

Chadsgrove Newsletter

Headteacher's Message

Well it really is May half term, however, the weather at the time of writing this newsletter would suggest otherwise!

Thankfully, school is gradually returning to some sort of normality, which is very much welcomed. We continue to keep the footfall as low as possible and there will be very limited shared off site/on site activities this term. I hope that in September our normal timetable can resume – we are certainly planning for this to happen.

We have planned three internal transition days for the second half of the summer term; these will be on 7th, 8th and 9th July. Children on this day will spend time in their new classes for September. You will be advised about classes at Parents' Evening, which will take place remotely on Thursday 1st July, this will also be a chance to discuss your child's school report. Your child's Class Teacher will also be offering a Zoom session for you to meet them and the team at some point in July after Parents' Evening. Our leavers normally go out for the day, however, this year they will remain on site for safety purposes.

This term we have appointed a new Teacher for September Jemma Watkiss. Jemma will predominantly be teaching Maths and ICT in Upper School. We are looking forward to welcoming Jemma to our Chadsgrove family. 11US and the Head Boy, Head Girl and their Deputies contributed significantly to the interview process, we were very proud of them!

We are hosting a 'Plant and Produce Extravaganza' the week beginning 28th of June for the week. The funds are going to support the purchase of a wheelchair-friendly polytunnel and to extend the space at the back of school for Forest School. If you have anything that you might like to donate we would be most grateful – anything gardening(!) would be fantastic! If these could be delivered from Friday 25th June that would be wonderful! The children are already planting up trays of seedlings and doing a fabulous job, learning lots along the way!

Thank you again for your support to foster the smooth running of our school, this is always much appreciated.

I hope you all have a good half term holiday and can enjoy going out and about a little bit more as restrictions ease.

Deb Rattley



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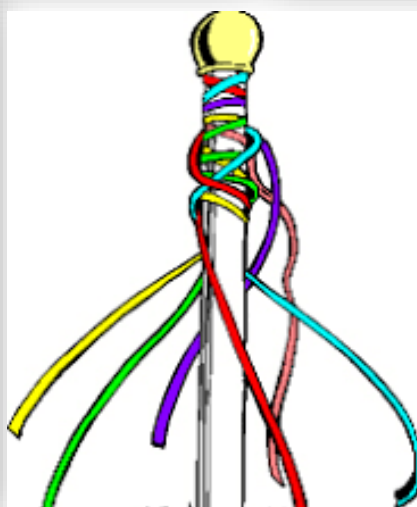
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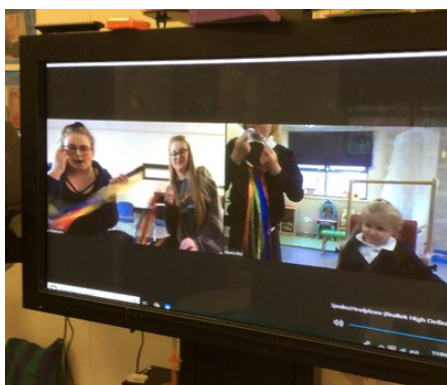
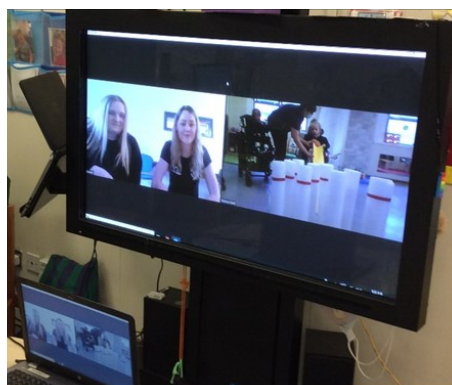
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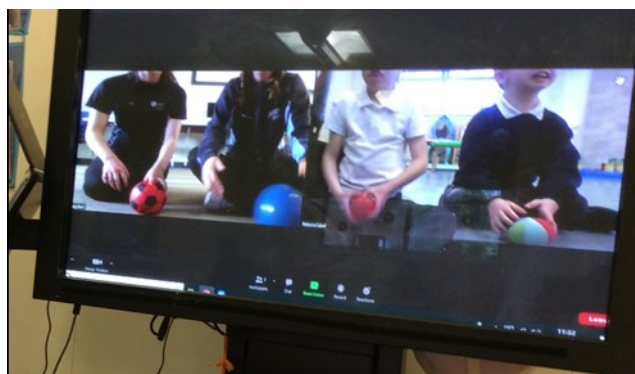
Chadsgrove School Values
Welcoming Teamwork Friendship Trust Independence Fun



2LS have been learning how to maypole dance this term as part of our colour topic. They have learnt the signs of the colours, focusing on taking turns and working together as part of a group.



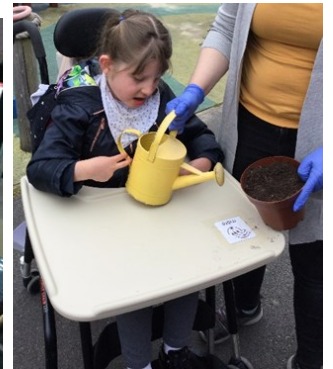
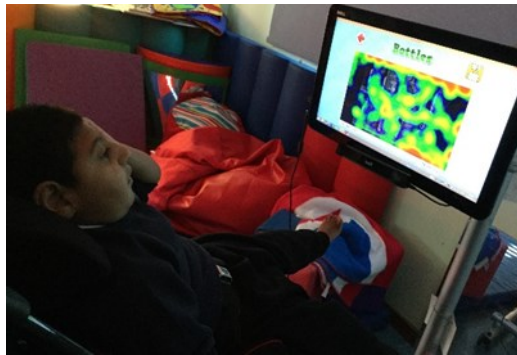
3LS have taken part in virtual PE lessons with students from Worcester University. Activities included dancing, ball skills and bowling. We have really enjoyed having 'virtual visitors' and did really well following instructions and taking turns.



4LS

4LS have been busy planting and growing plants for the 'Chadsgrove Plant and Produce Extravaganza' in June. Alexander loved exploring the sound that the pot made when he tapped it, and Thea and Caesee enjoyed watering the seeds using the watering can. We have all really enjoyed watering the seeds each day and can't wait to watch them grow!

We've also really enjoyed using the Eyegaze computer to practise our Thinking Skills targets. Caesee definitely enjoys popping the bubbles using her eyes!



5LS



This term 5LS have been getting to know the different parts of trees in Science. We even adopted our own tree!

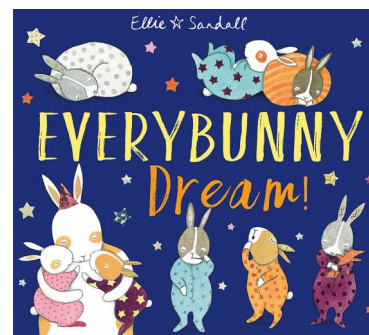


We all enjoy music and loved the CBSO's Peter Pan concert.



We've got really good at getting stuck in to messy play and creative activities.

We have worked on our communication skills through group work and acting out stories.

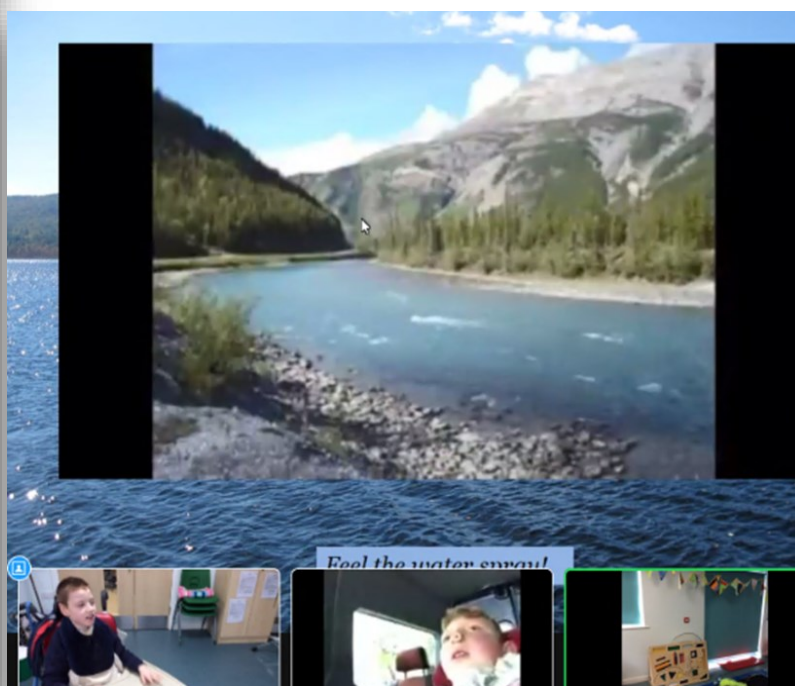


6LS have been reading 'Every Bunny Dream'. They are very excited to meet the author of the book Ellie Sandall. They absolutely love this story and all of the pictures inside.



7LS have been enjoying some fun activities linked to our class topic of 'The Great Outdoors'.

Mitchell and Areez enjoyed some arts and crafts, getting messy with painting! And Aiden is pictured enjoying our Zoom lesson with Jack; this week he joined in our sensory story whilst out and about in the car!





8LS have had a fabulous start to the Summer Term! We have been turning our backs on this miserable weather and jetting off to sunny Greece! We all had our own boarding passes and pretended our classroom was an aeroplane (we didn't even have to quarantine!) Once we were there, we visited a beautiful Greek market. We tried lots of delicious Greek foods like Stifado, Olives, Pitta bread and Greek yogurt and honey...mmmmmmmm! And in other news.... SOFT PLAY IS OPEN! We have LOVED the opportunity to play again in one of our favourite rooms in the school.



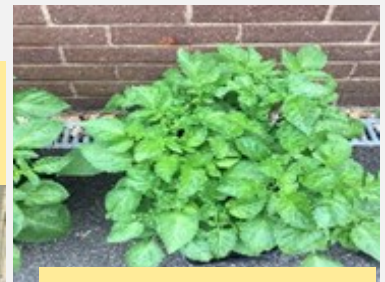
9US Class Positivity

This half term we have focussed on supporting the class to benefit from re-engaging with learning.

Finley enjoyed using our new outdoor equipment



Jasmine enjoyed spending her birthday in class



9US potatoes should be on track will be ready to flower soon

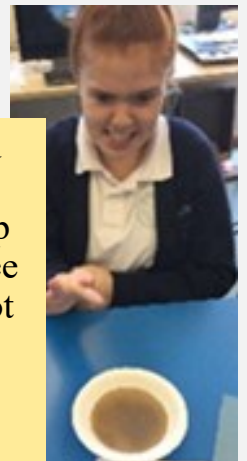


Morgan enjoyed writing his own name

Joshua loved making a star and moon mobile to celebrate Eid



Mollie enjoyed experimenting with water, soap and pepper to see the effects of not completing personal hygiene tasks



Finley was pleased to have the opportunity to test out the Calamity kites we made in Science on a windy day

James is very pleased that his sunflower has started growing

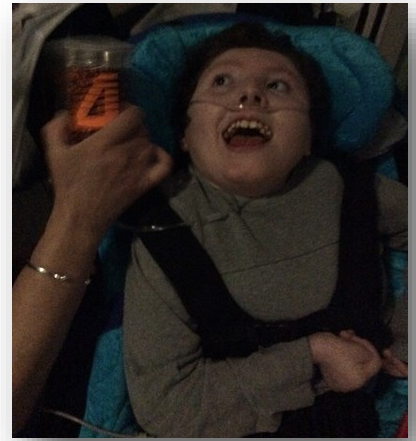
Frozen Light Theatre

"The year is 2085, and the story is read by Frozen Light's Archivist-Rebel in Residence, and she speaks to 10US from the depths of the future. Her job is to record and remember and she wants to share with us what life was like back in 2065.

She guided us on our journey through a Multi-Sensory Movie." We had a sensory Rebel Pack to experience along with their Movie.

10US had the opportunity to experience the smells, tastes and textures of their world.

Charlie really enjoyed the can of beans – he loved the noise they made as they were shook quickly up and down! In the Rebel Pack we had a Fan & Torch, and we shone the torch through the fan to see how light changes what you experience! We had a Flower & Book, we explored what they smelt like, and if, when you waft them, the smell travelled around us? As we flipped the pages of the book we could feel the breeze – It was great fun!!



11US Sensory Garden Update

Pupils in 11US are continuing to work hard to make our Sensory Garden amazing! It is an area for everyone to access the benefits of being outdoors; from sensory plants that pupils can touch, taste and smell as well as planters where pupils are able to grow plants from seeds and watch them flourish and grow. 11US have been busy tidying, sweeping, weeding, planting and watering, under the direction of TA Justyna, who is determined to make the garden a really special place to be. We have received some donations, and will be buying a solar-powered water feature for all to enjoy. We now have a beautiful rockery area, some brightly painted raised beds and wooden decorations, and different classes are set to look after different parts of the garden. We also have a watering rota but the terrible weather recently has given us a rest from this job! The next step is to replace the bridge, which is kindly being done by a pupil's Uncle. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please see staff in 11US.



Pupils have been getting green-fingered, ready for the “Chadsgrove Plant and Produce Extravaganza”. James’ Thrive qualification came in very handy. He did a brilliant job of leading the class and teaching everyone how to sew tomato and pepper seeds.

As things got a bit messy in class, with all the compost, we had to tidy up. Yes, you are not mistaken, that is a photograph of Will doing the hoovering!



12US really enjoyed being part of the exciting “Worcester Big Parade” project. They helped design and paint the elephant calf model and all pupils put their own stamp on it. We can’t wait to see it on display in Worcester soon.

13US have been busy planting things! Anything really. They planted daffodil, crocus and

tulip bulbs that have flowered this spring. They planted sunflower seeds, various flowers and vegetables for the plant sale in June. Most recently they planted courgettes, runner beans and carrots. They are definitely a green fingered lot.



We have been keeping ourselves fit using the new outdoor gym equipment. There are machines for everyone and we are trying to build up our arm and leg strength as well as our muscular endurance.



14US enjoyed the CBSO's relaxed performance of Peter Pan from the comfort of our own classroom. We would like to say a big thank you to our musical friends for a wonderful experience. Jimmy, Mason and Timothy enjoyed dancing to the pirate music while Megan made friends with Captain Hook! Fern and Jessica enjoyed the visit to 'Mermaid Lagoon' and Holly wanted to be Wendy, singing beautifully to the chorus of we can fly!

**Chadsgrove
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Come
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Support
us...**

...to help raise funds to purchase a wheelchair-friendly poly tunnel and to extend our outdoor space and Forest School area.

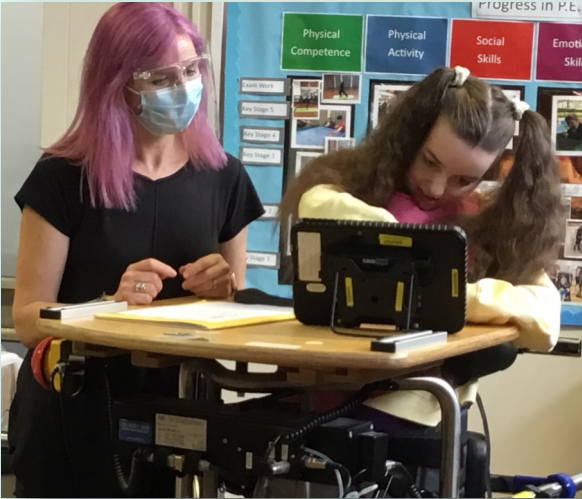
28th June – 2nd July



You will be able to purchase home grown plants, fruits and vegetables donated from our community or lovingly grown by Chadsgrove pupils.

**Fresh eggs donated by Bumble Hole Foods.
A variety of garden items.**





15US have been practising their **independent living skills** by running a café in the classroom! Everyone has a job role, from waiter to cashier, and everyone is included.

Our café gets a rating at the end of each day and it is getting close to a 5 star recommendation. Pupils have also been **planting and nurturing** a range of plants and vegetables. Their raised beds are looking really strong and the plants for the upcoming plant sale are thriving.

Finally we wanted to share the fact that we have had our first socially distanced **Pupil Voice Monitor** meeting! The Head and Deputy boy and girl were all in attendance, as were the prefects. It was an excellent meeting where we discussed some important things.

We are putting together a handbook so everyone knows who we are and what we do for our job roles.

POP Up SEND Literacy Festival

This summer, we are very excited to be welcoming two authors to work with four classes at Chadsgrove as part of a '*SEND Literacy Festival*' organised in collaboration with London based children's literacy charity '*Pop Up.org*'.

We are the first school in the West Midlands to work with *Pop Up.org* to launch a Literacy Festival and thanks to a donation from the *Bromsgrove District Council Arts Team*, we have been able to purchase enough books for each participating child to have their own copy of a text and we've also been able to fund a fantastic CPD training session for teachers on using picture books with SEND pupils (run by author/illustrator Ellie Sandall).

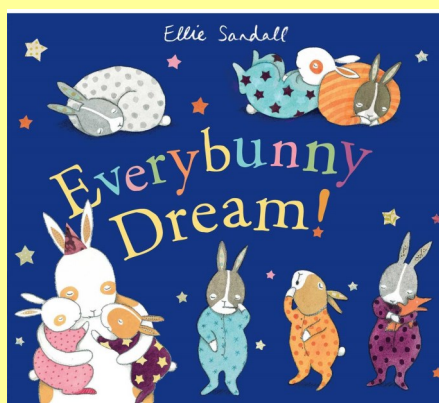
Children's picture book author/illustrator *Ellie Sandall* will be running workshops with 6LS and 8LS.

6LS are studying '*Everybunny Dream!*' and 8LS are working on another of Ellie's beautiful books, '*Copycat Bear*'.

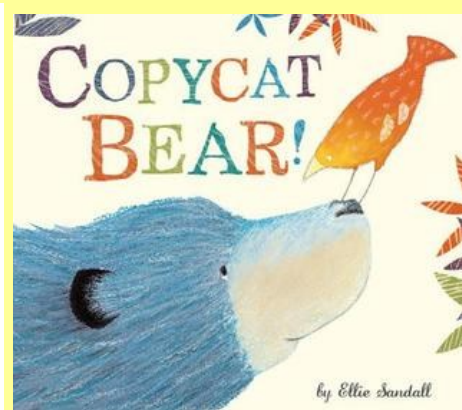
Meanwhile, author and children's comedian, *Ian Billings*, will be working with 11US and 12US, who are both currently reading his hilariously funny book, '*Billy Plonka and the Grot Laboratory*'.

We are sure that these workshops will further encourage our pupils' positive engagement with reading and develop their love of literature. Look out for further news of these events in the next newsletter.

G. Brown



Children's authors:
Ellie Sandall
and
Ian Billings



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WARNING OVER NEW CRAZE FOR FAKE TONGUE PIERCINGS WITH MAGNETIC BALLS

A PLAYGROUND craze for fake tongue piercings using magnetic balls almost killed three kids in a matter of weeks.

Top surgeon Sanja Besarovic has warned parents about the dangerous fad that is putting large numbers of kids in danger.

She said three children have been treated at Hull Royal Infirmary in the past three months after swallowing high powered ball-bearing magnets.

Youngsters are attempting to mimic tongue and cheek piercings, unaware that the magnets stick to each other through loops of gastrointestinal tract.

The stunt could cause bowel perforation or intestinal blockage if they are swallowed.





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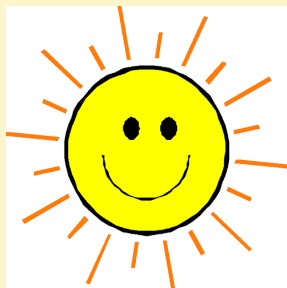
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Summer Playscheme

Monday 19th July

until

Friday 6th August

Have you booked your place?

See 'Letters Home' on our website for all the details and booking form

Free Nearly New Uniform

We have a lot of good quality donated uniform items across all sizes and gender to give away free. This includes polo shirts, trousers, skirts, summer dresses, shorts, cardigans and sweatshirts.

If you would like any of these items (and we have stock in the sizes required), please email Sarah Tillsley at st270@chadsgrove.worcs.sch.uk and we will send them home with your child.

Please report any COVID case to the Headteacher, Deb Rattley if you have a positive result by the end of May 31st to email address office@chadsgrove.worcs.sch.uk Thank you

Dates for your Diary 2021

Friday 28th May	School Closes for Students (3.30pm)
Monday 7th June	School Opens for Students (9.00am)
W/C Monday 21st June	Sports Week
Monday 28th June	Plant Sale Week
Thursday 1st July	Remote Parents Evening
Friday 16th July	School Closes for Students (3.30pm)
Monday 19th July	INSET Day School closed to Students
Monday 19th July	Summer Playscheme for 3 week 10.00am to 3.00pm
Tuesday 20th July	INSET Day School closed to Students
Wednesday 21st July	INSET Day School closed to Students
Monday 6th September	School Opens for Students (9.00am)