



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 28th September 2018



Apple Juicing

On Thursday afternoon we were visited by Abbiss Drinks Company. Members of Gardening Club loaded the fruit onto the conveyor while Karen and Simon juiced the apples using the press. The waste has been taken away to be used as pig feed and the bottles will be back in school next week. FOCS and members of Class 4 will then label the bottles using some of the children's designs and the bottles will be available for sale very soon! Many thanks to everyone who contributed apples. The juice will be available for sale at a cost of £2.00 per bottle with all profits going to FOCS. It looks like we will have about 450 75cl bottles to sell and we hope to repeat this activity next year.



School Car Park

We recently had an incident where a member of staff returned to the school at 4pm and when they drove into the car park they were greeted by several children and adults walking across the actual car park. Please do not walk across the car park at any time, this is incredibly dangerous. Please use the path around the outside.

Harvest Festival

You are all warmly invited to our Harvest Festival which will take place up at church on Tuesday 9th October at 9am. Please can all children be dropped off at church that morning for 8:45am. Children in Breakfast Club will walk up to church with staff. It should last less than an hour and the whole school will walk back to school afterwards. We are supporting the Church with its request for donations towards WaterAid.



Parents Evenings

You should all have received a letter concerning the first Parents' Evenings of the year. These take place on Tuesday 16th October 15:30-17:30 and Wednesday 17th October 17:30-19:30. On the letter we asked for replies to be back at school by Tuesday 9th October. We have just found out that Mrs Booth is due to go into hospital for a small operation that week, so to aid us, please could all parents' evening slips be returned by **Friday 5th October**. Thank you for your co-operation.



Black Pepper Lunches

You should all have received a leaflet this week giving further details concerning the lunch's provision that we will be moving to after half term. I am delighted to say that Mark from Black Pepper will be on hand at both Parents' Evenings to answer any further questions that you may have about the lunches, ordering or dietary requirements. There may even be some free samples!

Digital Leaders

On Wednesday, the Digital Leaders joined the teachers at a staff meeting run by an Apple Expert. This session talked us through how to get the most from the iPads as a tool for teaching. We looked at the capabilities of Keynotes. The Digital Leaders were a great support and we hope they can now take their knowledge and support the teachers further. Thanks very much to the four of them for giving up their time.



Cradley Village Community & Heritage Day

What a delight to have such a fantastic display up at the church as part of the recent Heritage weekend. It was liked so much we have been asked to leave it up there for a couple of weeks. Thank you to Mrs Jones for gathering the display together.



FOCS

What a lot of apples! Thank you to everyone for doing so well with the apple collecting! The juice is now being pasteurised and will come back to us once it has been bottled. We will then need your help to label the bottles and sell it to raise funds for FOCS. Thank you Sally, Ms George, and all those keen helpers.

Please remember to reserve your tables at the Red Lion for the FOCS Quiz night on Tues 2nd October at 8pm.

Vacancies! FOCS are looking for volunteers to take up the role of Vice Chair & Secretary, and hope to confirm these roles at our AGM on Monday 8th October, 7pm at school. If you would like to volunteer for these, please let the school know in the first instance. We are of course always looking for additional helpers for events, however big or small, and will be talking Christmas Fairs very soon! Please come along to the AGM on the 8th.

Cradley Cubs and Beavers would like to pass on thanks to children from the school who helped out on their stand at the village community day last weekend. They designed a stand and talked about the fun and activities involved, and received lots of positive feedback.

Nursery

This week we've been looking at the 'Lady Bird Heard' Story and we have all thoroughly enjoyed counting the dots on the ladybird stones with Lauren in this week's Maths activity. We've continued to make a mess this week and the children have loved learning how to make our own flour mud to roll the farm animals in for a mud bath. We've been re-enacting the story of the three little pigs with Katrina on Wednesday using puppets to act out the story. The sun has been shining beautifully outside in the afternoons this week and we've all taken full advantage of getting outside playing with the water wall and having a good run on the field. We finished off the week with a nature hunt for our welly walk, all of the children had a bucket each to collect lots of lovely parts of nature we could find.



Class 1

Autumn is here and we have been looking at changes in the environment down at Forest School and building homes for our little buddies. We have been learning an Autumn poem off by heart with actions and story maps and getting ready for our Harvest Festival celebrations at church. In RE we have been reading about St James the fisherman and how he is linked to our church and uniform. In topic we have been chatting to Orville Wright about the first flight and learning more about planes. Lots of water related games in PE...sharks and fishes, trawler team games and finishing off our REAL PE unit on counter-balance. In maths we have been looking at repeating patterns in nature. See if you can spot any this weekend.



Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have begun learning about Atlantic salmon in preparation for our Harvest Festival performance. We found out all about their life cycle and learned about the great distances they travel during their lifetimes. In maths we have been working on addition and subtraction and in English we are continuing to write our 'Rosie Revere Engineer' stories using some of our own ideas.

Class 3

Excitement is rising in Class 3 as plans are progressing with the creation of our Anglo-Saxon village. Where would be a good place for the village? We decided we need water, wood for fuel, land for farming and a way of protecting ourselves. We can't wait to get started. In maths we have been studying how to count up to find change, our fantasy stories are developing well in English and we are getting confident at greeting each other in French. Tres Bon!

Class 4

This week, in English, Class 4 have been writing sections of a fantasy story and learning new writing techniques, from fronted adverbials and compound sentences to dashes and brackets for parenthesis. In Maths, we have been learning about column addition of 4 and 5 digit numbers and then solving problems using our skills. In the afternoons Year 5 have had a great time swimming whilst Year 4 developed their hockey skills and started programming using Scratch. We have also continued with our Pop Art topic, creating a piece of work in the style of Roy Liechtenstein and we have looked at the human and geographical features of Mexico, creating our own maps with a key.

Class 5

This week we have been writing about life in the trenches in WW1, and about the rigours of training for soldiers during the Great War, as we continue reading 'Private Peaceful' together. In maths, we have been reasoning using place value and negative numbers. In topic we learned about the earliest 'moving images' - the shadow puppets of Java, and we have been making our own. In RE we looked at the architecture of Coventry Cathedral and the artwork inside it, and learned the story behind the re-building of this great Cathedral after the bombing of Coventry during WW1.

Stars of the Week

- Nursery Arian Evans - for taking a risk
George Taylor - for being positive
- Class 1 Frankie Taylor for being co-operative
Neve Philpotts for being co-operative
- Class 2 Toby Boniface for independence in Maths
Daniel Jeffries for perseverance in English
- Class 3 Ben Griffiths for taking pride in his work
Amber Thompson for being brave
- Class 4 Freddie Knowles, Toby Cooper, Frazer Tilsley-Eaton & William Malloy for working co-operatively and being kind
- Class 5 Tilly Bentley-Price for independence in Maths
Oscar Robertson for being persistent

Value of the Month

PATIENCE

Better a patient person than a warrior, one with self-control than one who takes a city.

Proverbs 16:32

Chosen by Mrs Robb Class 1 teacher



Dates for the Future

| OCTOBER | Compassion |
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| 1 st | Poet in with Class 5 |
| 4 th | Book fair collected |
| 9 th | Harvest Festival 9am @ church |
| 11 th | JMHS Open Evening |
| 16 th | Panto for all children Parents Evening 15:30-17:30 Netball @ Ashperton |
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| 18 th | School photos |
| 19 th | School Council elections |
| 22 nd | Year 3/4 trip to Book festival event |
| 23 rd | Key Stage One trip to Book festival event Football Matches @ Ledbury |
| 24 th | Class 4 Collective Worship: Parents welcome Quicksticks hockey tournament @ JMHS 9-11 |
| 26 th | Break up |

| NOVEMBER | Courage |
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| 5 th | Return to school |
| 9 th | Remembrance event in school |
| 13 th | Flu immunisations Yr R-Yr5 |
| 14 th | Netball tournament @ JMHS 9-11 |
| 20 th | Basketball @ Ashperton 1.30-3pm |
| 21 st | Class 3 Collective Worship: Parents welcome |
| 27 th | FOCS - Rags to riches Netball matches @ Ashperton |

