



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 9th November 2018



Christmas Term

Welcome back to possibly the busiest half term of the year. We hope you all had a good half term break. We also extend a warm welcome to Harley, Preston and Blake who have joined us this week.

Remembrance

The school had a special Collective Worship this morning, joining together to commemorate the lives lost in conflict. In this centenary year marking the end of the 1st World War, we remember, in particular, those who fell in the Great War. Class 3 led our reflection and then we all came together again at 11am to share the two-minute silence.

Four Lives Lived and Lost

Our film project is about four brave young men from Cradley who fought and died in the Great War. Their homes were some very familiar buildings in Cradley: The Red Lion, Esk Bank House, Heath Mill Farm and Cradley Stores. We visited all of the locations and imagined what the boys' childhoods might have been like 100 years ago, and what their dreams and aspirations might have been. Back at school we wrote poems to try and recreate their young lives. These films honour those brave young men who fought and died for our country.

Cradley Stores: <https://youtu.be/J8AbBQOdFLc>

Esk Bank House: <https://youtu.be/5uL7rI-x8VI>

The Red Lion: <https://youtu.be/PHEaGgUwWeE>

Heath Mill Farm: https://youtu.be/kK5r_bFLHeE

Show Garden Planning trip

On Thursday afternoon members of Gardening Club attended the Show Garden Challenge Workshops at the Three Counties Showground. The children learned about vlogging, blogging and podcasting with the Skinny Jean Gardener (pictured), made scale models of garden designs and designed towers and pulley systems from Lego and construction kits. We are now ready to start planning our final design. If any parents are interested in attending Garden Design Club let us know.



Church Garden

Just before half term, four members of Gardening Club visited the Church to work on our flower bed. We planted lots of tulips ready for the spring then added some shrubs and lots of violas and shells. We have also made a dove mosaic to complete the display.



Cradley Equestrian Team

On Wednesday 31st October the equestrian team went to a local centre called Kings. They competed in three classes; the 40cm, 50cm and the 60cm heights. The team in the 40cm class came 5th overall and qualified for the Regional Grassroots Championships. The team also saw great performances in the other categories. Well done to the team; Chloe, Freddie, Lexie and Ellie.





Thrive Approach

This week, Mrs Gleaves and Miss Guy have begun training in the Thrive Approach which will continue throughout the year. This is a way of working with children to support their social and emotional needs. To find out more, please see the leaflet attached.

Musical Instruments

We have been fortunate to buy some new percussion instruments for the whole school. This was made possible by a very kind donation of £400 from Dr Bruce Herriot. This money was raised at a concert held in the Autumn term. We are extremely grateful for this donation and children will be able to have use of them for many years to come.



School Car Park

The school car park is not for the use of parents at any time; this includes during After School Club. Please respect this rule as it is there for the children's safety.

Black Pepper Lunches

We are delighted with the quality of the food served by Black Pepper lunches this week and it has been lovely to receive the positive feedback from both the pupils and the parents concerning the new lunch arrangements.

Road Closure

In case you were not already aware, the B4214 (Bosbury to Ledbury road) will be shut just south of Staplow for three months. This is for the removal and replacement of a Victorian bridge. It will be closed from 28th November to 29th February. The Council has not yet finalised the diversion routes. We will let you know them as soon as possible.

Young Voices

Choir members will have brought home a letter giving instructions on how to order tickets and t-shirts for the Young Voices concert in Birmingham in January. Order forms must be returned by next Thursday 15th November please. The group order will be made on this date, so it is essential you return your form by the deadline.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A reminder that School Council will be serving coffee and cake on Thursday at 9:00-11am in the school hall in aid of the Macmillan Nurses. Please don't have a big breakfast that morning!

FOCS - Friends of Cradley School

Cradley's Winter Wonderland is looking amazing for the FOCS annual winetasting tomorrow (Saturday) evening. Roger and his helpers are very busy and hoping to make this a great event for parents, friends, and teaching staff. We do have a few more tickets, so please let school know ASAP if you'd like to join us.

FOCS meeting feedback. We held a very positive FOCS meeting just before half term. Many thanks to Sue Lim at Blue-Ginger Gallery for opening early to accommodate us. All things Christmassy were discussed, and thank you to all those who have already volunteered to lend a hand.

Cradley Village Christmas Fair. Annie Meager is co-ordinating volunteers for this event, on Saturday 1st December 10am-3pm at Cradley Village Hall. If you can come along and help look after FOCS' stall for just 30 minutes or so, please let Annie or Lucy Burton know.

School Christmas Fair on Friday 14th December, 3pm. There was so much to discuss about this that a further meeting was held on Wednesday evening this week. We have offers of running stalls, getting in touch with a certain special person (bearded, red suit, you know who!), putting together a Christmas grotto, catering, etc etc. We are looking forward to an update on this follow-up meeting from our FOCS Chair, Grace Lyndon. Please do come forward if you can help in any way, however small.

Christmas Carol Service. We have an enthusiastic team of helpers for FOCS mulled wine and mince pies at the Christmas Carol Service on 20th December. They will be



asking for donations of mince pies etc much nearer the time.

FOCS Secretary. FOCS are still looking for a Secretary. In the meantime we have tried to share out some of the Secretary's role. Volunteers at the meeting have kindly offered to create an email group (if you'd like to be involved in the FOCS events' planning), take minutes at meetings, and keep you all updated as best we can through this newsletter. Please let us know if you can help in any way.

Christmas Cards, mugs, tea towels etc. There have been some requests for extras! In order to make it worth our while (and to break even) we need at least an extra 6 orders, so please let school or Lucy Burton know ASAP if you do.

Do remember our Easyfundraising link when you are making purchases on line

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofcradleyschool/> as FOCS will receive a percentage of your costs at no extra cost to you.

There is still some apple juice available to buy (Great Christmas pressies!). Please pop in to school reception to collect your orders and if you'd like to buy extra!

We are delighted that FOCS have been able to help fund the transport for the children in classes 1 to 4 to take part in the Beeline Storytelling Festival at the University of Worcester last month, as well as Class 4's cultural trip to South America! Okay, it was Bodega restaurant in Worcester, where they had fun sampling the tastes there and learning about South American culture as part of their Geography topic People and Places.

Nursery

We have started our week in nursery with some fire safety practise, in P.E on Monday all of the children listened to the sound of a fire alarm on the computer and once they heard that it was time to "Get Down Low And Go Go!" We've enjoyed our craft activities this week, using bingo dabbers to change to colour of rice for Diwali and using glue, glitter and bright coloured shapes to make firework pictures with Carol. Outside this week Katrina has been entertaining the children by using rubber ducks in the water wall whilst singing the five little ducks song and watching the ducks float down the water pipes. On Wednesday we had our first stay and play session and Nursery thoroughly enjoyed seeing some new faces. On Thursday, we all had great fun getting messy painting our hands to make a giant poppy for Remembrance Day. We finished our busy week off with our first cooking activity! Charlie made delicious edible sparklers with us!

We have now starting a 'Stay and Play' session every Wednesday in Nursery and would like to welcome you all to join us from 10:00 until 11:30. Refreshments and biscuits are available for parents; it's a great opportunity to come and get to know all the staff.



Class 1

We have had an action packed first week back. Forest School was a very muddy affair for Reception this week and for the Year 1s a very wet science lesson as floating and sinking was the theme! On Tuesday we were pegging out pants on the line in PE and recapping the important NSPCC message about PANTS and how to keep children safe. Midweek, we shared our experiences of bonfire night, how to stay safe when around fire and the history of Guy Fawkes. We made splatter firework paintings, which we have displayed in our classroom. As we head to the weekend and Remembrance Sunday we have revisited the beautiful CBeebies animation - Poppies, to understand about the experiences of war through the eyes of animals. We've all bought our poppies to remember.

The Inn-Spectors have arrived! Preparations for this year's KS1 Nativity are underway! You will be tapping your toes to some very groovy tunes!

Next week we are looking forward to learning about Diwali and making Gruffalo Crumble!





Class 2

In Class 2 we have been thinking about the seasons and the way nature changes through the year. We added details to show how a tree changes as the months pass. In topic we thought about why poppies are used as a symbol of remembrance and helped make the dove mosaic for the school's flower bed at the church. In English we have been reading 'John Patrick Norman McKennessy, the Boy Who Was Always Late'.

Class 3

Class Three have been getting to grips with plural possessive apostrophes this week, learning just where those tricky little things should (and should not) go! In maths we have been using place value to work out calculations mentally. In topic this week we have been learning just how archaeologists find out about people from long ago and have also begun to investigate Anglo-Saxon jewellery.

Class 4

This week, Class 4 have been learning about division in Maths. In English, we have been studying the text "The Tunnel" by Pie Corbett. From this we have been completing reading tasks and writing letters as if we were an evacuee. In the afternoons we have learned about The Grand Canyon, created Pop Art poppy pictures in the style of Andy Warhol and developed our throwing, catching and defending skills in PE.

Class 5

This week we have started a new class text, 'Can we save the tiger?' This beautifully written and illustrated book describes how some animals in the world are threatened with extinction, and we will be using it to inspire some persuasive writing. In maths we have been working on equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages, and how to add and subtract fractions. In science we had fun creating 'models' to explain Darwin's concept of natural selection, using different types of pasta to demonstrate how some bacteria become resistant to antibiotics. In topic we created a timeline showing some of the milestones in the development of photography.

Stars of the Week

- Nursery** Faith Keveren for being positive
Arthur Keveren for being positive
- Class 1** Harry Mifflin for being co-operative and persistent
Hugo Seldon for being reflective about Remembrance Sunday
Blake Loader for being independent and taking a risk
- Class 2** Naomi Griffiths for working co-operatively
Connor Mackay for taking pride in his work
- Class 3** Rudi Tambling for independent research on WW1 and sharing it with the class
Minnie Stevens for her positive attitude in dance
Preston Loader for settling into Class 3
- Class 4** Finn Belgard for being a kind, supportive and positive member of Class 4
Harley Loader for settling into Class 4 with a positive attitude
- Class 5** Tilly Wilson for being responsible and reliable in setting up for collective worship
Bo Brett for independent thinking in English

Value of the Month

COURAGE

For I am the Lord your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'

Isaiah 41:13

Chosen by Gary Barker (Maintenance Man)

Dates for the Future

NOVEMBER

Courage

- 10th FOCs Wine Tasting Event
13th Flu immunisations Yr R-Yr5
14th Netball tournament @ JMHS 9-11
15th Macmillan Coffee Morning in school: All welcome
Phonics Evening for Parents in Class 1 6:30pm
20th Basketball @ Ashperton 1.30-3pm
21st Class 3 Collective Worship: Parents welcome
26th Rock-it-ball @ JMHS
27th FOCS - Rags to riches
Netball matches @ Ashperton

DECEMBER

Peace

- 1st Cradley Village Christmas Fair
4th Football matches @ Ledbury 3:45pm
5th Girl's Football Tournament @JMHS 3:45pm
7th Nativity play to KS2 children
10th Nativity Play to parents 1:30pm
11th Nativity Play to parents 1:30pm
Netball matches @ Ashperton 3:45pm
14th FOCs Christmas Fair
17th ASC Christmas Party
18th Nursery trip to the Safari Park
19th Sportshall Athletics @JMHS 9-11am
Christmas Lunch
20th Carol Service 6pm
21st Break up
Animal Lady in

