiger who Came to Tea*. We have all enjoyed talking about what we would feed the tiger if he popped into our house for a bite to eat. During stay-and-play on Tuesday we made Chinese fans with glittery gold paint and ribbon. On Wednesday, Lauren helped us to make Chinese lanterns - with lots of glitter! - to take home. We finished off our week in China with a small Chinese buffet with Katrina, trying lots of different Chinese food.



Class 1

This week we have enjoyed Rev Ward's assembly on Humility in the animal world and how the little penguin in his story offered to help his animal friends learn to swim, rather than bragging about being the best swimmer, even when his friends weren't always as kind. Mrs Jones taught us about the Jewish Festival, Shabbat in RE. In Science we have been noting the changes to our sunflower seeds which we planted last week. We have been out and about in the kitchen garden and greenhouse to see what is planted in the beds this time of year. We have been looking at the changes to the environment now that Spring has sprung. We have also been learning about allotments - what they are used for and why - as well as taking a closer look at fruit and vegetables and where they come from. In PE we have continued with our Dance in Motion sessions and moved on to our new skill, seated balance, in real PE. We are looking forward to our Healthy Schools Mix up Day next Thursday!

Class 2

This week Class 2 we have been thinking about Easter in our RE lessons. We made woven palm leaves and collages of the Last Supper. We also thought about which colour might represent different feels. In Maths Year 2 have been solving multiplication problems and Year 1 have been comparing numbers. In English Year 2 have been writing letters to the zoo and Year 1 have been focusing on phonics, grammar and spelling.

Class 3

With just one week of swimming lessons left and Easter and summer holidays around the corner, Class 3 have been checking out safety when swimming in pools, lakes and at the sea side, making sure they are aware of what the different flags mean. In further preparation for Easter, they have also begun embroidery sewing. We are hoping to turn them into cards - a challenge indeed! In Maths they have been checking out multiplication and division and in English apostrophes have been the order of the day, both of omission and possession, singular and plural.



Class 4

This week, Class 4 have been developing their writing skills in English by trying to persuade someone to recycle. In Maths we have been looking at short division, mental division and developing our reasoning and problem-solving skills. In the afternoons, we have developed our knowledge of hillforts, ready for our trip next week, and looked at the different settlements which could be found through the Stone Age to Iron Age. We have also used keynote on the iPads to start a report about our topic, and enjoyed watching a rugby match as a journalist before developing our rugby skills further with Worcester Warriors.

Class 5

This week we have been reading our new English text, *Bambert's Book of Missing Stories*. We have been intrigued with the character of Bambert, and enthralled by the variety of these short stories. We have come up with our ideas for innovating some of them, in preparation for story writing next week. In Maths we have been reasoning with factors, multiples and primes, and in Science we learned about the structure of the lungs and how we breathe. In topic, we continued to look at the achievements of Alfred the Great.

Stars of the Week

Nursery George Taylor for his enthusiasm in our country of the week

Arthur Keveren for his positive attitude
Ayvah Rankin for her kindness towards new friends

Class 1 Harvey Rankin for confidence and taking a risk
Harry Mifflin for being reflective in his work in the school garden

Class 2 Uriah Lyndon for being creative and reflective in RE
Rory Taylor for taking pride in his weaving in RE

Class 3 Tehya Stanley for working independently in spelling sessions
Daisy Green for always having a positive attitude to everything she does

Class 4 Harley Loader for being a positive friend when people are in need
Darcey Rocca for fantastic independent work in Maths

Class 5 Bo Brett for independence and pride in her artwork
Annabel Plant for persistence and positivity with her Maths

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

25th Healthy School's Week
Class 4 trip to Iron Age Hill Fort
26th Herefordshire Festival Choir Events
Yoga Lady in
27th Choir @ Hereford Cathedral
Digital Leaders Conference @ Hampton Dene
ASC Film Night - 'Ponyo'
28th Mix up Day
29th Class 5 - Young Shakespeare @ Hellens

APRIL

Trust

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

MAY

Reverence

6th Bank Holiday
8th Malvern Spring Show judging
9th Spring Show
10th Spring Show
13th KS2 SATs Week
20th Library Van in
KS2 Tennis Extravaganza
21st Sport's Day
22nd Class Photos
23rd African Drumming Day
24th TAG Rugby Festival
Yr 3/4 Tennis
Break Up

