

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 19th October 2018



Outstanding Achievement at Cradley

We received the following letter from Councillor Elissa Swinglehurst, the Cabinet Member for Children and Families.

Dear Mr Greaves and Mrs Copp

Herefordshire Council aspires to give all children and young people a great start in life through providing access to the high-quality educational provision that will enable them to achieve their full potential.

I regularly review the different aspects of the performance of children and young people and the services that support them at Council Challenge sessions. These are sessions made up of the leaders of all the political parties represented on Herefordshire Council, the council's Chief Executive, the Director and Assistant Directors of our Children and Families services. We recently reviewed the available education performance results from the summer.

On behalf of Herefordshire Council and all the members of the Performance Challenge Group, I am writing to congratulate Cradley CE Primary School for the excellent outcomes that you achieved at Key Stage 2 this year. The hard work and dedication of your staff and pupils meant that they not only exceeded the challenging FFT20 targets set by Herefordshire Council, they also achieved positive progress scores in all three subject areas. This is a fantastic achievement and all the group leaders and the Chief Executive wanted to pass on their congratulations.

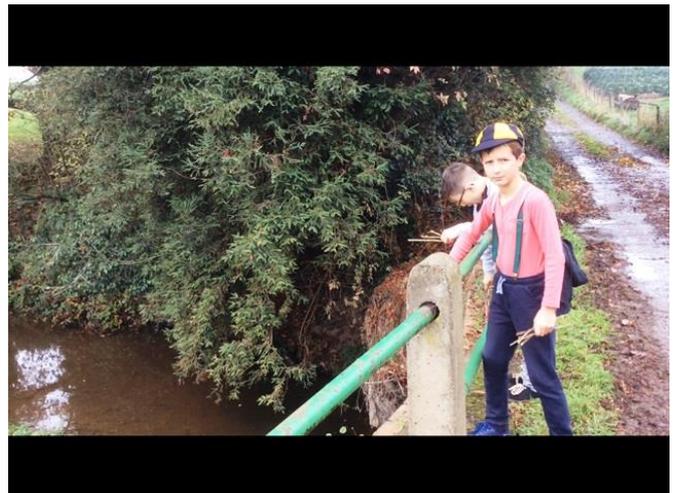
We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you this year.

Yours Sincerely

Cllr Elissa Swinglehurst, Cllr Carole Gandy, Cllr Jennifer Hyde, Cllr Polly Andrews, Cllr Trish Marsh, Cllr John Stone, Cllr Sebastian Bowen, Cllr Marcelle Lloyd-Hayes, Cllr Terry James, Cllr Bob Matthews, Cllr Anthony Powers

WW1 Centenary Film & Poetry Project

Year 6 have been working on an exciting project to coincide with the end of the 1914-18 Great War Centenary Commemoration. Working with poet Sara-Jane Arbury, the children composed poems based upon the imagined childhoods of four residents of Cradley who enlisted as soldiers during the war and who never returned. The children will narrate their poems on film, recording their own footage of the homes of these four soldiers. We hope the finished film and poems will be incorporated into the permanent memorial exhibition which is being set up in St James' Church.



Parents Evenings

Thank you to all those who were able to come to Parents Evenings this week. It is really important to share our targets and expectations with you and for you to talk to the class teachers about any concerns that you have. Thank you also to Black Pepper for coming to both evenings to talk through with parents the new meal provision that will start after half term. The cake was delicious!

Panto

On Tuesday afternoon we welcomed M&M theatrical productions into school where they entertained the children with a performance of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. The cheers, boos and singing could be heard throughout the building!

Netball Matches

Report by Tilly W, Tilly BP and Annabel

We arrived at Ashperton and had a good warm up. The first game we played was against Bosbury but we lost 7-1 with Meryl scoring our only goal. In the second game we lost 4-1, with Olivia scoring. The team was Tilly W, Tilly BP, Annabel, Isabella L, Olivia, Meryl and Laura.

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.

After School Club Film Night

The next film night will take place on Wednesday 24th October with the fantastic animation *Ferdinand*.

Black Pepper Lunches

Copies of the menu for next half term were available from Black Pepper at the Parents Evenings. We are delighted to say that the first day back will start with a Bonfire Night special. 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 can now order the main *and* the pudding, plus you also have the option of ordering a packed lunch. www.blackpepperlunches.com

Monday's Collective Worship

During Collective Worship, we will be joined by, not only Rev Robert, but a representative from the British Legion to discuss the Poppy Appeal.

School Council Elections

As I send this newsletter the school are currently voting to elect the new School Council. We will bring you the results next week.

Football Club

There will be no football club on Tuesday night (23rd) due to matches in Ledbury.

Trip Permissions and Payments

We have several trips running next week; please make sure that you have responded via School Money.

FOCS - Friends of Cradley School.

FOCS annual wine-tasting will be held on Sat 10th of November at **CRADLEY WINTER WONDERLAND**, Bosbury Road, in Cradley Village. Following the Winter theme, there will be seasonal drinks to welcome you into our very own Wonderland. The interesting and fun wine tasting will be followed by an exciting buffet supper. We cannot promise a visit from Santa, but you might get a Sleigh ride home! Tickets are great value at £18 per person, which covers your food and drink. It's a chance to meet lots of other parents in a relaxed environment. Tickets available from Roger Brett and Annie Meager, or please request via your home liaison books.

An update on apple juice! We hope you were able to collect your prepaid orders at parents evening this week. Please pop into school as soon as possible if you still have an order to collect. It tastes delicious, and we are very pleased that our local retailers at Cradley Butchery are helping out and stocking some of our extra bottles to sell. Look out for the opportunity to buy at the school gate, too.

Thank you for placing your Christmas card orders. It has raised a fantastic £342. We had a very good take up across the school with 192 items purchased in total, and for those of you who like statistics... 100% of nursery placed orders, so thank you all!

Easyfundraising. A great way you can support the school from the comfort of your own home is by following the link

to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofcradleyschool/> If you make purchases online, such as weekly shopping to ordering presents for the festive season, please do log on to easyfundraising first and we will receive a percentage of your costs at no extra cost to you.

Please join us for our FOCS meeting next Friday, 26th October at 9am, at Blue-ginger gallery Cradley WR13 5NW. If you are not able to attend, but able to help out with our future events, please let the school/FOCS know. We'll be looking for FOCS class reps, as well as helpers for an hour or so at Cradley Village Christmas Fair on Saturday 1st December and lots of helpers for the School Christmas Fair on Friday 14th December.

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have continued to explore our farm theme and have added some autumn activities into it as well. On Monday in P.E we pretended to be autumn leaves falling off the trees by jumping off the big equipment and looking at how the colours of leaves change. We've enjoyed our craft this week, making autumn-coloured lanterns with Lauren and painting sheep with Katrina using our fingers. We joined the rest of the



school for the *Jack and the Beanstalk* pantomime and Nursery thoroughly enjoyed going to the hall to watch it. We have ended our week with a welly walk down to our forest school area using our role-play tools to explore how different materials can be changed.



Class 1

It's been a batty old week! We have started researching bats for our feedback assembly for environment week. Lots of us had stories or pictures of bats from home and we have learned how to save bats from dying by making sure we have certain things in our gardens to keep them alive and well. Bats need us and we need bats!

In English we have been learning facts about Kenya and singing a song in Swahili, based on our text *Handa's Surprise*. In maths we have been looking at length and using cubes to measure how long things are and comparing size.

In PE we have finished our ball skills coordination unit and are ready to move onto a new skill next week. It was lovely to see all Class 1 parents at Parents Evening this week and to look forward to the year ahead.

Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have been making an iMovie about how to help hedgehogs in the garden. We planned and wrote reports then worked in groups to organise what we would say. We then used the green screen to film ourselves, taking turns to be the director. In our science lessons we have been finding out about habitats. We made collages of rockpool habitats and thought about which animals live in other habitats such as deserts and forests.



Class 3

The story of *Beowulf* is gripping the children of Class 3. We have been describing the inside and outside of the great hall, Heorot, using 'the power of three' to bring power, interest and weight to our writing. In maths we have been doubling and halving, making sure we know how to halve odd numbers correctly. In PE we have been using our ball skills in hockey, seeing how many goals we could score against different partners. Our Anglo-Saxon houses are coming along nicely. Finally, if you would like to know how to attract butterflies to your garden, just ask one of the Class 3 children.

Class 4

This week Class 4 have been working hard to get ready for our class assembly next week; we have thought about compassion and what it means to us, created role-plays to demonstrate this, written a class prayer and learned a friendship song. Do join us on Wednesday 24th to see the results of all our hard work. We have also been looking at how to develop our test-taking skills in maths - particularly focusing on mental maths, addition and subtraction. We have been thinking about ourselves as part of Class 4 and how we can be kind members of the class. We have studied different areas of The Americas and created information leaflets by taking information from non-fiction books. Year 4s have also enjoyed time at Forest School and Year 5 have enjoyed swimming.



Class 5

This week we began filming in the village as part of our WW1 project. Our poems are finished and we are very pleased with them. Our film will include a narration of each poem. We have also been preparing a keynote presentation on the leatherback turtle as our focus for Environment Week; we have become very concerned about the effect of plastic waste on this awesome creature. In maths we have been working with measures.

Stars of the Week

Nursery Elijah Gowen for being independent

Harrison Rao for being positive

Class 1 Johnny Duncan and Clem Tambling for information they brought from home about bats

Class 2 Ava Oseman for taking pride in her work
Nelson Meager for always working independently in class

Class 3 Daniel Burton for excellent presentation in maths
Stan BP for persistence with his reading

Class 4 Laura Jones & Eve Vipond for being independent and leading the Year 4s in maths

Class 5 William Moseley for being pro-active and preparing for the filming sessions
Quinn Stephenson for focused editing of his extended writing

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

OCTOBER

Compassion

- 22nd Year 3/4 trip to Book festival event
Royal British Legion talking in Collective Worship
- 23rd Key Stage One trip to Book festival event
Football Matches @ Ledbury
- 24th Class 4 Collective Worship: Parents welcome
Quicksticks hockey tournament @ JMHS 9-11
- 25th Digital Leaders Conference
- 26th Break up
Library Van visiting

NOVEMBER

Courage

- 5th Return to school
- 8th Phonics Evening for Parents in Class 1 6:30pm
- 9th Remembrance event in school
- 10th FOCs Wine Tasting Event
- 13th Flu immunisations Yr R-Yr5
- 14th Netball tournament @ JMHS 9-11
- 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

