

Chadsgrove Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

Easter time is here and it's time for a holiday!

We have had some fabulous activities this term, which the pandemic has not spoiled! We have had the opening of our 'Tiny Forest' and planted over 600 trees in our grounds on a plot of land the size of a tennis court! We have had much help with this and would like to thank Severn Trent, Bromsgrove School and Highways England for doing an amazing job to make this possible, including clearing all the land for the children to be able to easily access the area. We had some special guests planting trees alongside the children - Councillor Shirley Webb, PC Stone, Jo Slade from The Court Leet, our Chair of Governors Lorraine Petersen, and Neil Oldham Headteacher from Highfurlong School in Liverpool. I hope they are all going to come back to help water them!

We also celebrated the culmination of one of our Arts Projects by Sally Harper from Meadow Arts with an Arts Trail. The children all enjoyed the Book Fayre coming to Chadsgrove a couple of weeks ago too, thank you for all the purchases, which in turn help us buy more books for school!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff in the College who have worked exceptionally hard over the last 3 years to get the College recognised positively by Ofsted. We had our inspection in mid-March and the staff are rightly proud of their efforts. We will be able to share more when the report is published shortly!

This term we are saying goodbye to one of our brilliant Teachers, Becky McCann. Becky is moving to Bedford with her family. We have all really valued Becky's contribution to Chadsgrove and we are very sorry indeed to see her go, but wish her all the very best with her new job! Good Luck Becky! We are also celebrating a new job for Sharon Angelo, who has got a job near her home where she will be able to walk to work! We thank Sharon for all she has given to Chadsgrove and wish her all the very best, and hope she settles in soon!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Severn Trent who gave every child an Easter Egg last Thursday at the Tiny Forest Planting Day. Sidemoor and Bromsgrove Women's Institute have also kindly donated some Easter Eggs for the children, thank you all for your generosity! I am sure all of those eggs are going to be thoroughly enjoyed!

Again, this year our Easter celebrations have been remote! We have had both an Achievement Assembly and an Easter Assembly. There will be some fabulous certificates on their way home this week!

If you need an activity for the holidays then please get planting, as we are holding our annual plant sale in June and would welcome any cuttings, plants or garden produce to sell. This event is always a great one to get the children involved with, whether that be planting or selling!

Thank you as always for your kindness and support this term and I hope that we are able to see you in school before the year is out.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday, and have time to rest and celebrate!

Deb Rattley



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2LS are really excited, our owl 'Hooty' is going to Worcester Cathedral!

As part of our 'Wellbeing Day' we had a challenge to plan, design and construct a piece of art out of recycled materials. The focus was Teamwork and the whole class worked together to construct this wonderful owl. The Art Exhibition will take place during May at Worcester Cathedral if you would like to visit him.



We visited Dudley Canal Boat Trust this week to celebrate the end of our topic all about Water. It was very exciting to go through the tunnels and we even watched a light show.



We were also lucky enough to have a visit from the local Police, who talked to us all about their jobs and what they do to keep us safe. They even let us have a go in their Police Car!

4LS

We have been busy working hard in our Thinking Skills activities this term for our topic 'Having Fun'!

We've particularly enjoyed our Messy Food Play sessions, where we have been activating switches to blend our foods. Alfonzo really enjoyed the sound of the blender and it made him giggle each time he pressed the switch to hear it!

In our Space Story, we've been blasting off to the moon and exploring different space themed objects there and communicating our preferences. Caesee liked the sound of the space paper rustling, whilst Ajmal liked the vibrations from the rocket! We all liked peeking out of the space 'window' to look our adults who had turned a funny colour!

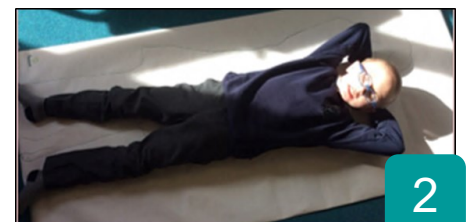


5LS



5LS really enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and decorating our door. We practised telling our Three Little Pigs story during the day using switches and symbols, then filmed it the next week for our assembly! We also enjoyed science week. We soaked cotton wool in water then put a piece in each finger of a clear glove to make a 'handy' greenhouse for our seeds to grow in. We have grown some beans! The class predicted the seeds would take a long time to grow big.

In Maths we have been learning about big and small and have given teddy bears the right sized food, drawn around each other and measured each other with blocks.

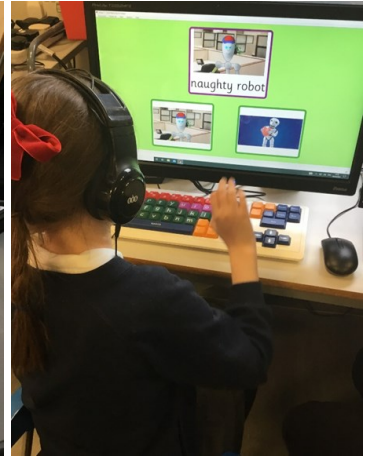
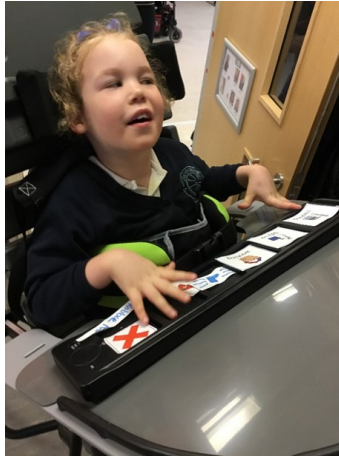




6LS enjoyed dressing up on World Book Day.
We discussed our favourite stories and shared them with our friends.
These are some of our favourite characters.



We have been reading
and sharing the story
"Robot Stop!" in English.
We loved role
playing the story and
dressing up. We took
turns to be our
favourite character whilst
our friends asked us
questions.



7LS enjoyed our Wellbeing Day, focussing on Teamwork and Design and Technology.
We worked together to create a 'junk model' of Ronnie the Robot; we chose which items to use
to make the body of the robot and we had some fun getting messy with paints to decorate him.
We hope you like our finished creation!



8LS This half term we have participated in festivals and special events as well as completing



Jayden enjoyed mixing the food colouring into fudge for our recipe in Food Technology. Our focus for the lesson was Holi Festival



Ethan concentrated hard to match his 2D shapes



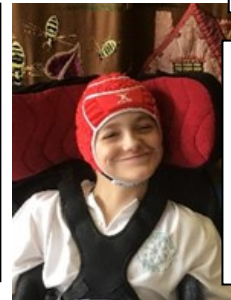
Caitlyn enjoyed using a walkie talkie to communicate with a friend outside the classroom



Mona and Daniel enjoyed painting their hands to make a rainbow display in the class as part of "Holi" and designing a T shirt



The class read Giraffe, Pelly and Me and designed their own sweet shop door on World Book Day



Nathan has enjoyed having his photo taken as part of his ICT work



Leo enjoyed the nose and spoon race for Red Nose Day



Finnan enjoyed creating a sun catcher using blue and yellow glass

Thea really enjoyed humanities learning about Sir Robert Peel and role playing being a police officer

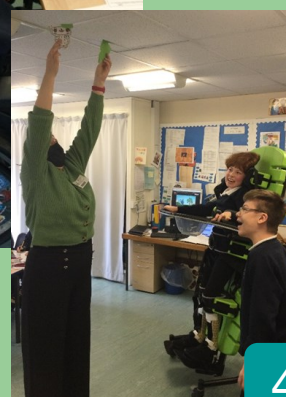
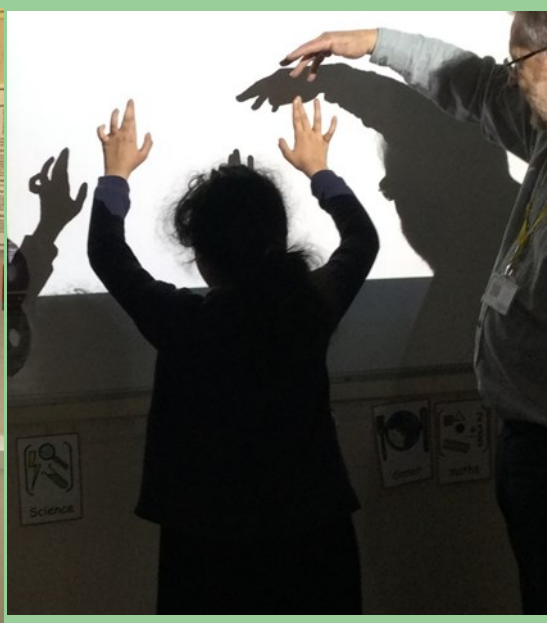


Well done 8LS, you have been very motivated to work this half term

9US

9US have enjoyed exploring Space. We have got really involved in their science topic of Space this term. They have enjoyed exploring shadows and learning about night and day. They loved carrying out an investigation with spinners, and learning about gravity and they have even written their own class book about the Solar System.

Well done 9US for being super Scientists!



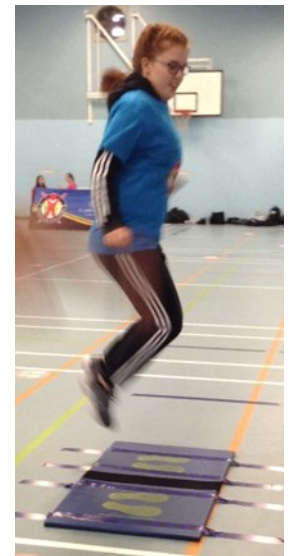
10US have enjoyed engaging with activities linked to celebrations and festivals. For Chinese New Year, we enjoyed listening to music and discovering different dances, such as the Dragon Dance and the Fan Dance. We explored the texture of noodles and some of us tasted them too! We made our own Fans and Lanterns. We enjoyed exploring the paint to add decoration to our lanterns, some of us added glitter! It is lovely seeing them displayed in our classroom.



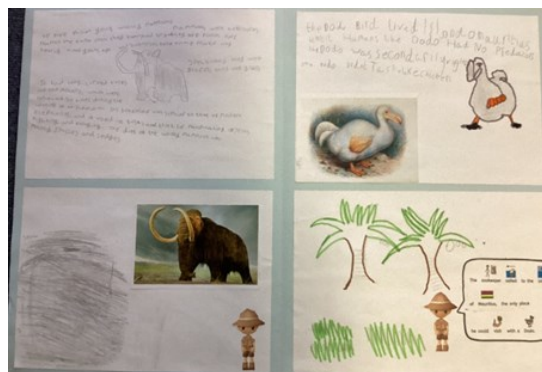
To celebrate the festival of Holi, we made some colourful traditional Indian sweets, which are called Peda in India, (Milk Fudge). We had to use different skills such as stirring, mixing, patting...it was great fun! And they tasted yummy too!



11US had a great time taking part in the Panathlon at the Ryland Centre in Bromsgrove. Everyone did their best and they were proud of their accomplishment, coming 3rd in the event.



We explored animals through time for our communication Wellbeing Day, and learnt the signs for each one.



This term, we have been exploring space in our Science lessons and after making papier-mâché planets, performed an experiment with water and effervescent tablets to make rockets that went higher than the roof.

They also reacted to vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to produce colourful foam planets.

12US *What have 12US been up to?*

12US have had an exciting term. Firstly, we enjoyed a visit from two local police officers, PC Stone and PC Simpson. They spoke with us about what their job entails and how they help keep people safe. Pupils particularly enjoyed seeing the police car and somebody in 12US even set the sirens off!



Secondly, pupils have been enjoying lots of cooking and baking as part of their OCR Life & Living Skills food technology lessons. Pupils have been taking turns to make each other's chosen recipes including pizza, macaroni cheese and butterfly fairy cakes.



Lastly, we would like to showcase our amazing, recycled wheelchair. As part of our Arts and Crafts curriculum day, pupils used recycled materials to make a wheelchair. They then decorated the wheelchair with positive affirmations. We had a fun day!



13US

13US had a fantastic time visiting Queen Alexandra College, Harborne. We were greeted by Lottie and given a very informative and fun tour of the college. We were even given a free lunch!

The pupils loved practising crossing the road on Independence Street and met Sparky the dog who was sleeping in the gym. The pupils asked lots of questions and Brooke and Muneeb said 'hello' to every student and member of staff they met. Several pupils were keen to attend QAC after they leave Chadsgrove.





14US have had a very busy half term! We had World Book Day where we decorated our door in the theme of Harry Potter which was our topic last term.



We also had two very important people come to visit. PC Stone and PC Simpson came into school to show us their amazing car!

15US Work related learning

The pupils in the work skills and work related learning group have had a really productive term. They have completed an OCR Life and Living skills unit– following a simple recipe. Pupils have practised skills of choosing a recipe to cook, ordering and finding out the cost of ingredients, using independence to find the ingredients and equipment in the kitchen area and using their reading skills to read and follow the recipe. The pupils have also worked on the importance of keeping a kitchen clean and hazards when cooking.



15US Young Enterprise

A part of the Young Enterprise scheme the pupils have created their own business logo, used money skills to purchase items to sell, used teamwork skills to work together to produce beautiful Easter baskets, that will be sold and all profits will go back to the pupils as wages!



Book Week Author Visit Cliff Faulder - 'Africa's New Coat'

As part of our **Book Week** celebrations, 11US and a some other lucky selected pupils from Upper School enjoyed a visit from published author, **Cliff Faulder**.

Cliff entertained, engaged and enthralled our pupils with a wonderful reading of his book, 'Africa's New Coat', as well as answered questions about the book and about his career as an author, and he even delivered a rather impressive rap!

AFRICA'S NEW COAT



Written By
Clifford Faulder
Illustrated By
Gaurav Bahtnagar

Africa's New Coat:

"Is there anything more magical than a new coat? Especially a new one that is passed down from your ancestors through generations. *Africa's New Coat* is a story about Africa, the child, and Africa the continent, woven together as one, in an enticing, thoughtful story that engages young minds about the power of love, conflict and how to have brave conversations."

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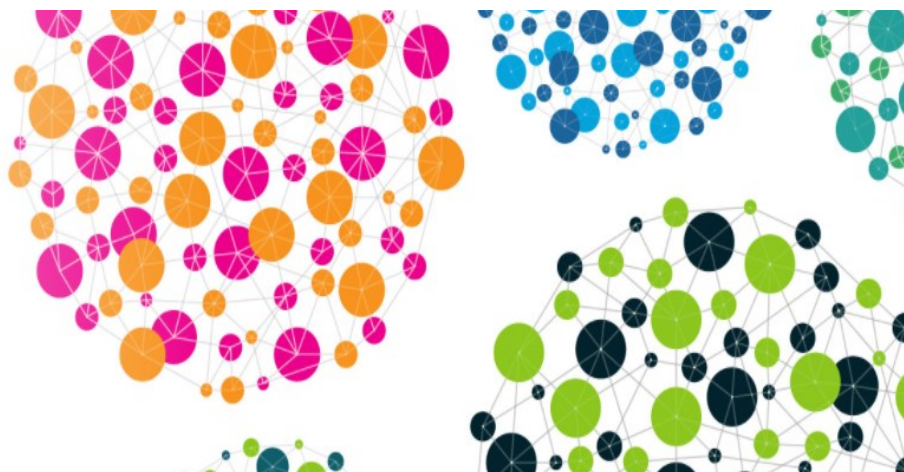


I would like to say a big **'THANK YOU'** to everyone who supported our recent **TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR**. I hope you have all enjoyed your new books. We sold over **£320.00** worth of books. This earned the school nearly **£100.00** worth of commission to spend on books from the Scholastic catalogue. Mr G Brown

Over this last financial year, we have purchased loads of exciting new books to support our curriculum. Here are just a few...



11-20 March
**British
Science
Week
2022**



British Science Week at Chadsgrove

Classes across school have loved getting involved in science week.

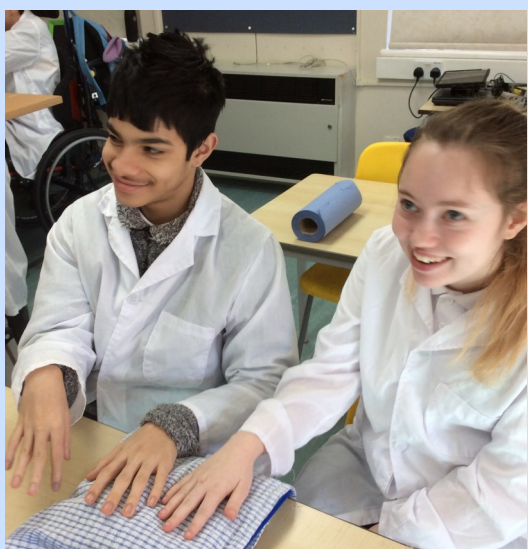
Pupils have been involved in a wide range of activities including; writing in invisible ink, making fizzing planets, creating acid and alkali reactions, finding out what plants need to grow, making ice cream, exploring the 5 senses and a trip to the planetarium.

A huge congratulations to everyone who got involved.

We will be compiling a virtual science fayre to share pupils investigations.

Finally a big thank you to everyone who supported our science gadget shop.

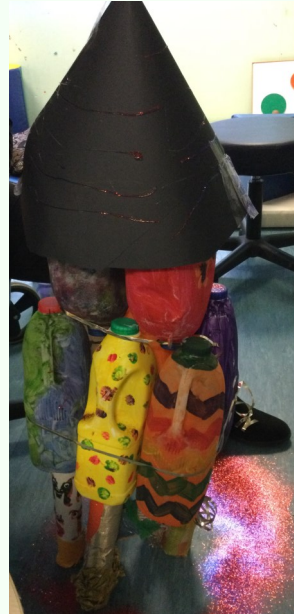
We still have some stock so it's not too late to return an order form, otherwise watch this space for another gadget shop in future!



Wellbeing Day : Eco Construction Challenge

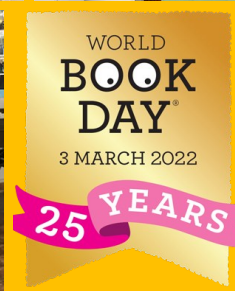
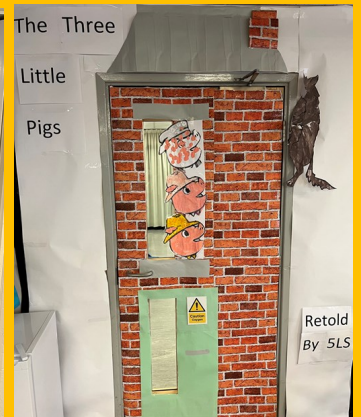
On Tuesday 15th February 2022 we hosted a Wellbeing/Positive Mental Health Day. Being creative is fantastic for wellbeing and so the day also had a 'Design and Technology' curriculum focus and we set a Construction Project Challenge with an Eco/Recycling theme. The School Value focused on for this day was 'Teamwork'.

Overall, the day was a real success. The finished sculpture pieces were awesome; such creativity, clever ideas and attention to details. Each class had interpreted the brief in a different way and the range of ideas was just brilliant. We decided that all classes should bring their projects to the hall so that we could set up a 'pop-up' gallery for the rest of the week.



World Book Day /Literacy Curriculum Day

We celebrated **World Book Day** on Thursday 3rd March 2022 by organising a **Literacy Curriculum Day**. Some people dressed up as their favourite children's book character to celebrate. Some classes have decorated their classroom door as a book cover. Classes enjoyed sharing their favourite stories, including some sessions with other local Special Schools: Rigby hall and Pitcheroak. Pupils from 11, 12 and 15US also enjoyed a 'Loudspeaker' workshop to develop their confidence with speaking in public.





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Dates for your Diary 2022

Wednesday 6th April	School closes for students (3.30pm)
Thursday 7th April	INSET Day school closed to students
Friday 8th April	INSET Day school closed to students
Monday 25th April	School opens for students (9.00am)
Friday 29th April	School closes for students (3.30pm)
Monday 2nd May	School closed—May Day
Tuesday 3rd May	School opens for students (9.00am)
Thursday 12th May	School Photographs
Friday 27th May	School closes for students (3.30pm)
Monday 6th June	School opens for students (9.00am)
Thursday 23rd June	School closes for students (3.30pm)
Friday 24th June	INSET Day School closed to students
Monday 27th June	School opens for students (9.00am)
Thursday 7th July	Parents Evening (5pm—7pm)
Thursday 21st July	School closes for students (3.30pm)



**SCHOOL
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