



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 1st March 2019



Welcome Back

Welcome back to our Spring 2nd half term, we have started with some gorgeous weather, let's hope it continues.

Mrs Huckerby

Over the half term holiday Mrs Huckerby has had a fall while on holiday in France. Unfortunately, she has broken her hip quite badly, this has meant that she has had to have a hip replacement and will be off work for a period of time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs Huckerby and we wish her a very speedy recovery.

Basic Skills Award Assessment

On Wednesday, we welcomed Michaela Reid in to conduct our Basic Skills Award audit. Basic skills focuses on our teaching of English and Maths and how we support children in making progress in these very important areas. She met with parents, governors, teaching staff and the Senior Leadership team as well as a tour of the school from members of Year 5/6. It is a lovely recognition to be able to show off our wonderful school to outside people. We are delighted to say that we have again, achieved the required standard to achieve the Basic Skills Award.

Congratulations to Mrs Jones and the staff team for putting together all the documentation and work for this outstanding award.



Girl's Football Tournament

On Thursday 14th February, seven Year 3/4 girls attended a football tournament at Ledbury Primary School. The girls had a great time playing against the other three schools. Their best result was 8-0 against Gorsley Goffs, where Sian and Lexi scored some amazing goals. The girls who attended were; Sian, Lexi, Molly-Mae, Leila, Amber, Maisie and Lottie. Well done Girls!!



RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch

On 14th February we took part in the RSPB birdwatch. We had been putting out bird seed at Forest School and during cross country in the hope of attracting lots of visitors and the sunny weather also helped us enjoy the event. Many children spotted the friendly robin and we also saw great tits, blue tits and magpies among other species. We are now keeping an eye on some of the nests which are being built in trees on the school grounds.



Net and Wall Games

On Thursday 28th February four children attended a net and wall extravaganza at JMHS. They were given the opportunity to play badminton and learn new skills whilst playing against John Masefield pupils. They also played table tennis and became quite a team to be reckoned with. The children had a great time and said that they thoroughly enjoyed playing against the older pupils. Well done to; Bo, Darcey, Toby and Quinn.



Book Week

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. We would like the children to come to school dressed as a favourite book character on that day. The whole school will be focusing that week on a very topical storybook which will inspire a variety of exciting writing tasks.

MOMO

You may have become aware of an alleged new craze "Momo Challenge". This has been in the media recently and has been linked to WhatsApp and YouTube and involves a horrifying image that allegedly asks children to undertake acts without informing their parents. This craze has been reported to be a hoax. Please see the link to the BBC News website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-47393510>. Please be mindful with how you choose to use this information with your child. I urge you not to worry your children, but rather use this to engage in a general E-Safety discussion.

Residential Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the residential meetings on Wednesday evening. You should all have received your information packs concerning next year's adventures.

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 is due to begin on Monday March 4th 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 to 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 in to school. 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.

Nursery

Welcome back everyone! We hope you've all had a brilliant half term. This week in Nursery we have been discovering all about our new theme, which is a very exciting theme... 'around the world' and this week we have started things off with visiting Wales. On Monday we have been flying around the world in our planes in P.E and have been watching out for the Welsh dragon on our travels. Carol has been teaching us all how to say 'Good morning' in Welsh this week and we will continue this with every country we visit. On Tuesday it was time for our stay and play sessions and we had a fantastic morning out in the beautiful sunshine. Wednesday was another sunny day and Lauren has been helping us outside to build our own castles with lots of different types of construction materials. We've all enjoyed having some more water toys outside this week and we have even filled up our water



wall again. On Friday we waved goodbye to Wales and got to enjoy some delicious Welsh cakes made with Katrina.



Class 1

We have had a great week back in the sunshine. We have been making shadow clocks and sailing boats and we have also designed our own man-made canal. We've watched how locks work on a canal and talked about the differences between canals and rivers. In music we have experimented with tuned and untuned instruments and listened to water themed pieces of music. We have started working with Dance in Motion for our Thursday PE session and this week in real PE we are working on our dynamic balance! Lots of jumping and landing on two feet and finding our balance after working at speed. In phonics we have been casting spells on each other!



Class 2

This week we had our last Forest School session for the time being. We enjoyed playing Kim's game where we had to find interesting natural materials and place them on a tray. Once everyone had shut their eyes one item was removed and we had to remember what it was. It was interesting to find out about some of the features of the native plants growing at Forest School such as hazel, oak and dog rose. After this we did some weaving using natural materials, made bark and leaf rubbings and drank hot chocolate made in the Kelly Kettle.



Class 3

The children have enjoyed practicing their skills in stop frame animations, using their plasticine models in their films. We are hoping to share our finished work with parents in a few weeks. On Wednesday in PE we had our final session with Jim, who has worked us hard on attacking and defending skills over the last half term. In music the children have been honing their raps about the importance of taking care of the rainforests...some great performances were shared and appreciated among the class. In maths the year 3 children have been working on multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and the year 4 children have been exploring negative numbers. In English we are starting a unit of persuasive writing...persuading our parents that we really do need that exotic pet!

Class 4

This week Class 4 have been continuing to work hard. In English, we were learning a dragon instruction text using images and story mapping. In Maths we have been learning about fractions. In PE we had our first PACEs session when we were working on our netball skills and today we welcomed Worcester Warriors in. During topic we have been learning about Iron Age hillforts and building our own roundhouses.

Class 5

This week in English we have enjoyed watching the film 'Mountain: a breath-taking voyage into the extreme', thinking and writing about the history of mountaineering, and the wonder of mountain environments. In Maths, we have been working on shape and angles, revising the properties of 2D shapes and learning how to use pi to calculate the circumference of a circle. In science, we looked at food labels to understand more about the nutritional value of different foods. We also made a start on our art project for the show garden: monotone 'photographic' paintings capturing moments in time!



Stars of the Week

- Nursery** Zachary Lloyd for being positive
Hayden Jeffries - for being confident in his learning
- Class 1** Genevieve Stevens for her persistence in her writing this week
Jack Churchill for his co-operation and for being reflective in class
- Class 2** Eddie Price for taking pride in improving his joined handwriting
Naomi Griffiths for working co-operatively when weaving at Forest School
- Class 3** Molly-Mae Gibbons for persevering in classroom activities and for not giving up
Jacob Robertson for having a positive attitude to work especially in English
- Class 4** Lexi Edwards and Kyle Plant for having a positive attitude in swimming
- Class 5** Quinn Stephenson and Bo Brett for huge positivity and enthusiasm for the sports activities they've participated in this week

APRIL

Trust

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

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
- 4th Big Write Week
FOCs Rags to Riches
- 5th Swimming Gala
- 7th World Book Day
- 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 - Onesie 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

