



# CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019



## Update from Governors

Following the news last week that Mr Greaves has been appointed head of Northleigh, the Governing Body met on Monday to discuss the next steps. They have agreed that they will aim to recruit a substantive head to start as soon as possible. The advertisement will be posted next week and we will share the details with you - please do share it when it comes out! Interviews will be held before May half-term.

## Recycle your Batteries

The School Councillors are passionate about recycling and have organized another way for our school to be proactive on this matter. Each family should have received a small box for collecting used batteries. When the box is full, bring the batteries to school to put in the large battery recycling bin. When this is full, a company will take them away to be disposed of in an ecofriendly way. Each time this is emptied, the school is entered into a draw with lots of exciting prizes! Please support the School Councillors and help the environment too! Thank you.

## School Garden

We will begin building our garden at the Three Counties Showground on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April and all KS2 children will be attending the show during school time either to help build or talk about the garden. If any families would like to help build the garden on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April or Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May please let Ms George know as soon as possible. If you haven't seen our latest garden vlog it is available on our school Facebook page.

## Clubs

Just a reminder that all clubs have now finished.

## After School Club Film Night

The next After School Club film night takes place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. They will be showing 'Hotel Transylvania 3'. Please book your child in on School Money as normal, thank you.

## Whole Class and Team Photos

Whole Class photos have been moved to a new date Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

## FOCS Easter Colouring Competition

Today is the last day to hand in your entries for the Easter Competition. Prizes will be awarded next Friday.

## Parish Council Big Spring Clean

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

You can litter- pick at any time between 10am and 2pm, for half an hour or longer, from any one of our three bases: 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, the great Herefordshire Spring Clean, [www.herefordshire.gov.uk](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk) and [www.keepbritaintidy.org.uk](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org.uk)

## Nursery

This week in Nursery we have taken a break from our trip around the world and have been focusing on Easter. In P.E on Monday we have been collecting different coloured Easter eggs and sorting them into the correct nests, we then practised some of our Maths skills by counting out the amount of eggs in the nest. On Tuesday during our stay and play session we all had a go at decorating our own Easter egg pictures, using feathers and sequins. Wednesday we have been enjoying parachute games in Nursery and have been exploring our strawberry smelling play dough. We have ended our Easter themed week by joining in with Class 1's P.E session on Friday that Mrs Robb kindly invited us to join in.



## Class 1

After our mix up week last week, we have got back into our morning and afternoon routine. This week we have continued with our topic - We Are Britain - looking at mountains and hills, particularly aerial photos of the Malvern Hills.



We looked at Ordnance Survey maps with keys/legends and tried to locate some of the towns and villages we know. Then we had a go at drawing our own simple maps with a key. In RE we have been learning all about the Easter story and symbols of Easter. Next week we are having a gardening week in preparation for The Malvern Spring Show. We will be making our bat-boxes for the garden and some decorative bats made from recycled materials to hang around the garden.

### Class 2

This week Class 2 have been working on our invertebrate paintings for the show garden. We chose a minibeast and drew it using coloured pencil. Next we painted it using only black, white and grey. Our next job is to paint our design on one of the large pebbles for the show garden. In our English lessons, Year 2 have been working on our 'Dear Greenpeace' books. We are writing our own books based on the original but with a different endangered animal. Year 1 have been writing settings and character descriptions for their story, 'Oh No, George!' A big well done to all of the Year 1s and 2s who took part in the Herefordshire Festival last week. The adjudicator was very impressed with the performance and commented on their enthusiasm and how well they handled a difficult key change! Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came to support us.

### Class 3

The weather has influenced our PE this week. On Monday it was so sunny, we were on the field practicing our tennis skills. By Tuesday afternoon, the weather was so cold we went back to winter hockey skills and by Wednesday we were thinking of making Christmas cards instead of Easter ones! Well done to the children who, despite the changing weather, have worked so hard on their end of term assessments in Maths and English this week. Hopefully more fun next week! Our minds have also been on the Spring Garden, researching insects and creating beautiful butterflies.

### Class 4

This week Class 4 have been learning about perimeter and area, applying this to real life situations in Maths. In English we have been developing our comprehension skills by working together, and creating our own comprehension papers. In the afternoons, we have been creating sketches of invertebrates ready for the Spring Garden. We had our final Ultimate Frisbee session, which was very cold, but we were able to embed all the skills we have learned through the term. We have also created Iron Age roundhouses and started our collaging project in Art.

### Class 5

After watching the Young Shakespeare Company's fantastic performance of 'Hamlet' last Friday, we have enjoyed preparing a discussion this week on 'Should Shakespeare be taught in primary schools?' In Maths we

have been working on recognising nets for 3D shapes and tackling reasoning problems. We have also been carefully painting invertebrates onto stones to be used in the show garden. Some of us have been working with Mrs Copp to draft a letter to Sir David Attenborough informing him of our plans for the show garden.



We were enthralled by the performance!

### Stars of the Week

- Nursery** Poppy Duncan for her excellent start in Nursery  
Charles Wilson for his excellent start in Nursery
- Class 1** Neve Philpotts for being persistent and positive  
Clem Tambling for being reflective and positive
- Class 2** Charlotte Clayton for working independently in Art  
Amelia Philpotts for being persistent when making her book in English



- Class 3** Rudi Tambling for excellent work in Assessment Week  
Leyla Vine for taking care with the presentation of her work
- Class 4** Bella Hughes for being reflective during inference work in English  
Meryl Phillips for having a positive 'can do' attitude to everything
- Class 5** Oliver Burton for taking a risk and having the confidence to volunteer for a role in 'Hamlet' last week  
Ceri Smith for always taking pride in her work

**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

**Dates for the Future**

APRIL                      **Trust**

- 12<sup>th</sup>      Break Up  
29<sup>th</sup>      Term Starts  
30<sup>th</sup>      ASC Film Night - 'Hotel Transylvania 3'

MAY                      **Reverence**

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

