



Newsletter

Headteacher's Message

As I sit writing this newsletter piece I can see 4 beautiful Porsches outside my window and a lot of very excited children and staff! Thank you to the local Porsche Garage for bringing the cars along and making it a very special day for everyone! The children had the opportunity to sit in the cars and feel the acceleration and I am sure many will come home with a request for a new family car! The building work is well on the way and I sincerely apologise for the unavoidable school closure due to the crane, we did do our utmost to get this in half term but unfortunately it was out of our control. The children are watching the building work with great interest. I must add that alongside the building work and visits from very nice cars outside, we are doing lots of exciting work inside school!

This term we welcomed Summer into 11US and Alexis into 6LS, both young ladies have settled into Chadsgrove and are a pleasure to have at our school. Next half term we will be welcoming Ryan into 7LS and also have many new children transitioning into school before the summer break. On Monday July 18th all our children will spend time in the classes that they will be in for September 2016. We will of course be letting families know the class groups before this day at Parents Evening, which will be held on Thursday July 7th 6.00-8.00pm.

We celebrated the school's 40th birthday, the opening of the new Lower School playground and our outstanding Ofsted on Tuesday 26th April which was a fabulous event enjoyed by all. Thank you for sending in items for the hampers to raffle and for supporting the day. It was wonderful to welcome previous Headteachers David Nicholas (1976 – 1990) and Richard Aust (1990 – 2009), we all enjoyed hearing stories from the past 40 years!

Thank you to all our families that helped with the school grounds tidy in April, the school looks amazing and we really appreciated all your hard work, we got a lot done in day!

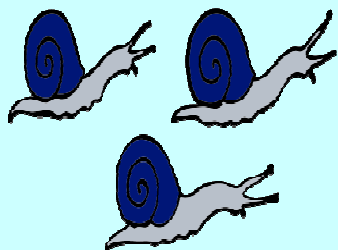
Once again, thank you all for your continued support to Chadsgrove, much of what we achieve is as a result of the excellent partnerships that we share with our families, the community and a great team of supporters.

Wishing you all a super half term!



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2LS Visit the Pond

2LS have been going down to the pond each week, as part of their environmental science lessons, to look for frogspawn. It has now hatched. They have also been fishing for water snails.



3LS In the New Playground

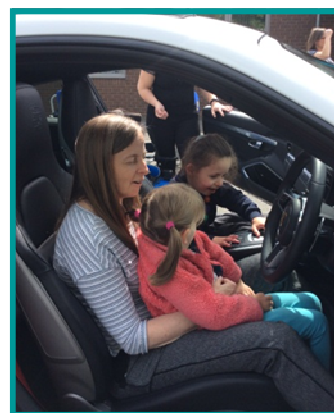
3LS have been enjoying lots of opportunities to use the new lower school playground. Our favourite things are definitely the swings and the sand!



PORSCHE

4LS Choose their Favourite Porsche

4LS really enjoyed choosing their favourite Porsche this week. They've all decided this is their preferred way of travelling to school...



5LS Enjoying the Visit from Porsche, Solihull

5LS had a great time when the Porsches came to visit. We loved sitting in them and went on lots of imaginary journeys. Mili drove to Australia.



6LS Visit Umberslade Farm Park

As part of our topic in Science about animals and their habitats, 6LS went on a trip to Umberslade Farm Park.

We enjoyed seeing lots of different farm animals

including pigs, cows, sheep and goats. Some children even helped to feed the hungry cows! In the afternoon we had the chance to pet small animals including rabbits, guinea pigs and rats. We loved taking the goats for a walk and sitting on the tractor. We also had the chance to play with the in-door egg splat cannons and had fun in the soft play area. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit!



7LS Celebrate

7LS have been doing lots of celebrating this half term!

We've been learning how they celebrate in Mexico and India, including songs, dances, food and party games! Our celebrations have culminated in a trip to Eat Central at Merry Hill, where we tried some traditional Mexican and Indian food.



8LS Hit the Stage

8LS have been enjoying their pirate topic and have read the story of Peter Pan. We have enjoyed it so much that we are going to put on a production to share with everyone in school at the end of the summer term. To get us started and to teach us all how to be actors we went to the MAC in Birmingham to participate in drama workshops and get us into the roles of the different characters. We had a brilliant time and enjoyed all the different team building games and activities.

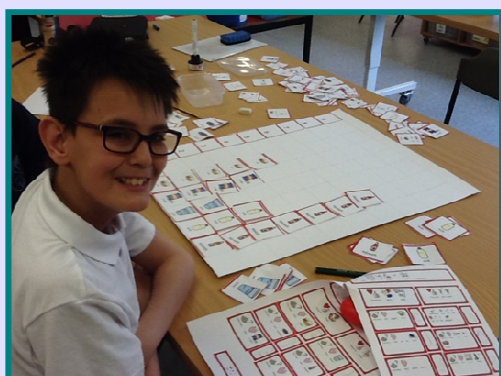


9US Get Busy

We have had great fun learning about materials and their properties. We designed and made our own boats to see if they floated and if they could carry cargo. We are pleased to report that all boats passed the test! Well done 9US!

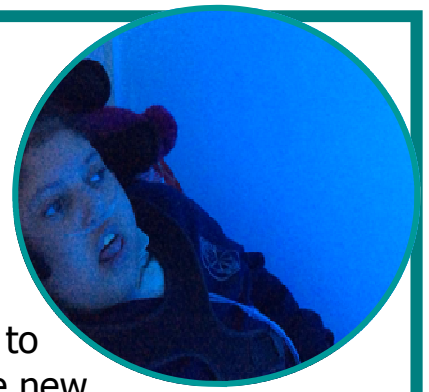


We have also been looking at handling data in Maths so we decided to plan a party. We have used the information gathered to create pictograms and we are pleased to see that cake is the favourite party food! Our theme this term is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory so we had to visit Cadbury World to see where chocolate comes from and how it is made. The melted chocolate pots went down a treat and we enjoyed the sensory experiences throughout the day.

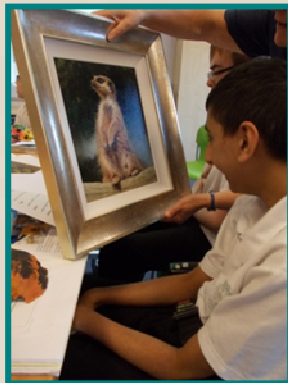


10US Enjoying the New Sensory Room

10US have been enjoying working with the brilliant new equipment in the newly refitted sensory room. The quality of the visual displays is fantastic and we have immediately seen improved responses to working with such high quality equipment. We are looking forward to developing all our skills, staff and pupils, when it comes to using and interacting with these new technologies.



11US Enjoy a Visit from International Wildlife Artist



Pupils in 11US enjoyed a special visit from Wildlife Artist Pip McGarry, who has an international reputation for his oil paintings of big cats and African game. The class were inspired by his work earlier this term and contacted him to share what they had been doing. Pupils and staff were delighted when he replied to their email and offered to pop into Chadsgrove to meet them all. Pip brought with him a wonderful painting of a meerkat and talked openly about his interesting career to date. He admired 11US' Art Books and enjoyed a tour around school. We really hope he will be able to visit us again soon!



Summer, a new pupil in 11US, was so inspired by Pip's work that at home she drew this fantastic sketch of a horse!

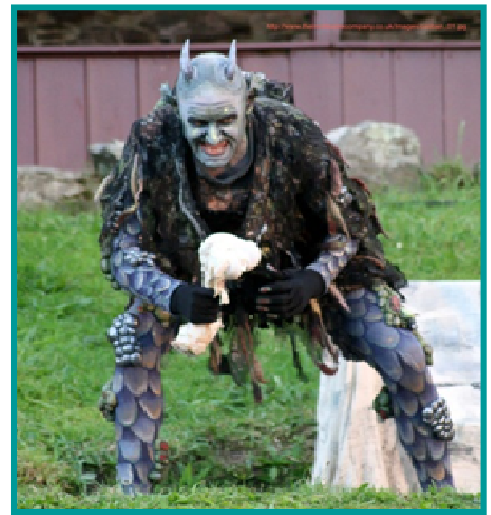
12US and 15US The Tempest

Grace Kempson reports that pupils from 12US and 15US have been rehearsing 'The Tempest' by William Shakespeare.

There have been some funny moments including...

Frazer playing the character of 'Caliban' - he was pulling a lot of funny faces.

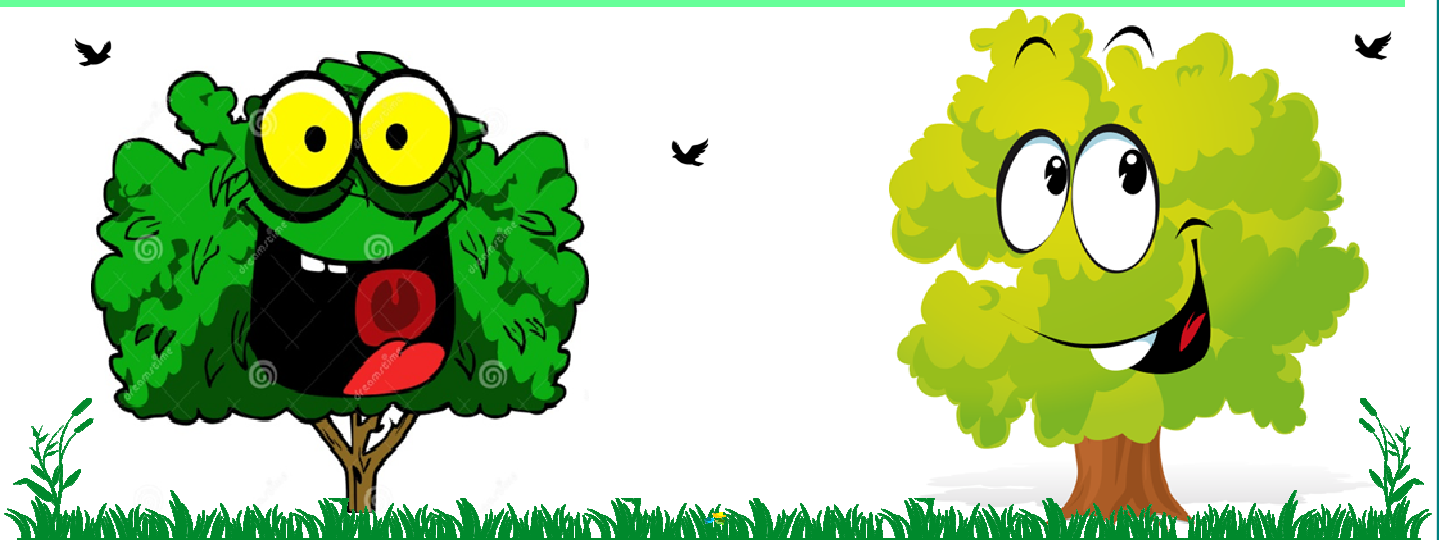
Grace said, "The rest of us couldn't contain ourselves behind the curtain; there was a lot of laughing and giggling".



Congratulations

Kacper, James and Jayson from 12US!

They all did a great job identifying 16 trees and shrubs as part of their course at 'Thrive' in Kings Heath.



13US in Food Technology

We have been working really hard in our food technology lessons. We have been following instructions and are starting to create a healthy menu to share with our families and friends in the summer.

We have been making all kinds of healthy foods like soup and pizza deciding different flavours and bases. We will then decide our favourite items.

14US Visit Willowbrook Garden Centre

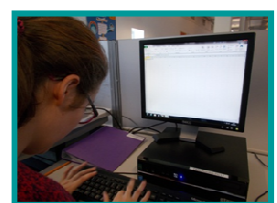
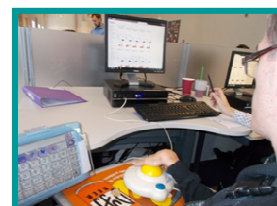
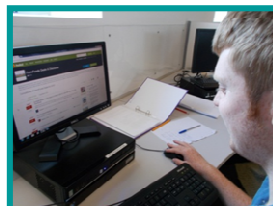


The pupils in 14US enjoyed choosing some plants for our beautiful garden area, which is outside of our classroom. However, I think that their favourite part of the trip to Willowbrook was having some snacks in the cafe after we had done our shopping!



Post 16 Students from 15US

The student groups have had a swap around of the two colleges Bournville and HoW. The new student group at Bournville will study cookery and life skills and HoW College students will be focusing on money management.



Tree Mural Project

This term the whole school have been taking part in designing and painting 'tree' murals on large boards. They have used brushes, sponges, printing, hands and feet to achieve some brilliant effects. There are 15 boards and here are just a few of them! The boards will be used as hoarding to decorate our school as the building work takes place.



Chadsgrove School Choir Performances – Dates for Your Diary!



Chadsgrove School Choir has had a very busy term so far, providing the entertainment at Chadsgrove's 40th Birthday celebrations and performing at the prestigious Voices and Visions Showcase in May. We are now rehearsing for three future concerts. They are all free and we would love to see you there:

Thursday 23rd June, 6.00pm – Chadsgrove Summer Concert, Catshill Christ Church

Saturday 2nd July – Alive with Music! Bromsgrove's High Street will come alive with the sound of music as local groups, bands, soloists, schools and choirs perform on the High Street in a range of musical styles. This will be an uplifting celebration of music and local talent (10.00am – 12.00pm), free for everyone to enjoy!

Chadsgrove School Choir will be singing at 12.00pm.

Friday 8th July, 1.00pm – Our annual Jubilee Bandstand performance at Sanders Park, Bromsgrove. Bring a picnic and something to sit on (and an umbrella in case of rain!)



Summer Concert

An evening of music with
Chadsgrove School Choir and Staff Choir

Thursday 23rd June 2016

6.00 pm

Catshill Christ Church

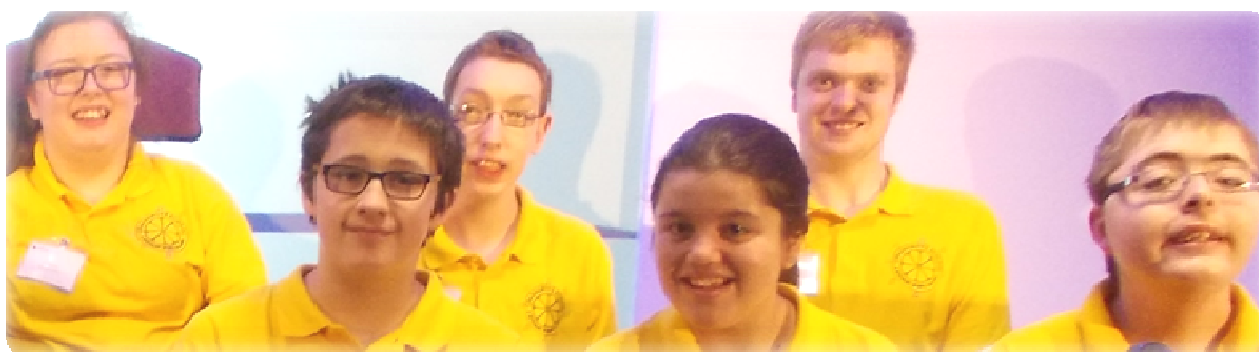
(Stourbridge Road, B61 9LH)

Refreshments available.

Donations on the door gratefully received

- all proceeds go to Catshill Christ Church.

Contact Steph Draper on 01527 871511
for more information





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SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Our updated Safeguarding Policy is on our website under the heading 'About Us' - 'Policies'.

Please note that as part of our policy we would hope to contact you if we have a concern regarding your child, however we may not contact you immediately depending on the level of concern and level of escalation. Please take time to read the full policy. Thank you.

Can Parents/Carers please send in a spare set of clothes for their children if considered necessary.

Thank you.



Dates for your Diary 2016

Friday 27th May	School Closes for students 3.30pm
Monday 6th June	INSET DAY School closed for students
Tuesday 7th June	School Closed due to Building Work
Wednesday 8th June	School Closed due to Building Work
Thursday 9th June	School should be open as normal 9am but please check the website
Monday 20th June	National School Sports week (Opening ceremony 2.45pm)
Tuesday 21st June	School Games Day for whole School
Wednesday 22nd June	Sports Day (Lower School)
Thursday 23rd June	Sports Day (Upper School)
Thursday 23rd June	Summer Concert Catshill Christ Church at 6.00pm
Thursday 7th July	Parents Evening 6.00-8.00pm
Friday 8th July	Choir at Jubilee Bandstand, Sanders Park 1.00pm
Monday 11th July to 15th July	Shakespeare Festival week
Monday 18th July	Transfer Day
Tuesday 19th July	Sports Awards Assembly 2.45pm
Thursday 21st July	Achievement Assembly
Friday 22nd July	School Closes for students 3.30pm
Thursday 1st September	INSET DAY School closed for students
Friday 2nd September	INSET DAY School closed for students
Monday 5th September	School Opens for students 9.00am