

Chadsgrove

Newsletter

February Half Term



Headteacher's Message

On Friday 2nd February, we organised a 'wear orange day' to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy. Even though many staff found it hard to find orange clothes in their wardrobes, we still managed to raise £711, so I think the children must have found it a bit easier! A big thank you to all who supported this event! We also held a quiz on the same day to raise money for 'Smiles', an organisation supporting the building of a school in Romania for children with Special Educational Needs. We raised £716 for the school building which is fabulous!

We are sorry that we are saying goodbye to three staff this term, Omar Salih, Callum Clarke and Tom Stevens. We shall miss them all and thank them for their contribution to Chadsgrove. We wish them well in the next steps in their careers!

This term we have welcomed Archie and Chloe into 2LS, and Ann Ryan has joined us at Chadsgrove as an Administrator. All are settling in well!

We desperately need your support to maintain our 19-25 provision, as it is becoming increasingly challenging to obtain a building off site for our young people as our numbers continue to grow. Please can you help us with our undertaking to obtain a building by contacting your MPs and Worcestershire County Council, expressing the intense need for this facility in Worcestershire.

I hope you all enjoy the half-term holiday and we shall look forward to welcoming the pupils back on Monday 26th February!



Deb Rattley

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Peace At Last in 2LS

Our topic this half term has been sound and light and we have enjoyed listening to all the different sounds in the story "Peace at Last".

We have had a go at making tick toc sounds with different instruments and experienced all having our own book so we can look at the pictures and attempt to turn the pages by ourselves.

Our story had lots of sensory resources for us to feel and communication aids so that we could join in with the sounds and repeated phrases.



3LS and 5LS Get Building

3LS and 5LS have been learning about different materials this term. They had a visit from some builders who showed the children how to build a wall!



4LS At the Ice Rink

At the beginning of the term, 4LS had a fun morning out at the ice rink. We wrapped up warm and had a great time skating around feeling the cold air whilst we listened and moved to the music. Everybody showed lots of enjoyment and demonstrated great anticipation when getting ready to go back on the ice after a little break in the nice warm waiting room.

6LS and Rob the Robot!

As part of our topic this term, "Rise of the Robots", 6LS pupils built and decorated their very own class robot. We constructed his body out of cardboard boxes and doweling rods. We then decorated him and created his panels and buttons by using foil, plastic bottle tops and pipe cleaners. Rob the Robot helps us in our lessons and we are enjoying creating stories and sentences about him in our Literacy work. We think that at night he comes to life and does robot jobs around school!



7LS Visit Planet Ice

On Tuesday 16th January, 7LS visited Solihull Ice Rink. All of the pupils had a fantastic time on the ice, experiencing the cold and the wind on their faces as they spun around as quick as lightning! They were also entranced by the lights reflecting off the ice, which fitted in perfectly with their termly topic of 'Light and Sound'!

Once back in school, they have been enjoying participating in a sensory story all about going ice skating; for many of the pupils their favourite part is tasting the delicious chocolate at the end of the story!



8LS Trip to Ackers

This term 8LS have been challenging themselves and facing their fears whilst visiting Ackers Adventure Centre. They have succeeded in many different activities such as abseiling, skiing and bell boating. The class have worked together to encourage each other to do each activity that has been set for them!



9US Get Busy Sculpting

This term in 9US, our class text has been 'The Jungle Book' and we have linked it to Samba rhythms in Music, The Amazon Rainforest in Geography, we sculpted and painted our own versions of Shere Khan in Art and studied the fiction of texts in English.



Young Voices 2018

Chadsgrove School Choir had a fantastic time on Tuesday 9th January singing at The Genting Arena (nec), Birmingham. There were over six and a half thousand children all singing together! It was very, very loud, especially when the lights

dimmed at the start of the concert and everyone started screaming! We all sang our hearts out; we were hoarse by the end with ringing ears. But it was well worth it! Well done to all pupils involved – you are excellent representatives of the school and always make us extremely proud.



10US Ice Skating

This term 10US have been out ice skating with the PE department. This is a great favourite with all the classes. 10US had a great visit and we know this as we saw lots of smiles, laughs and requests for more.




**primrose
hospice**
centre of care
**Charity Carol
Singing**



On the last Friday of the Autumn term, Chads Grove's Staff Choir (with friends from SBHS) braved the cold and somewhat isolated streets of Bromsgrove to sing carols whilst collecting money for charity. We ended up in the Golden Cross pub, where it was much warmer, and entertained the public who thought they were there for a quiet Friday teatime drink! People were generous and we were grateful to receive a total of £95.50 that has gone to our charity of choice this year – Primrose Hospice.

11US Ludo Visits

Pupils in 11US were fortunate to have a visit from Tom Kitson's assistance dog, Ludo. Ludo was trained by the charity Dogs for Good, and helps Tom at home.

He is good at helping and likes the treats he gets as a thank you. Tom instructed Ludo to show us how he takes Tom's socks off! Ludo is a very friendly and clever dog, and we'd love to see him again in the future.



LIFE CHANGING DEVOTION



12US Get Competitive

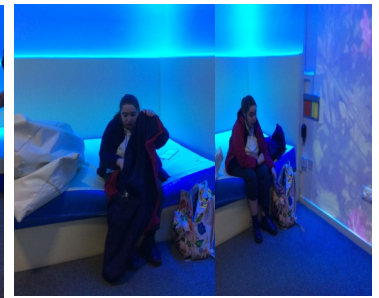
12US had a great day out with pupils from Post 16 at the Boccia competition at Blessed Edwards in Worcester. The competition was very serious with our pupils up against teams from Regency and Blessed Edwards. Many pupils have spent their own time training with Mrs Taylor at lunchtimes. Since returning after Christmas, pupils have been trying to hit their own targets to go round the track as much as possible. All pupils have done well but some have reached the 50 plus stage.



Most of the annual reviews have now taken place so pupils will be using tutor time to try to meet their personal targets and goals. In March there will be the 'Life Beyond School' event held at Chadsgrove. Please look out for the invitation and hopefully we will see you there.

13US Sensory Room Learning

13US have been exploring different clothes for different weathers. When the weather changes in the sensory room they tuck into their clothes bag and find the best items for that weather. When the lights turned blue and the sound of the thunder storm started they all put on their coats. Billy, Connor, Amie, Oliver and Cayla all did this with no help. Well done 13US, we just need to zip them up now!



14US Explore the Local Community

14US have been very busy visiting places in their local community. Each week pupils take turns to use the local bus to Bromsgrove and have been enjoying the sights, sounds and meeting people on their journey.

We all had lots of fun on the ice at Solihull Ice Rink and even had a go at dancing on ice!

14US have also transitioned really well to a new facility for 'Keep on Moving' each week.

It has been a positive experience and the pupils are continuing to develop life and social skills at the new Bromsgrove Leisure Centre.



15US and SCHOOL PROM 2018

The date for this year's School Prom has been set and will take place on Friday 6th July 2018. The venue will be Bromsgrove Rugby Club and 15US have chosen an 80's style theme.

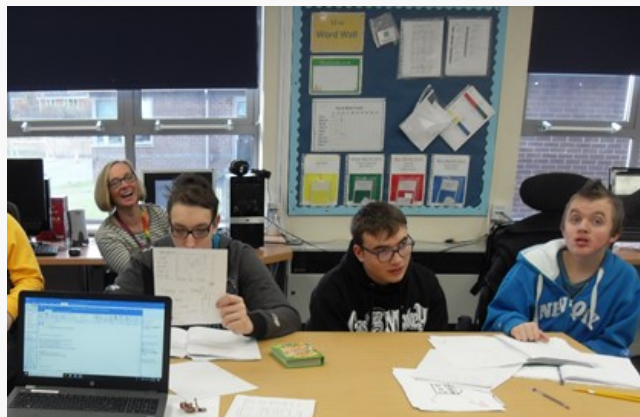
15US have started early on preparations for their prom as next term will be taken up with an Easter Enterprise.

There is a lot to organise for the prom and the pupils, working in groups, have been involved in arranging the playlist, booking the DJ, designing the tables, booking the caterer and creating an 80's style buffet list, designing posters and invitations and making decorations. Pupils had a day out shopping for all things 80's in Redditch Town Centre recently where they showed off there fantastic independent skills and money management, pupils also have the opportunity to demonstrate (outside of the school environment) the lessons they have learned about safety in the community.

We are on track for a fabulous evening designed and put together by 15US.



Researching the 80's



Researching 80's pop groups



Designing the poster



Putting together the play list for the DJ



Buying props

Open Orchestras

Nine chosen pupils are making fantastic progress with our Open Orchestras project. Starting in September, the pupils learnt to use special software called 'Clarion' and to explore a range of independent instrumental skills through classical music.

They are now working on their parts in small groups and after Easter will be rehearsing weekly as a full ensemble. The Clarion can be accessed on the iPad, touchscreen, Eyegaze and using a head-tracker. The ensemble members' efforts so far have been hugely successful and so much progress has been made – they can't wait to share their work with a wider audience in the Summer term.



BBC School Report

As part of 'Options' 7 pupils have chosen to work on BBC School Report 2018. BBC School Report gives young people in the UK the chance to make their own news reports for a real audience. On March 15th we will take part in the annual News Day, simultaneously creating video, audio and text-based news reports, and publishing them on the school website, which will link onto the BBC site.

So far, we have filmed 'Children in Need' day, 19-25 Market stall in Bromsgrove and learnt how to film on an iPad. As part of the School Report project, the BBC have given us a mentor, who works at the BBC in Norton and comes in to help us with filming and interviewing techniques.





Just some of our Art Work!
A selection of some of our projects this term.
7LS built a musical, interactive castle, 6LS
worked in pairs to construct robots, 13US
have been researching India and interacted
with Mehndi hand painting and 9US have
been studying the jungle and have recreated
Henri Rousseau's tiger
using their clay skills.



11US have been practicing and
developing their skills with clay.
They researched the magnificent flower
paintings of Georgia O'Keeffe and then
created their own designs. They developed
the 2 dimensional images into 3 dimensions
really well using their hands for molding and
the clay tools for fixing and finer detail.
The paint is acrylic and had to be applied
with great care and attention using a
thin paint brush.



Chadsgrove School are going to be part of the City of Worcester's biggest ever, mass participation, public art event!

Wild in Art is working with St Richard's Hospice to show towers of stunning giraffes and their calves across the city during the Summer of 2018.

Artists, businesses, community groups and young people will show off their extraordinary creativity.

Our calf will arrive at school in March, be transformed into an original work of art and then be exhibited in the Crowngate Shopping Centre from 9th July until 16th September 2018. There will be a 'Worcester Stands Tall' art trail in and around the city centre, a free public event so everyone can go along and enjoy the exhibition!

We are so excited to be part of this and will keep you up to date with our progress....



SCHOLASTIC

Come to our
BOOK FAIR

The best NEW books at pocket-money prices!

and earn FREE BOOKS for our school!

Books featured: The Ugly Five, I Love Kittens, Lightning Girl, Alex Rider, Epic, Bad Dad.

Our Book Fair is open from Wednesday 21st March - Wednesday 28th March

KIDS GO FREE! See your Book Fair leaflet for two FREE Child Vouchers to a choice of three top attractions: LEGOLAND, LEGOLAND SEA LIFE.

WIN AN NINTENDO SWITCH, A HUGE BOOK BUNDLE AND MORE!

Book Fair - coming soon!

It's that time of year again folks!

This year our Book Fair will arrive on

Wednesday 21st March

and will be collected on

Wednesday 28th March.

Last year we spent over £500 on

books at the Fair,

raising over £200 in commission for the school to spend on

new books. Let's see if we can sur-

pass that total this year!

Thanks for your continued

support! **Mr G Brown**



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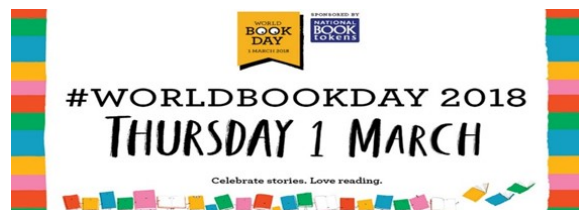
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World Book Day –

Thursday 1st March 2018

For World Book Day 2018 we have created an inclusive “Reading Rocketeer” competition, which is running for the 4 weeks up until World Book Day on the 1st March.

Each class has been given a Rocket on a display board in the centre of school for everyone to see, the class teacher then nominates a “Reading Rocketeer” of the week, the pupil has their photo put on the astronaut on the rocket and is given a certificate of their achievement in the school assembly. At the end of the competition, the pupil that has gone beyond expectations will win a £20 Gift token to purchase books. We have tailor made the competition to fit in with our pupils capabilities and needs, the pupils are nominated by their teacher for anything from taking notice of a story being read to them, engaging in a sensory story, reading a reading book, writing a piece of work or even reading the lunch menu.



Don't forget that on World Book Day - Thursday 1st March 2018 – pupils can dress up as their favourite book character.

| Dates for your Diary 2018 | |
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| Friday 16th February | School Closes for students 3.30pm |
| Monday 26th February | School Opens for students 9.00am |
| Thursday 1st March | World Book Day |
| Wednesday 21st March to Wednesday 28th March | Book Fair |
| Wednesday 28th March | School Closes for students 3.30pm |
| Thursday 29th March | INSET DAY School closed to students |
| Wednesday 4th April to Friday 6th April | Easter Playscheme |
| Monday 16th April | School Opens for students 9.00am |
| Friday 4th May | School Closes for students 3.30pm |
| Monday 7th May | School closed—May Day |
| Tuesday 8th May | School Opens for students 9.00am |
| Thursday 24th May | School Closes for students 3.30pm |
| Friday 25th May | INSET DAY School closed to students |
| Monday 4th June | School Opens for students 9.00am |