

**GOOD SPORTS**

Words by Molly Eldridge

Back at the start of this half term it was Sport's Day. The morning started disappointingly damp (the staff had everything crossed that the slippery grass would dry properly), but – hooray! – the sun came out and it turned out to be sunny, ice-cream

weather. The seats were filled to the brim with parents cheering on their children in the races. The competition was fierce, but everyone had fun too and supported each other. In the end the result was very close, with Shaw clinching overall victory in the final relay race. 'We've had a wonderful morning,' Mr Greaves told the parents as he handed over the House Shield.

'It's so pleasing to see everyone giving their best, but competing in a good-natured way. Well done!' With the races over, the children and their families enjoyed a picnic in the sunshine. 'It was great fun,' commented Ed Moseley (William and Emily's Dad). 'How about a wheelbarrow race next year?' What do you reckon Mr Greaves!?

**HAPPY CAMPERS**

Words by Jake Robb

It was a warm, sunny day in mid-June for the FOCS' camping trip in Storridge Woods. While the grown-ups put up the tents and sorted the camp, the kids played together. Later, the mums and dads joined us in a game of rounders. It was really funny – I remember Chloe's dad, Gaz

Hughes, diving into the long grass to catch the ball. The barbecue was lit and the dads started to cook - prodding sizzling sausages and juicy burgers while the mums chatted. The food was delicious! When we were all full up, a few of us went on a walk in the woods to the viewing point and looked down over Worcester and all the city lights twinkling in the dark.

Back at camp, Owen's dad strummed on his guitar and we sang songs around the camp fire before going to bed. We had stayed up really late! Everyone slept really well – but it was a bit chilly! We woke up with the sun, to a fry-up and mugs of hot tea. We had a great time – I'm glad I didn't stay home to watch England lose to Italy in our opening match of the World Cup!

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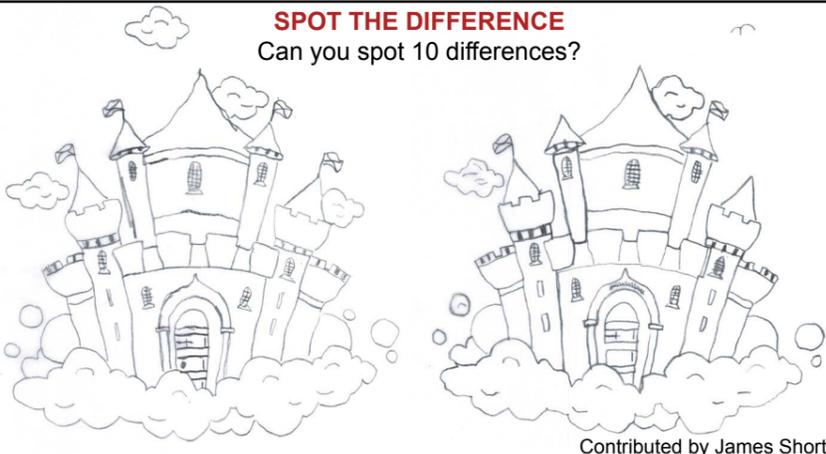
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**SPOT THE DIFFERENCE**

Can you spot 10 differences?



Contributed by James Short

**THE ROCKY MONSTER WORD SEARCH**

Find the hidden words.

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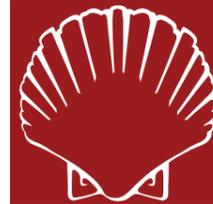


**JOKE CORNER**

**Class 1**  
What did the tissue say to the nose?  
Don't get snotty with me!  
Theo Ball

**Class 4**  
What do you find up a clean nostril?  
Fingerprints.  
Ben Hayes

**Class 5**  
What do you call two robbers?  
A pair of knickers!  
Grace Knowles



# VIEWPOINT!

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CRADLEY PUPILS LOOK BACK AT THE TERM

20p

## Zumba crazy!

Words by Teagan Manning and Adele Rutter



England's dismal performance in the World Cup didn't dampen spirits when the whole school caught World Cup fever in June. Zumba teacher, Sarah – Miss Robinson's zumba teacher - came to our school to teach us a dance to the World Cup song. The steps were easy to follow and it was great because we got to do freestyle at the end. It was great fun - even the teachers busted some moves; it was hilarious watching them! What a shame we couldn't persuade any of the parents to join in when we performed it to them in the playground at the end of the day. Chickens!

Welcome to the first-ever edition of *Viewpoint!* – a newspaper written by Cradley pupils for the whole school community. Congratulations to the editorial team for their hard work and creativity in producing such an exciting first issue of our termly paper.

Mr Greaves

## All the fun of the fayre

Words and photography by Elenydd Batten and Millie Connor

In mid June, the delicious smells wafting from the barbecue grill signalled the start of our annual summer fete. The sun was shining – which made a nice change - as families chatted while they munched on sticky home-baked cakes and sipped Pimms (adults only, of course!). The busy stalls on the playground were crowded with excited children determined to win prizes. Raffle tickets sold like hot cakes. The Nicholls family won four horse-racing tickets. 'I was amazed,' said Sam. 'It was so unexpected because we never win anything. I can't wait to go.' The hugely popular loom band stall, which was new this year, was a big hit. The FOCS event raised nearly £1300. 'We'd like to thank all the parents and staff who helped to set up and organise the day,' said Mel Boniface. 'We hope next year will be just as fun and creative as this time.'



## Sports galore

Words by Teagan Manning

In early June, eight competitors (Liberty, Owen, Katie D, Reuben T-G, Teagan, Ollie Davies, Anna and Thomas) took part in the Janden tournament at John Masefield High School. These children were selected to represent the school because they performed best in their year group on Sport's Day. Janden is an annual sporting competition

where schools in the Ledbury cluster compete to win the prized Janden shield. The races were side jump, long jump, sprint, relay and multi skills. At the half-way stage Cradley was flying high in first place, but the competition got tougher and Bosbury and Much Marcle pulled ahead, pipping us into a well-deserved third place.

The best one-liners as told to James Kenny and Lilly Brown-Goode

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**JOKE CORNER**

**Class 1**  
Why was the computer cold?  
Because it didn't shut its windows.  
Darcey Rocca

**Class 3**  
What did the ocean say to the pirate ship?  
Nothing, he just waved!  
Adam Brooksbank

**Class 2**  
What plant grows out of your bum?  
Bumboo!  
Emily Moseley

## Moving on up

Your essential guide to surviving the first weeks at high school

**Words by Ellie Henry**

It's the end of the line for the Year 6s at Cradley. It's been a blast – we've loved every minute (okay, most of it!) at the best primary school ever! But now it's time to make the move to BIG school.

And while we're really excited – making new friends, different uniform, travelling by bus, really cool after-school activities, brunch in the canteen – most of us are probably a bit nervous, too. I spoke to Mrs Saunder, Year 7 leader at The Chase, who said that's normal: 'Many students are understandably anxious, but our experience shows us that students settle rapidly in their new environment and establish new friendship groups very quickly.'

So relax; it'll be fine! I've interviewed a former Cradley pupil who explained what it was like for her, and offer a few handy Dos and Don'ts.



### DO...

- take responsibility for yourself. It's great to have more independence, but it does mean you're expected to be more grown up. The teachers won't hold your hand anymore.
- label your stuff – it will get lost at some point and there's no chance of finding it in such a big school.
- get all your books, equipment and uniform ready the night before.
- get yourself a homework diary. Plan your homework. Don't leave everything till the night before.
- get some early nights. There'll be a lot going on and you'll probably be shattered until you get into the swing of things. Get some zzzzz.
- eat a good breakfast – it will set you up for the day (and stop you blowing all your lunch money on brunch!)
- be punctual.
- wear the correct uniform – don't make a bad impression.
- try to find your way around quickly. Remember, the teachers don't move – you do.

### DON'T...

- panic! Everything might seem chaotic and overwhelming at first, but things will soon calm down. 'We find it takes just 2-3 weeks to settle in,' says Mrs Saunder.
- bottle things up. If something is worrying you, speak to your mum and dad, your form teacher or mentor. Whatever your problem, they've seen in all before!
- sign up for every single after-school club in the first week; give yourself some room to settle in.
- forget to have fun. High school offers loads of opportunities, so grab them! The more you put in, the more you'll get out, so GO FOR IT!

### PROFILE

**Name:** Alex Patterson

**Age:** 12

**Year:** 7

**School:** RGS, Worcester

'It was very scary because I didn't know anyone or where anything was. The school seemed enormous and I got lost quite a lot. But I soon started making friends. In some ways it was a good thing that I didn't go with loads of old friends from Cradley because it forced me to make new ones.'

'I found it hard getting up early - I have to leave the house at 7.40am - but I adjusted quite quickly. It seems normal now.'

'We have loads of teachers – a different one for every subject. I kept forgetting their names. They're very strict, though! The after school clubs are great; there are so many to choose from. The work is much harder than primary school. I was worried at first that I couldn't keep up, but I'm used to it now. The homework was quite a shock; they keep piling it on. I have some every night. It can be hard fitting it all in – especially on days when there are after school clubs. I end up cramming loads of it in at the weekend. I have a homework diary now. My mum used to keep an eye on my homework – telling me when I needed to do it. But not now; it's up to me to be responsible for it.'

**Best bits:** the sport, the after-school clubs – and the food!

**Worst bit:** the lessons – they're quite hard.



Here comes our form teacher.  
Why do we have the strictest?  
What luck I have today.

Lunch time now.  
We'll be lucky to come out alive!  
Oliver Mason has made it to the front...  
How did he do that?!

Home time at last, what a scrum.  
At last, someone I know. What a great day!  
But please take me home now.

- Ellie Henry

### HIGH SCHOOL INDUCTION DAY

Today is Induction Day.  
A try-out of sorts.  
Look at all the people.  
(If they keep coming in like this I'll be buried alive!)  
Phew...

Have you got my pencil case?  
Where's my rubber?  
Where are our guides? Lost already? Oh dear?

## Say hello, say goodbye



### A WARM RECEPTION TO...

**Words by Sophie Connor and Grace Knowles**

In September we'll welcome our new intake into Reception, ready to embark on life in Big School. There will be 11 new arrivals (for now, anyway!) and we are looking forward to getting to know them.

We asked Mrs Jones what she thought about the about the children when they came for Pass Up Day in July: 'We've had a wonderful day making bear biscuits, mixing porridge and we even found some bears in forest school. The new reception children are very excited to join Class 1.'

We wish the Newbies all the best for their time at Cradley – we're sure they'll have a wonderful time.

### IT'S BEEN EMOTIONAL!

**Words by Ethan Jones and George Robb**

For those of us in Year 6 it's time to say goodbye to Cradley School. We've been flat-out this term, which kicked off with SATs followed by non-stop rehearsals for the play. Next week there will be lots of laughs - and probably a few tears, too!

'I've enjoyed my time at Cradley so much,' says Sam Nicholls. 'We've done so many really cool things. Young Voices was one of the best bits. I will take that joy to high school with me.'

Sophie Connor agreed: 'I really loved doing the play; it has inspired me to take up drama in high school.'

We have achieved so much this year. 'This group has gelled really well,' says Mrs Paton. 'The dynamics have meant that everybody has been able to work hard, play hard and generally have a go at anything. They've been great fun to teach – I'll miss them.'



### OCEAN TRAVEL

If I could travel  
the oceans blue,  
these are the things  
that I would do:

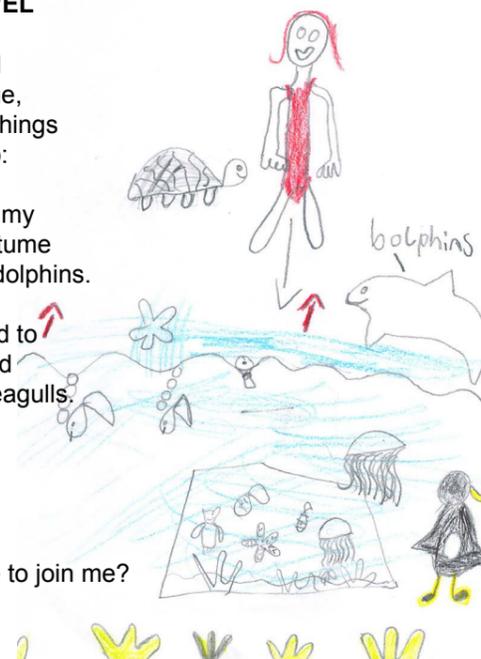
I would put on my  
swimming costume  
and dive with dolphins.

I would pretend to  
have wings and  
fly high with seagulls.

I would play  
with puffins  
under the sea.

Would you like to join me?

- Amelia Alcott



## A passionate poet

**Words by Anna Ashton and Sophie Connor**

Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy thanks her Year 4 primary school teacher for inspiring her love of poetry. 'She was so passionate. I was only eight, but she fostered a life-long love of words in me.'

The Years 5 and 6s were very privileged to listen to her speaking at Huntingdon Hall in June, as part of the Beeline Festival, which celebrates the art of storytelling. Duffy read her traditional fairytale, *The Princess Blankets*, interspersed with jokes, anecdotes and witty poems, accompanied by musician John Sampson on recorder, pipes and flutes.

At the end of her performance, the Cradley children were very fortunate to be invited to stay behind to meet her. She chatted and signed autographs, and had some good advice for budding poets: 'Read as much poetry as you can – and from all generations, not just contemporary stuff.'

## A year in the life of Cradley School

It's been an amazing year at Cradley School and the terms have flown by. Before we break for our long, hot summer (fingers crossed), we've taken a look at some of the highlights and memorable moments...



### WHAT A PERFORMANCE

Words by Lucy Hayes and Mia Morgan

Move over Ant and Dec coz Cradley's Got Talent! This year our annual show unearthed some hidden gems. 'I was seriously impressed,' says Miss Robinson, who organises the event each year. We saw everything from ballet and piano, to cup stacking and a dance group. A highlight was George Knowles hula-hooping with a really intense look of concentration on his face. 'I was crying with laughter,' confesses Miss Robinson, who is also in charge of the Dance Festival. The whole school – including the staff – really threw themselves into rehearsals. We hear it all got quite competitive in the staffroom, too! There were no winners, but if there

### EVERY VOTE COUNTS

Words by Anna Ashton and Grace Bills

Our School Council has a huge input into lots of school activities: trips out, themed dress-up days, non-uniform days – there are too many to mention.

Mrs Gleaves leads the School Council and keeps it going very well. We're sure she will miss the two oldest members - Anna Ashton and Ethan Jones - when they leave for high school, but we're sure next year's reps will also do a brilliant job.

Our School Council is voted in by the pupils at the start of each school year. The election is taken very seriously, and run by the incumbent councillors. The new council meet every fortnight to discuss any issues and make plans for upcoming events. This year they have contributed towards Healthy Schools Week; liaised with Ken Heart for the Sierra Leone clothes collection, organised an Easter competition, made posters for the toilets to encourage tidiness and are currently making plans for the next Red Nose Day.

### RAISING THE ROOF

Words by Lauren Coombes-Summers and Grace Knowles

It's been a terrific year for the Cradley choir. We had a fantastic time at Young Voices, staged at the LG Arena in Birmingham. It was a wonderful opportunity to sing with professionals Stacy Soloman, Keith Semple and Wayne Ellington. We were also thrilled to be awarded third place in the Free Radio Christmas stars competition in December. It was also wonderful to be part of the Hereford Festival of Performing Arts. Our thanks go to Mrs Paton and Miss Robinson for all the hard work they've put in to making our choir so successful.



### A COMPETITIVE EDGE

Words by Sophie Connor and Reanon Toombs

Cradley has become a great sporting success! Thanks to the huge input from Mr Greaves and Miss Robinson – who have put a greater emphasis on enjoying competition - we are now taking on other schools in our cluster and bringing home the trophies!

We have won all our netball matches and tournaments and the football boys have truly represented our school well. And let's not forget the hard work of the cricket and rounders teams who are showing great promise (though we were let down by the other schools who showed less commitment to turning up for the events!), and those who compete as individuals in areas such as cross country.

'It's been a great year,' agrees Mr Greaves. 'I am so proud of the way our teams have represented the school. Not only have they scored some amazing results, but they have always conducted themselves in a mature way and shown themselves to be good sports.'

### GOING ECO!

Words by Ben Hayes and James Kenny

'It's been a brilliant year for the Eco Committee, says Ms George. 'We've had some great successes.' Without doubt, a highlight was when Cradley School was awarded the

prestigious Green Flag for the third time in a row. 'This is a real feather in our cap,' says Ms George. 'The whole school made a big effort and I felt really proud when I heard the intelligent and thoughtful comments the children made to Inspector Jane Denny, who assessed our suitability for the award.'

The Eco Committee's most important project was building the pond by the school garden. 'This has been our main priority,' says Ms George. 'We had lots of help and donations of time and equipment from parents, and I'm so thrilled with what we've achieved.' Her plans for next year are to include the children even more in decision making than in previous years. Perhaps in September you might like to get involved!

## Here's to you Miss Robinson!

Words by Elenydd Batten

It's Miss Robinson's last week (sob!) and its time to bid a fond farewell to her brilliant teaching and her fantastic personality. After five years at Cradley, she's about to upsticks to Fernwood Junior School in Nottingham where she will be teaching the Year 4s. 'It's very different from Cradley,' she says. 'For one thing, Fernwood is a city school and it's HUGE – there are 480 children in Key Stage 2 alone!'

Miss Robinson arrived at Cradley as a rookie NQT (Newly Qualified Teacher), and quickly made her mark. 'She put the fun into everything,' says Millie Price (Year 5). 'She makes boring fractions into pizza fractions!' Jack Dandy (Year 5) agrees: 'She is funny and can have a laugh. On the residentials she goes crazy! But we have to work hard for her, too.'

Miss Robinson has also been a popular figure in the staff room. She worked especially closely with Year 6's Mrs Paton. 'Laura has been such a fantastic colleague,' Mrs Paton reflects. 'I have so many wonderful memories of working with her. Lots of silly things will stay with me: the two of us gyrating and gesticulating wildly at the back of

the hall during the play performances, laughing till we cried on the residentials - and I have an abiding image of her holding her fists up to her face and telling me "oh, I'm so excited!" She always brings such enthusiasm and energy to everything she does.'

Miss Robinson has been a key figure in all aspects of school life. So what have been her highlights? 'Where do I start..?' she ponders. 'I have absolutely loved my time at Cradley. The children are very special – some of them have had to put up with me for four years! - and I have loved working as part of such a great team. I've had so much fun, especially on the residentials, being part of the talent shows, dance festivals, Young Voices, the Year 6 plays – and thumping other schools at netball!'

We all wish Miss Robinson the best of luck in her new school. She'll be brilliant. Over the years she's taught us how to speak 'proper Northern'; all the words to the eighties classics such as *Total Eclipse of the Heart* – and the Class 4 tree was always the first one up in school at Christmas. We'll miss her!

### In a nutshell

Full name?

Laura Kate Robinson

University?

Leeds Trinity and All Saints

Favourite book?

*Seven Ancient Wonders* by

Matthew Reilly

Must-watch TV?

*Big Bang Theory*

'I can't stop listening to...'

*Doom* song from the Year 6 play

Decaff skinny latte or creamy frappuccino?

Skinny latte

Full English or yogurt and muesli?

Full English at the weekend; yogurt and muesli in the week

At the weekend, glam up or gym gear?

Gym gear

'I can't get through the week without...'

Rock choir

'In five years I will be...'

In a different city

Last meal ever?

Ooh, tough one... Mexican fajitas

What will you miss most?

Cake in the staffroom. Oh, and the children and the staff, of course!



'Miss Robinson has been an outstanding teacher. We will all miss her but we wish her every success in the next stage of her career.'  
- Head Teacher Mr Greaves



### WHAT DO YOU WANNA BE?

Don't worry I'm not going to bite!  
Just growing up seems scary, right?  
I just wondered what you wanna be.

You can be anything see.  
Maybe you're gonna be a dream maker,  
Or a frog species name creator?

A ruler measurer?  
A purple cat rescuer?  
A wild tornado placer?

Do you want to be a yellow spotted bread baker?  
A piranha fish dyer,  
Or even an emu?

How about a chocolate Weetabix eater,  
A cheese maker,  
Or a polo hole puncher?

A designer clothes destroyer,  
A toy dinosaur painter,  
A calculator?

A blue robot smasher,  
Or even a world record maker?  
What do you really wanna be?

By Molly Eldridge



### A Monster Hit!

Earlier this week, the Year 6s – supported by the whole of Key Stage 2 – brought the house down with their end-of-year play. There had been weeks of song practices, learning lines and rehearsals with Mrs Paton and Miss Robinson before the big night finally arrived.

There was a buzz of anticipation in the hall as the audience settled themselves; while backstage there was a flurry of last-minute activity as costumes were zipped up, make-up applied, props lost and found – and there was the usual last-minute panic that no-one could remember their lines!

But then the lights dimmed and a hush fell as the curtain was raised on...

*The Rocky Monster Show*