



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 7th February 2020



Letter from Nick Gibb - Minister for Education and School Standards

This week we were thrilled to receive a letter from Nick Gibb, congratulating us on our outstanding results last Summer. He said "Your schools results, as published on December 13th, show that 100% of your pupils achieved or exceeded the standard in Reading, Writing and Maths. This means that Cradley CE Primary School is in the top 1% of primary schools in the country." He went on to congratulate the staff for their commitment in driving standards forward and to say well done to the children for all their hard work.

Sporting Events at Cradley

We have had a very busy week with lots of sporting activities in the last seven days. Starting with the Trudge last Friday, we shared a photo of the team last week and can now confirm some fantastic performances for the team with Dan coming in first place in the Year 3/4 boys race, a special mention also goes to Laura who showed great determination and having such a positive attitude, Molly for her endurance and the boys who kept going even though they were not in winning positions but finished the race to get points for the team. Well done to Laura, Freddie, Jacob, Lexi, Dan, Molly, Eddie and Isla Mai.

Sports Hall Athletics-

On Wednesday a team of Year 5/6 children travelled to Hereford Leisure Centre to take part in the Winter School Games. They each took part in track and field events such as the relay, standing long jump, soft javelin and speed bounce. They all thoroughly enjoyed taking part against 11 other local schools. We finished in a very respectable 5th place, well done Team Cradley!



Tag Rugby Festival - Well done to the 10 Y5 boys' tag rugby team who worked so hard on Wednesday afternoon at the Bosbury tournament. They came in fifth, narrowly missing a couple of victories and scoring some wonderful tries. A huge thanks to Mr Dunnett who coached the boys so enthusiastically, praised the team for their great defence and explained the rules to Mrs Gleaves!



Netball - Well done to the School Netball Team who had two victories on Tuesday against Much Marcle (4-0) and Ledbury (4-1). A most exciting evening!



Policies

I would like to draw your attention to some new policies written by the Staff and Governors. The Anti Bullying and Behaviour and Discipline policies can be found on the school website. They have been written to reflect a positive attitude to behaviour which meets the ethos of our school's Christian values and Thrive approach. It defines our approach to support children and has clear sanctions for children who make bad choices in the way in which they behave. As with any new approach there

are always issues we need to address and children who push the new boundaries, however most children are now showing respect for the approach, which is positive and being implemented consistently. In light of the new Anti-Bullying policy we are focussing on what bullying is and how to prevent it as part of our whole school collective worship and PSHCE sessions.

Reminder!

Our whole school food policy states that children should only bring fruit or vegetables (e.g. carrot sticks) to school for snack at break time. KS1 children are provided with a free piece of fruit and KS2 can bring some fruit into school to eat at break time. Fruit based products such as wafers and fruit flakes are not allowed. Children should have a water bottle in school every day. Juice drinks should only be drunk as part of lunch. Please be aware that chocolate spreads, such as Nutella and some cereal bars should not be sent in packed lunches as we have children and staff in school with nut allergies.

E-Safety Update

Due to the increased number of devices being brought into after school and breakfast club, we have decided that children can no longer bring in devices from home, including mobile phones or iPads. Any devices brought into school should be left in the office until the end of the day.

On-line Games and Apps

Fortnite, Mine Craft, Animal Jam and Roblox are just a few examples of the games that children are known to enjoy playing. However, parents and guardians do need to consider the following:

- how age appropriate is the game's content? What might appear as an innocent children's game can often include adult themed scenes. Not all children are able to understand that this is inappropriate content or know how to remove themselves from the situation. For example Fortnite is recommended to be appropriate only for children of 12 years and over.
- how are the children interacting with other users as part of the game? Younger players will not have the judgement skills to be able to recognise that they may be interacting with strangers. Check the privacy settings and disable chatroom access.
- do you have parental access to your child's account? Games for younger children normally require a parental email to set up the game. It is worrying to learn that many children use fake email addresses to get past this security requirement when setting up their accounts.

Playing online games can be a positive experience and we would not want to stop our children enjoying these activities. However, it is so important that as care givers, we keep a regular eye on what our children are doing, that we talk to them about appropriate safety measures, how to identify possible risks and to tell an adult if they have any concerns.

World Book Day

Advanced notice - on March 5th we will be celebrating World Book Day. The children will be able to dress up as one of their favourite book characters.

Parents Evening

Parents evening will be held on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February. You should have received an appointment time with the following teacher:

Class 1 - Mrs Robb

Class 2 - Miss George

Class 3 and Year 4 - Miss Evans

Year 5 - Mrs Gleaves

Year 6 - Mrs Paton

Parent Consultations will take place in your children's classroom with Class 5 meeting in the Hub.

Food Bank

We would like to take our next donation to the Food Bank on Wednesday 12th February, If you would like to make a donation please pop it in the box in the entrance before 9-00am Wednesday. We will continue to collect for the food bank this term. Tins, packets and toiletries will be very gratefully received. All donations can be placed in the box in the foyer.

FOCS News

Remember the school disco takes place tonight from 6-8pm in the school hall. Tickets can be purchased on the door for just £2. We look forward to seeing you there!

Just a reminder the next Rags 2 Riches collection is on Friday 14th February at 9am, bags have now been sent home. You can also use normal black bags if you have lots to get rid of!

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have explored the weather 'Wind'. Our story of the week this week has been 'One Winter's Day'; it's been a wonderful story to understand the power of what weather can do. On Monday Carol helped us get creative and we used straws to make our own wind and blow paint bubbles. Tuesday was a very exciting day, as it was actually really windy outside! So we all got our wellies and waterproofs on and headed out on the field, with our colourful ribbon wind streamers that Lauren helped us to make. Tuesday afternoon we used more of our colourful ribbon to decorate our hut outside in our play area, it looks great! On Wednesday we were hanging up our washing with Carol and we've been having a go at hanging them up in the correct number order. On Thursday we made hedgehogs out of playdough with Katrina; just like the hedgehog out of our story of the week. We have finished off our week with cooking on Friday where we made bread rolls that looked like hedgehogs!

Teeny Tots

We are a friendly local toddler group that meets in Storridge Village Hall and occasionally at Cradley Nursery. We welcome little ones from 0-5, accompanied and supervised by their parents/carers, to stay and play. Please join us on Thursdays from 10:30-12, during term time, for a charge of £2 per family, which includes a craft activity, game, songs, snacks and drinks. Please come and join us!

Attendance

Well done to Class 5 who've had 98.89% attendance this week. They get to look after Alfie the Attendance Bear next week. Please can we remind parents that late arrivals after the registers close at 8.55am count as a missed morning session and are included in attendance figures.

Class 1 - 95.0%

Class 2 - 97.5%

Class 3 - 98.4%

Class 4 - 95.86%

Class 5 - 98.89%

Whole School - 96.65%

Value of the Month - Respect

Be kind and honest and you will live a long life; others will respect you and treat you fairly (Proverbs 21:21).

Chosen by Mrs Kirkwood

Head Teacher Award

Dan Burton for his commitment and positive attitude to Cross Country Club

Leo White for being courageous in a difficult situation

Stars of the week

Nursery

Lottie Mifflin for being independent

Isabella Poole for being confident

Reception

Poppy Weston for her song in Maths

Arthur Keveren for his awareness and interest in things around him

Year 1

Frankie Taylor for his positive attitude and great Maths
Blake Loader for a super non-fiction report about penguins

Year 2

Charlotte Clayton for being persistent when working on reading comprehensions

Jack Yardley for working co-operatively and taking care of his friends

Year 3

Mia Mabey for persistence and her positive attitude in Maths

Amelia Philpotts for constantly striving to do her best in all written work

Year 4

Daisy Green & Myleene Spiers for writing such lovely creative narratives

Year 5

Liam Bishop for excellent play at the Tag Rugby tournament

Lexi Edwards for quietly persisting in her Maths

Year 6

Freddie Knowles for persistence and a great attitude with division this week

Darcey Rocca for being reflective about Science and creation in RE

Dates for the Future

FEBRUARY

Value of the Month - Respect

Friday 7th

FOCS school disco 6-8pm

Tuesday 11th

Parents evening 3.30-5.30pm

Wednesday 12th

Parents evening 5.30-7.30pm

Friday 14th

Rags 2 Riches collection

Break up for half term

Monday 24th

Back to school

Wednesday 26th

Class 1 Welcome Wednesday

Friday 28th

ASC Film Night - 'Playmobil the Movie'

MARCH

Value of the Month - Forgiveness

Monday 2nd

Big Write Week

Tuesday 3rd

KS1 girl's football @ JMHS 4-5pm

Thursday 5th

World Book Day

Wednesday 11th

Class 4 Collective Worship

Thursday 12th

Net & Wall KS2 @ JMHS 9-11am

Monday 16th

Big Sing Yr 5/6

Tuesday 17th

Hi Five Netball @ JMHS 9.15-11am

Wednesday 18th

Class 3 Welcome Wednesday

Tuesday 24th

Last swim for Yr3/4

Wednesday 25th

Class 5 Welcome Wednesday

Yr 3/4 mixed football @ JMHS 4-5pm

Thursday 26th

ASC Film Night - 'The Secret Life of Pets 2'

Friday 27th

Whole School walk

Monday 30th

Bike Ability Yr 6

Tuesday 31st

Bike Ability Yr 6

APRIL

Value of the Month - Responsibility

Wednesday 1st

Bike Ability Yr 6

Thursday 2nd

Easter Service

Last day of term

Monday 20th

Back to school

Friday 24th

KS2 Tennis @ JMHS

Wednesday 29th

MSJ Lacrosse Festival Yr 5/6 girls