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**CRADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# School Newsletter

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

MARCH	
Monday 1st	Big Write Week
Thursday 4th	World Book Day
Monday 8th	Return to school
Tuesday 30th	Spring Walk
APRIL	
Thursday 1st	End of term
Tuesday 20th	Return to school

## VALUE OF THE MONTH



**LOVE**

**Ephesians 4:2**

‘Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love’

## Message from Mrs Jones

Dear Parents,

Following the announcement on Monday by the Prime Minister I expect you have a mixture of elation and anxiety over the full return of children to school from the 8th of March. We are really looking forward to welcoming all children back to school and are making preparations for a safe return. Early next week I will send you the details of the routines and arrangements for coming back to school. Everyone has had the opportunity this week to have a Zoom parent's consultation with teaching staff which has been a very positive experience. Teachers have really valued having an opportunity to discuss with parents the struggles and achievements that children have had over the last few weeks and also any anxieties about their return. It is expected that all children will return to school on March 8<sup>th</sup> and attendance is mandatory.

This week has been multi-cultural week and the children have engaged in a whole range of activities based around four incredible islands. We have visited Japan and painted in the style of Japanese artists, made sushi, learnt about the Tokyo Olympic Games and Mount Fuji. Whilst learning about Hawaii the children have made tropical fruit smoothies, flower leis, danced the Hula and found out about the history of surfing. On Wednesday we found out all about New Zealand and the children made poi's and learned to swing & dance with them, performed the Haka, wrote fact files on the Kiwi and made Hokey Pokey ice cream. On Thursday we visited Ireland and found out through stories the history of the Giants Causeway, Saint Patrick, the Great Potato famine, made potato cakes and built models of the Titanic. Thank you for engaging so well this week. I hope everyone has enjoyed working together as a family, learning and having fun at the same time.

I am hopeful now that we have a plan as a country to come out of the lockdown and pray for some routine and normality for our children, for you parents and of course the staff in school.

Take care and stay safe.

God bless, Mrs Jones

## KS2

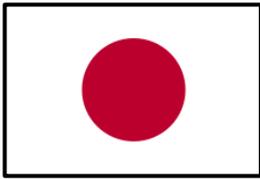
KS2 have been keen gardeners this week planting seeds ready to flower in the spring, we can't wait to see them grow. They have also been enjoying their weekly PE sessions with Jim from PACES.



# Multi-cultural Week



Japan



Making our own miniature versions of Mt Fuji



Creating a class Japanese flag

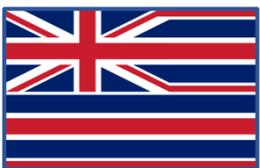


Making origami cats & dogs!



Painting blossom trees

Hawaii



Painting tribal art



Learning a Hula dance!



Exploring Hawaii!!



Making healthy fruit smoothies



Making a giant Paper Mache Turtle



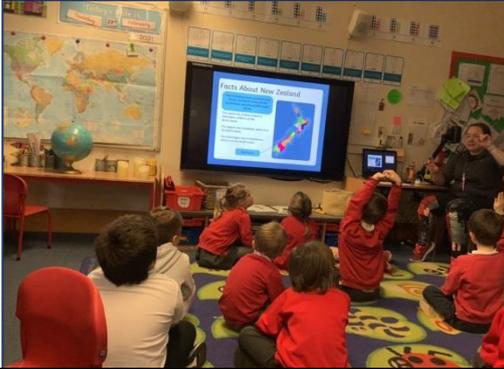
# New Zealand



Creating a life cycle of a Kiwi



Learning the Hakka!



Learning some facts about New Zealand



Creating some Maori jewellery and masks



# Ireland



Amazing replicas of the Titanic built by Geni & Hugo



Ebony & Josh made delicious potato cakes



Tehya hitting a ball with her home-made Hurley

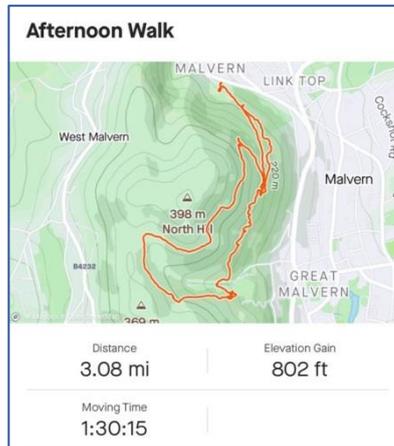


James built the Giants Causeway in his garden!



## Walk Around the World Challenge

Well done to all of the children and staff who took part in the 'Walk Around the World' challenge with their families over half term, between us we walked or ran over 1,631 miles!! You did a brilliant job walking, as a group of schools we didn't quite make it around the World but do keep walking!



## PE Challenge

Congratulations to the following children who completed the PE Challenge every day for the whole 5 weeks! Well done to Ruby C, Joseph, Dan, Raphael & Delilah, Lois & Conor and Dexter so far... They will shortly be receiving their prizes if they haven't already. Keep being active everyone!





# NURSERY NEWS



This week in Nursery we have enjoyed exploring our new theme for the term 'Around the world' and this week we have started off our journey by visiting Australia. On Monday in P.E we have been busy learning our very own aboriginal dance! Aboriginal dancing is popular in Australia so in Nursery we decided to paint our faces and create our own aboriginal dance. Spring has started to make an appearance this week and we've taken every opportunity to get outside and make the most of the sunshine, we've been giving the outdoor area a little tidy ready for the summer. We've been very lucky with the weather this week and we have enjoyed getting outside for lots of walks around the village. On Thursday afternoon we headed out for an extra big walk and took along a four legged friend with us for the adventure! Charlie's dog, Busta! It was lovely to have Busta join us on our walk. On Friday we finished off our week with cooking where we made Australian Anzac biscuits and have also enjoyed looking at different animals that live in Australia.



## STARS OF THE WEEK



<b>NURSERY</b>	<b>Lauren &amp; Charlie for making Nursery a magical place</b>
<b>RECEPTION</b>	<b>Hugo for the persistent way that he communicated all of the facts that he has learnt this week</b> <b>Dominic for getting so involved in multi-cultural week and showing persistence in all activities completed</b>
<b>YEAR 1</b>	<b>Nicholas for his wonderfully creative way he shared the facts that he'd learnt about Hawaii whilst in role</b> <b>Dexter for the persistent way that he has completed nearly all of the activities this week</b>
<b>YEAR 2</b>	<b>Geni for an amazing model of the Titanic</b> <b>Lois for her wonderful retelling of the story of Finn McCool with Conor</b>
<b>YEAR 3</b>	<b>Oliver H for sharing the facts that he'd learnt about Hawaii</b> <b>TJ for showing great skill in art work this week</b>
<b>YEAR 4</b>	<b>Ebony for her persistence in all the activities that she's completed this week and especially for her Irish dance</b> <b>Nelson for his ukulele performance of a Hawaiian song</b> <b>Conor for his retelling of the story of Finn McCool and his brilliant Scottish accent</b>
<b>YEAR 5</b>	<b>Dan for amazing artwork this week</b> <b>Raphael for his amazing Hakka</b>
<b>YEAR 6</b>	<b>Jack and Eddie for their persistence in completing activities this week</b> <b>Tehya for some fantastic written work throughout this week's topic</b>



*well done everyone - we are so proud of you!*

