



Newsletter

Headteacher's Message

I would like to start by thanking the staff and families that supported our garden tidy last year, as the fruits of their labour can now be seen around school, with the many Spring flowers that are brightening up our grounds!

It has been another busy term with lots happening! The CBSO have been in school working with Lower and Upper School classes, culminating in a couple of fabulous performances! The Thrive group working at Kings Heath Park are busy planning their own garden for 'Gardeners World Live' this year and come back every Wednesday full of enthusiasm about what they have been doing! We had much success at the School Games at the University of Worcester this month with our pupils representing us in a very credible manner, we are immensely proud of them. It is wonderful to have so many achievements to celebrate!

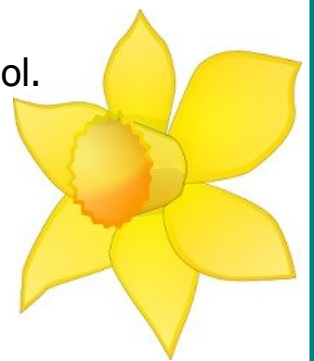
We are delighted to welcome the following new staff this term, Toni-Anne Farnell as a Lunchtime Supervisor and Susan Fage, Julie Hale, Susan Parker and Jessica Romer as Casual Teaching Assistants; we hope they all settle in quickly!

We look forward to welcoming you to our end of term disco which is on Friday 7th April 6.00-8.00pm, the children are already excited!

Thank you for your continued commitment and support for our school.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break!

Deb Rattley

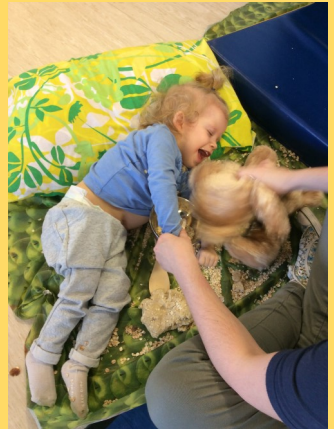


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2LS Enjoy Goldilocks and the Three Bears

2LS have had fun reading Goldilocks and the three Bears. We have enjoyed messy play with porridge oats and learnt about size and number.



Daddy Bear

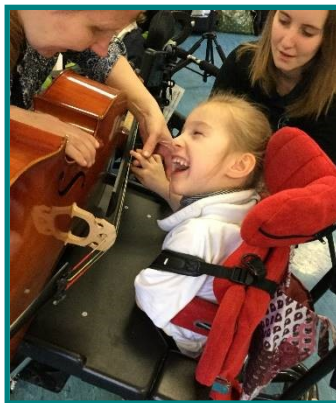


Mummy Bear



4LS Get Musical

4LS have been working with the CBSO musicians each week this term. They've loved exploring the instruments and listening to the music.



5LS Meet Ola the Border Collie



5LS had a very special visit this term from Ola a border collie who is twelve weeks old. Jackie her owner told us all the things Ola had been learning. We enjoyed meeting Ola and seeing what she had learnt.

7LS Visit the Sealife Centre



On Wednesday 8th March, 7LS visited the Sea Life centre for the day. All of the pupils enjoyed exploring the difference sensory experiences. Sam was very excited about feeling the creatures in the rock pool. Everyone also loved the 'Ocean Tunnel', in which we were surrounded by fish, turtles and even sharks. The 4-D Cinema was also very popular although staff weren't too keen on being sprayed with water! A great day out was had by all, which was paid for by a generous contribution from one of our families.

6LS Visit to Beoley First School

6LS were kindly invited to Beoley First School to meet Finley's class. Finley comes to Chadsgrove every Monday and spends the day with our class so it was lovely to meet his teacher and all of his friends at his school. We had a lovely day socialising with the children in Finley's class. We also learnt lots of new things about Finley that we didn't know before, such as his favourite foods and TV shows. We also got to meet the Beoley First School chickens! We ended the visit by eating some cakes the children had made for us, what a treat! We had a fantastic morning and are looking forward to inviting Finley's class back to see us in the Summer Term.



8LS Go Zip Wiring

8LS had a brilliant trip to Blackwell Adventure. Some of us were a little nervous at first, but everyone went on the zip wire and whizzed across the field. We have been learning about our feelings and how to communicate in PSHE so this was a good opportunity to identify our anxieties and excitement and to have an adventure! Everyone had a great time and cheered each other on, we can't wait to go back.



10US Asdan Leisure Module Having Fun

10US have successfully completed the leisure section of their Asdan module 'Having Fun'. This has involved taking part in a range of community leisure activities – boating, ice- skating and swimming. This term the focus was bowling. We were really impressed with everyone's hard work and determination to get the bowls down the ramp and listen out for the clatter of falling skittles. Everyone was able to recognise the achievement of success when a strike or near miss was scored.



11US Time to Wake Up!

The 11US staff team have noticed that the boys in the class are particularly sleepy when they arrive at school in the mornings! But Tom Hegenbarth is boosting their energy levels by leading a morning movement programme in the classroom during registration. Tom says, "I like it because it's really fun. Everyone can join in, and it gives us more energy!"

12US Archery Day at Blackwell

All of 12US went to Blackwell for the day, the staff there were helpful and friendly. They helped us aim and taught us how to hold the bow properly. Mr Whyte got a bullseye and his new name is Robin Hood. Jayson nearly got a bullseye too. Everyone had a chance to have several turns and we all improved during the morning. A merry time for all!

by Summer Rice



Buskers Set for Isle of Man Music Trip 2017!

In Friday afternoon Options in Upper School, the Isle of Man Buskers group has recently been established. Six pupils (some in 11US and some in 12US) will be off to the rock on 2nd July for five nights. We will be staying at the Joey Dunlop Holiday Home, and our schedule for the week is beginning to take shape. The pupils have decided on the theme of 'Journeys/Travel' for our repertoire and we are now learning a variety of songs, including some from the island itself. Fundraising for this residential trip is an important part of our preparation, and we will be performing all of our songs at a **Busking with a Buffet** evening on **Thursday 22nd June**. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there!



Worcestershire Skills Show 8TH March 2017

Some students from 15US attended the Worcestershire skills show in March. The event provided Worcestershire's future workforce the opportunity to meet with employers from key employment sectors and experience "Have a Go" style activities.

Here they are, our potential weather reporters in action.



Murray Field enjoyed a stint behind the camera.



12US' Winning Rap

In Music this term we have been learning about rap music. We composed a rap called 'Don't Hold Back' (about sporting values) to enter in the Winter School Games Anthem Competition. And we won!!!

We travelled to the University of Worcester Arena on 7th March, and performed our rap live at the Opening Ceremony of the Winter School Games. There were a few hundred children, from all over the county, watching us. We were very nervous, but excited. Our rap went really well and we were very proud of ourselves!

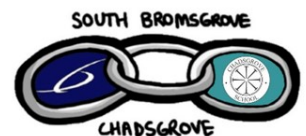
12US...

*With determination, you can be an
inspiration to us all
Win or lose; it's about participation.
Don't hold back, embrace your spirit
Self-belief is how you win it
Push yourself to your limit and you
will go far!*



Link Concert

Pupils and staff enjoyed being part of an extremely entertaining Link Concert at the beginning of March. All proceeds on the door were generously donated to the Chadsgrove Buskers' Isle of Man trip, and we are very grateful to all those who supported the event. The Staff Choir impressed the audience with their rendition of Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody, a lunchtime dance group performed their choreographed piece to Calum Scott's 'Dancing on my Own' and the choir showcased some of the songs from Young Voices 2017. Very well done to all those involved, and thank you!



14US Working with CBSO

14US have enjoyed working with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra since January. During these engaging sessions the pupils have experienced a range of music and have explored different instruments. The musicians have incorporated our class theme of Wizards and magic in order to link the pupils' learning. The class especially like the Harry Potter theme and have all contributed to creating some amazing music. This opportunity has enabled pupils to extend their social communication skills and allowed them to express their emotions through different types of music. We would like to say a massive thank you to all involved.



CBSO Learning and Engagement

We are now in our fourth year of working with musicians from the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Pupils in 4LS and 14US have enjoyed the project since January, and 4LS will continue these 'Learning and Engagement' sessions for four more consecutive terms! After Easter will be the turn of pupils in 10US. We are loving this partnership work and look forward to the new experiences it will continue to bring to many of our pupils in the near future.

13US Post 19 Provider Visits

13US have been continuing their weekly visits to a range of post 19 providers. Since our last newsletter we have been to Herewood College, Reach, The Glasshouse College and Derwen College. For our next visit we are off to Wildgoose Rural Training in Holt, Worcester.



Enjoying the outdoors at Herewood College in Coventry.



13US watching live music and a puppet show with service users at Reach in Bewdley.



Billy having a go at Glass blowing at The Glasshouse College in Stourbridge.



Derwen College in Oswestry.

15US at Bournville College

15US attend Bournville College with half the group accessing a Lifeskills class and the other BTEC English. The students are enjoying their time at Bournville College, they continue to work independently and have met many new people during their time there. Time spent at college is allowing our students to experience life beyond school. We hope the skills they have learned and indeed continue to learn will help them achieve a smooth transition into their future. We have been taking part in team building tasks this term. This has required working together, listening to each other and getting their own ideas across. Pupils have made a balloon chair, which in turn all of the team had to sit on. Other tasks have included a very competitive egg drop, building a spaghetti bridge (that held a mobile phone for 10 seconds!!), and constructing a marble run using only paper and sticky tape.



The Flying Potter Visits 12US and 15US



Jon Williams from Eastnor Pottery worked with 12US to create clay masks. He showed them how to make a slab, add detailed decoration and place over a mould so that they dry in a 3 dimensional position. Pupils worked really hard and the results were really varied and creative. Jon also had time to demonstrate how to throw a pot on the potters wheel. We would all have liked a longer session!!

Professional Potter Jon Williams from Eastnor Pottery spent some time with 15US showing them how to throw pots on the potters wheel. It was not easy but everyone made a brilliant pot with Jon's guidance.

The class also practiced coiling, slabbing and making a thumb pot. These techniques were combined to make a Dr Who inspired dalek. We are showing our work at the 'Voices and Visions' exhibition in Worcester Cathedral in May.



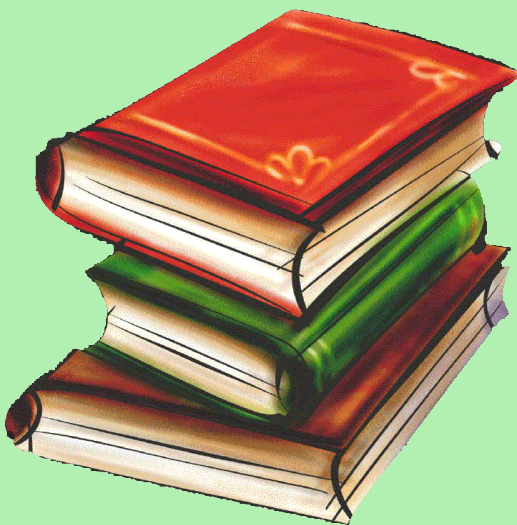


9US Mad Hatter's Tea Party

9US finished off our Alice in Wonderland topic with a Mad Hatter's Tea Party for our parents. We all wore the hats we have made in Art with Mrs LloydLangston and we had place mats and lots of jam tarts! We decorated biscuits with our parents, with icing sugar and sweeties!



We've also been practising our drama and roleplay, by pretending to be the Queen of Hearts. We talked about how she looks and acts, then took it in turns to be in the 'hot seat', answering questions from the rest of the class.



I would like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to everyone who supported our recent SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.

We sold over £544 worth of books.

We can now order a substantial number of new modern books for both our Library and for classroom reading areas.

I hope you have all enjoyed your new books.

Mr G Brown



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Please ensure you telephone the school office to notify us with a reason should your child be not attending school.

Thank you.



Dates for your Diary 2017

Monday 10th April to Wednesday 12th April	Easter Playscheme
Monday 24th April	School Opens for students 9.00am
Friday 28th April	School Closes for students 3.30pm
Monday 1st May	School Closed—May Day
Tuesday 2nd May	School Opens for students 9.00am
Friday 26th May	School Closes for students 3.30pm
Monday 5th June	INSET Day School Closed to students
Tuesday 6th June	School Opens for students 9.00am
Friday 23rd June	Sports Day
Thursday 6th July	School Closes for students 3.30pm Parents Evening
Friday 7th July	INSET Day School Closed to students Upper School Prom Evening
Monday 10th July	School Opens for students 9.00am
Friday 21st July	School Closes for students 3.30pm