



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 14th December 2018



The Inn-spectors

Wow! What a show. The children from KS1 and Nursery certainly wowed us all with their fantastic performances of 'The Inn-spectors'. Wonderful acting and singing with some tremendous soloists and great comic timing. A massive thank you to the whole team, but especially, Miss George and Mrs Robb for all their hard work and dedication in putting together such a wonderful Nativity.



Class 3 take on the Anglo-Saxons

On Wednesday, as part of their work on the Anglo-Saxons, Class Three set off to Birmingham Museum to visit the Staffordshire Hoard. It was fascinating to see the amount of gold which had been found, hear the story of Terry Herbert, the man who first discovered the hoard, and examine the replicas which showed what the originals might have looked like. The children attended a hands on workshop where they were asked to use a metal detector to find pieces buried in sand, clean off pieces of muddy foil using cotton buds and soft paintbrushes, fit together pieces like a jigsaw puzzle and draw what they thought the other half of an object might look like. Essentially, using all the skills used by the archaeologists when sorting through the finds from 2009. An excellent day, well worth a trip if you haven't already been.





League Tables

The primary school league tables were published on Thursday and they reflect our fantastic high achieving results this year.

Carol Service

Our Carol Service will take place at Cradley Church on Thursday 20th December at 6pm. All classes will be performing within the service. All children are expected to attend in full uniform; we look forward to sharing this special occasion with you all. FOCS will be offering mulled wine and mince pies for a donation after the service.

Cradley Malvern Show Garden

On Wednesday evening, parents and volunteers met to discuss the children's design for the show garden. We would like anyone planning a visit to a beach between now and May to help us by doing some beachcombing and bringing in anything they can find which could be used to build our seating area in the house. One class will use chicken wire to create a framework which will be filled with these items. We were also able to discuss our plans for the living walls and planting plans. If you are interested in helping in any way please contact Ms George.

Netball Matches

On Tuesday the Netball Team set off to Ashperton in high spirits ready to take on league fixtures. However, their first match did not quite go according to plan, taking a thrashing from Much Marcle and limping off

after a 6-0 defeat. However, undeterred and determined to learn from their mistakes, they next held Ledbury to a 2-2 draw. Well done, girls. You showed stamina and determination in picking yourselves up.

Inset Day

A date for your 2019 diary: school will be closing on Friday 8th February from 12pm. Four local schools are joining together to allow all our staff to undertake training from an international expert in attachment disorders. We hope that this gives you enough notice to make alternative arrangements for that afternoon.

Christmas Cards

The School post box is now in the entrance hall, all Christmas cards need to go into the box and they will be handed out next Friday.

Young Voices Concert

Tickets for Young Voices will be available for collection from the office next week.

Christmas Community Concert

On Thursday 20th December we will be hosting our annual Community Concert at 10am. We invite older members of the community - including the Leys and Evergreen Club - to join us for festive cheer, mince pies and mulled wine. If you know of anyone intending to come, please let us know so that we can cater correctly.

FOCS - Friends of Cradley School

School Christmas Fair - TODAY, Friday 14th December, at 3pm. Please come along and join in the fun! All profits raised will go to the school via FOCS - for those special extras!

Thank you to all those who have contributed in some way; donated items, prizes, materials for stalls, helped with the setting up of stalls, kept us up to date with stocks and supplies, collected supplies, kept us informed, helped with organising, stall holders, and of course Santa's new look grotto. Thank you to Santa for being available too!! There are too many people to mention by name, and we wouldn't want to miss anyone off the list so a huge THANK YOU! (PS. If you're still around at about 5pm, a helping hand clearing away will be very welcome!!)

Please bring in Mince Pies! Please bring your mince pies into school next week and by Wednesday at the latest. We hope you've had plenty of notice to add that extra box of mince pies to your shopping list. FOCS will be offering mulled wine, school-made apple juice, mince pies and a few biscuits at the Carol Service at Cradley church next week (20th Dec) in return for a small donation. Our FOCS team for this, Poppy Stanley, Gemma D and Bernie Hughes, will be grateful for all donations.

If you're ordering Christmas pressies on line, please remember to use our Easyfundraising link when you are making purchases on

line. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends>



ofcradleyschool/ as FOCS will receive a percentage of your costs at no extra cost to you.

After December, we'll need a volunteer to update the newsletter for FOCS. Please let Grace Lyndon (Chair) know or via school if you would like to help FOCS with this.

Nursery

This week all of the children in Nursery have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the nativity performances and we all just want to say a huge well done to all of the children, they all sat beautifully throughout the performances and joined in like the superstars they are. Well done everyone! We started off our week with some dough disco on Monday and we all joined in with the actions that help strengthen our hand muscles ready for writing. On Tuesday we played a Christmas surprise board game with Lauren, practising taking turns, recognising our colours and matching shapes. Wednesday was our stay and play session again and this week Carol has been helping us all to make snowflakes. We had lots of fun in our Christmas photo booth. Thursday, we all went out for the morning to go and join our friends at the Toddler Group for a Christmas party, with a bouncy castle. We ended off our busy week with decorating gingerbread men with Carol.



Class 1

Well done to all of Class 1 for their inn-credible Nativity performance of *The Inn-spectors*. It's been a show-biz start to the week for us and on Wednesday, when it was all over, we enjoyed some much needed down-time, choosing what to do with our friends in the afternoon. In Maths we have been singing our way through '*The twelve Days of Christmas*', remembering the order and counting back down the number-line. In English we have been reading Christmas stories and Year 1s have been creating new animals with unique footprints in the snow, for their version of the story *The Gruffalo's Child*. We have been busy making holy angels for the Christmas Tree Festival at the church, which you will all be able to admire at the Carol service next Thursday. We shall look forward to singing our favourite song from the Nativity one last time.

Class 2

This week Class 2 have thoroughly enjoyed performing the Nativity play to parents and friends of the school. We were very pleased by how well the children spoke and sang and worked together to make the show enjoyable for all. They have really grown in confidence over the few weeks it has taken to prepare our performance. A big thank you to everyone involved.

Class 3

"Not another assessment!" was the cry to be heard in Class Three this week, but happily they are now all over and done with, allowing Christmas to rule next week! We did manage a break when we went off to inspect the Staffordshire Hoard on Wednesday, and the weaving is now complete. Well done to all the children, who have worked super hard. We would all like to wish Mrs Jones a speedy recovery after her eye operation, which we heard went according to plan.

Class 4

This week Class 4 have had a busy time completing our end of term assessments. In English we watched a video about the strange sightings of an alien exploring different areas of Cradley. We then thought about eye witness reports and wrote our own news report. In Maths we have been revising our knowledge and thinking about test taking techniques. In the afternoons we have explored different maps and satellite images to compare our local area with an area of Europe, South America and North America. We have also had a great time learning defending skills in PE and Year 5 completed a friction test in order to decide what the best material would be for a balance bike brake pad.

Class 5

This week we have edited and written up our explanation texts, and drafted our stories based upon *Genie in the Bottle*. In maths we have been working on finding the mean of a set of data, and using our understanding of fractions to interpret pie charts. We're counting down the days 'til Christmas and have enjoyed making angel decorations for our tree in the church, and preparing our contribution for the end of term carol service.

Stars of the Week

- Nursery Harrison Rao for taking a risk
Dominic Stokes for taking a risk
- Class 1 Harry Mifflin for being positive and persistent
Blake Loader for being reflective and co-operative
- Class 2 Ava Oseman for being reflective when writing about the Nativity play
Charlotte Clayton for taking pride in her writing during English lessons



- Class 3** Amber Thompson for working really hard in all of her recent assessments
Minnie Stevens for showing great persistence and having a positive attitude in her Maths test
- Class 4** Leah Gray-Hitchings for her positive attitude in school
Mimi Boniface for being independent in improving her fractions knowledge
- Class 5** William Moseley for taking pride in his writing and using powerful imagery
Abi Philpotts for persisting with challenging transformations in Maths

Value of the Month **PEACE**

A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, 'Wonderful Counsellor,' 'Mighty God,' 'Eternal Father,' 'Prince of Peace.'
Isaiah 9:6
Chosen by Mrs Eryl Copp (Chair of Governors)

Dates for the Future

- DECEMBER** **Peace**
- 14th FOCs Christmas Fair
 - 17th ASC Christmas Party
 - 18th Nursery trip to the Safari Park
 - 19th Sportshall Athletics @JMHS 9-11am
Christmas Lunch
 - 20th Community Concert 10am
Carol Service 6pm
 - 21st Break up
Animal Lady in

- JANUARY** **Hope**
- 7th INSET Day
 - 8th INSET Day
 - 9th Term Starts
 - 15th Year 3/4 Swimming starts
 - 18th Young Voices Concert
 - 30th Class 1 Collective Worship, Parents Welcome
8:55am
Cluster Trudge 9-11am @ JMHS

- FEBRUARY** **Love**
- 1st FOCs Disco
 - 5th Book Fair Arrives
Parents Evening 15:30-17:30
 - 6th Parents Evening 17:30-19:30
 - 8th School closes at 12:00
 - 12th Hockey Extravaganza
 - 15th Break up
 - 25th Return to School
 - 28th Net and Wall Extravaganza 11-1pm
Pyramid Prom @ JMHS

