



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 26th October 2018



Half Term

Wow! What a busy half term it has been. We hope that you have a restful break and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 5th November, as we begin the push towards the festive period.

Environment Week

All the classes reported back in last Friday's collective worship after Environment Week. We have been finding out about different animals in preparation for designing the school garden. Class 5 told us all about David Attenborough's *Blue Planet* report on helping leatherback turtles. After this we heard from all the other classes who had found out about birds, butterflies, hedgehogs and bats. Over half term we would like every child to design a garden for homework. We look forward to seeing these soon after half term when the Garden Design Team will put together our final plan. If you are interested in getting involved please speak to Ms George.



Class 4 visit Bodega

On Wednesday, Class 4 went on a trip to a South American restaurant, Bodega in Worcester. We had a delicious feast of nachos and dips, sweet-potato fries and a pork quesadillas. During this time we got to soak in the culture of South America and we were impressed that they import ingredients to make it as authentic an experience as possible. We each got to try our hand at mocktail-making where we mixed strawberry syrup, lime juice, apple juice, ice and soda water. We also created our own Day of the Dead masks using colouring pencils.



Beeline

Key Stage 1 attended the Beeline Festival at the University of Worcester on Tuesday. We watched a performance of *The Little Red Hen* by Malcolm from the Birmingham Playhouse. There were lots of interactive props which some of the children were able to use and they all listened very well to the story.



Years 3 and 4 visited Worcester University on Monday afternoon to listen to Scottish story teller, Michael Kerrins, tell us a funny story about Little Tom. This was part of the Beeline storytelling festival organised by the Hive. It was a very enjoyable and interesting afternoon.



Class 4 Collective Worship

It was lovely to welcome so many parents from Class 4 into Collective Worship on Wednesday where Class 4 shared their thoughts on compassion. The parents were then invited back into the classroom for a biscuit and a chance to have a look at the children's work.



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.



Secondary School Places

The closing date for Yr6 applications for high school is the 31st October. Herefordshire online portal for applications is currently down and they are not sure that they will have it up and running again before the deadline. If you haven't yet applied, we do have some paper copies of the SA1 form in school which we can give you.

Black Pepper Lunches

We are excited about our new lunch providers starting on Monday 5th November. You need to register and order your lunches on the website below. If you don't order there will be no lunch for your child on Monday! Remember that lunches can be ordered up to midnight the night before. If you want to order a packed lunch there is a two-working-days' notice period. See the Black Pepper website for further details and please make sure that you have registered and ordered your food via this website over half term. Remember that, in a change to previous providers, you now order the main *and* the pudding, plus you also have the option of ordering a packed lunch. www.blackpepperlunches.com

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 have not yet finalised the diversion routes. We will let you know them as soon as possible.

The Royal British Legion visit

During Collective Worship, we were joined by, not only Rev Robert, but by Georgi Buxton from the Royal British Legion. Georgi spoke about the history of the Legion and explained what her duties were with the flag during Remembrance services. Poppies will be on sale when we come back after half term.



Digital Leader's Conference

On Thursday 25th October, the Digital Leaders went to the Autumn Digital Leaders Conference. At the conference we looked at how to use settings in the iPads correctly, thought about what it meant to be a Digital Leader and why it's important to us, and shared our work with the schools. After this we looked at iMovie, Seesaw, blogging and Puppet Pals. We had a great time sharing knowledge and ideas, and we have started to plan some projects for the near future. This has already started with us sharing a video of introduction we made in iMovie in assembly on Friday.

School Council Elections

It was with great excitement that the whole school voted for the next School Council representatives. The secret ballot took place last Friday and the old councillors did the careful counting of all the slips. Congratulations to Beth and Jack (Class 1), Mia and Freddie (Class 2), Amber and Jacob (Class 3), Elsie and Finn (Class 4) and Tilly W and Ray (Class 5). Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

The School Counsellors are keen to announce that they will be taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of the Macmillan cancer support. Please mark Thursday 15th November in your diaries, 9:00am until around 11:00am. All welcome to support this worthwhile cause. Further details to follow after half term.

Football Matches

On Tuesday, the football team travelled to Ledbury to take part in two matches. First up was Much Marcle, in an absolutely fantastic end-to-end game, we went down 3-2 to a last-second goal. Scorers were Finn and Kyle. In the second match we faced Ledbury; we competed well, losing 5-2 with goals by Kyle and Will. A special mention to Sofia who pulled off a string of exceptional saves in her full school debut in goal. Well done to the team: Sofia, Oscar, Emil, Oliver, Will Mo, Frazer, Finn and Kyle.



Hockey Tournament

The hockey team travelled to John Masfield on Wednesday to take part in the Herefordshire Winter Games qualifier. They played really well drawing most of their games and only losing to the eventual winners. The squad were; Oliver, Emil, Oscar, Will, Ceri and Chloe



Club Changes

After half term, there will be several changes to clubs. Basketball on Monday is now for Year 3/4, Gardening moves indoors to be Garden Design and only runs for three weeks and Dance Club on Thursday is now for Years 5/6.

Open the Book

On Thursday we welcomed the Open the Book team in to Collective Worship. They were joined by members of Class 2 in telling the bible story of *The Boys who Liked to Say No*.



FOCS - Friends of Cradley School

Please remember to book your tickets for FOCS annual Wine Tasting and buffet supper. It's on Saturday 10th November at 7.30pm at Cradley Winter Wonderland, Bosbury Road. £18 per person. Please send requests and payments in home liaison books or see Roger Brett or Annie Meager. As it's half term next week and places are limited to 40 people, to secure your booking please contact either Roger on 07446228704 or Annie 07546535378. Please only use these numbers in connection with booking your wine tasting tickets.

The apple juice is still going down a treat! Sally Clarke is currently doing a stock take, with an estimate of about 100 bottles left to sell. Please pop in to school reception to collect your orders and if you'd like to buy extra!

Do remember our Easyfundraising link when you are making any purchases online, especially with Christmas shopping! <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-cradley-school/> as FOCS will receive a percentage of your costs at no extra cost to you.

We will give you an update from our FOCS meeting (held this morning) after half term. Do let us know if you can help at the following events:

Cradley Village Christmas Fair on Saturday 1st December 10am-3pm

School Christmas Fair on Friday 14th December, 3pm.



Year 4 Football Players Sought

Newtown Sports Colts is seeking additional players in Year 4. The team is part of Newtown Sports Junior Football Club, an FA Charter Standard Community Club based in Malvern that welcomes players of all skills and abilities. The team has training sessions on Friday evenings and plays matches on Saturday mornings. Please contact Simon Emson on 07971 179618 to find out more.

Nursery

This week in Nursery we've been busy exploring our pumpkin tray with lentils made by Lauren and have been having a go at painting our own pumpkins with Katrina. We've enjoyed making our own play dough this week and the children have even taught Sam how to make play dough as well. Thursday was very exciting because we had a tractor come into see us! All of the children loved having a sit on the tractor. We've ended our last week with a fire in forest school with Mrs Gleaves, singing campfire songs and munching on toasted marshmallows and sausages.



Class 1

This week we have been looking at oral storytelling. We have listened to several versions of *The Little Red Hen* and discussed why versions might be different. We've played Chinese Whispers to show how this might change a story. On Tuesday we visited the Hive in Worcester for a storytelling session on stage and came away with some bread! In maths this week we have been counting autumnal objects and recognising numerals. We have also been adding two numbers together using a number line or by counting on from the bigger number. Class 1 have learned about the PANTS rule, as set out by the NSPCC to keep children safe, and we've used the Bee-bots again to create algorithms and to recap what debugging means. We have welcomed back Miss Conner who will be team teaching in Class 1 until the end of term.

Well done to all the new Reception children who have completed their first half-term at school. You should all feel very proud of all the things you have achieved so far. Have a well-deserved break over half-term and come back refreshed for our Nativity season!



Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have been working on a hedgehog story in English lessons. It is based on *Hodge the Hedgehog* by Kate Petty and we have been using some of the facts we have learned about looking after hedgehogs to help. In maths we have been using Tara Maths games to learn our times tables in a fun and interactive way, and in topic we have found out about Amy Johnson.

Class 3

This week we finally completed the story of Beowulf, and also read through a different version which Adam brought in to share with the class. We all thought it was very sad when (spoiler alert!) Beowulf the brave was eventually slain by a fierce dragon. There has been much glue spread around the room in the big push to complete the Anglo-Saxon houses (almost done...and so is Mrs Shepherd!). In music we tried out the boom whackers, new instruments to the school; great fun! In RE we have been thinking of ways to care for the wonderful world which God has made, and in science we have been making mini compost bins.

Class 4

This week Class 4 had a lovely time performing in our class assembly and showing off what we have been doing in the classroom - thanks to everyone who came to support us. We have also been completing our end of term tests in Maths, Reading and SPAG this week. We have gone on a number hunt and worked together to complete lots of different calculations, applying the skills we have learned to different situations. In the afternoons Year 5 went swimming and Year 4 had a lovely time at the Beeline Storytelling Festival at the Hive. We have learned about the bible through role-plays in RE, and looked at the physical and human landscape of the Grand Canyon in topic.



Class 5

This week, as well as completing our half-termly assessments, we have worked hard on our poetry/film project - and it's nearly finished! In maths, we have been working on percentages. In science, we were interested to compare the work and explorations of Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace who both came to very similar conclusions in the 19th century about the origin of species. In R.E. we researched the work of three charities whose work is inspired by religious faith and teaching.

Stars of the Week

Nursery Evie Pinchbeck - taking a risk
Katrina Creek - for being positive

Class 1 Chloe Jeffries for persistence
Harry Purser-Wall for taking a risk

Class 2 Mai Mabey for working independently
Oliver Blewitt for taking pride in his work

Class 3 William Porter for his positive attitude
Daisy Green for taking pride in her work

Class 4 The whole Class for a fabulous collective worship

Class 5 Emil Meager for persistence
Abi Philpotts for taking a risk

Value of the Month

COMPASSION

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Chosen by Mrs Gleaves (Children's Champion).

Dates for the Future

NOVEMBER **Courage**

- 5th Return to school
- 9th Remembrance event in school
- 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
- 19th Sportshall Athletics @JMHS 9-11am
Christmas Lunch
- 20th Carol Service 6pm
- 21st Break up

