

Headteacher's Message

Following the school's 43rd birthday on Friday 26th April, we have had a varied and exciting term!

It was fabulous to see so many of you at Sports Day and perfect weather too, thank you for coming and sharing the day with us! We welcomed visitors into school at the start of July to a special 'Thank You' assembly, where we shared a slide show to celebrate all the wonderful things that have happened over the year with the help of many generous people! The choir have been busy singing at the Generation CAN awards, Sanders Park and the Severn Arts event; their voices will certainly need a rest over the summer!

We have 9 pupils leaving us this year and we have celebrated their time at Chadsgrove at the Prom at Bromsgrove Rugby Club and in school with a special leavers assembly. We are saying goodbye to Amie, Hannah, Brandon, Jack, Ashleigh, Louis, Luke, Kacper and Billy. We shall miss them all very much and wish them all well in their next steps into adulthood!

We are also sadly saying goodbye to some of our much valued staff this term. Jessica Romer (Teaching Assistant) has been successful in gaining a place at Birmingham City University to study Learning Disability Nursing. Jessica will be joined at the same university by Olivia Cheshire (Teaching Assistant) who is enrolled on a teacher training course which is fabulous! Simon Whyte (Teacher) is leaving to support a family business and do some consultancy work and Ann Ryan (Administrator) has a new job in Birmingham. After 22 years and 25 years respectively at Chadsgrove, Sandra Walton (Teaching Assistant) and Janet Bradley (Lunchtime Supervisor and Swim Lady), are retiring! Collette Waldron is also leaving her post as a Lunchtime Supervisor after 19 years' service to Chadsgrove! Kathy Talbot (Teaching Assistant) is leaving after 8 years to spend more time with her family. We shall sincerely miss all our wonderful and dedicated staff and are most appreciative of their service to our school. We have held various activities, including special assemblies and afternoon tea parties, to say our farewells to both staff and pupils.

Next term, we shall be welcoming the following pupils: Elijah, Musa, Lillia, Alfonzo, Yousuf, Elaina, Rhys, Liyla, Alishba and Ania.

We also welcome Roger Dill-Russell in 9US and Ellie Taylor in 8LS! hope everyone settles well into Chadsgrove life!

We will look forward to seeing the children back on Thursday 5th September!

Thank you, as always, for your support and commitment to our school.

Wishing you all a fabulous summer!

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2LS enjoyed taking part in the Catshill walk as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award

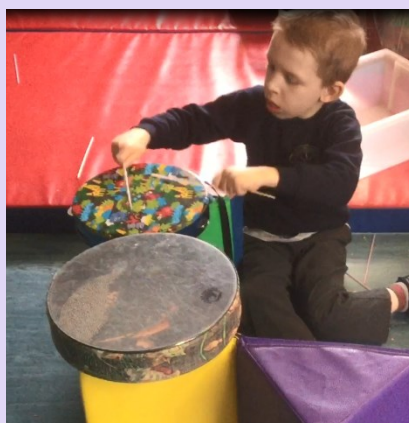
3LS Outdoors

3LS have been making the most of the Summer weather by having lots of fun outdoors. We've been Sailing at Upton Warren, where some of us enjoyed being taken round the lake, whilst others were brave enough to have a go themselves. We've also been practising riding our bikes (or being ridden!) round the track. We've practised our ball skills on the field, and Teddy the school dog even joined in too!



4LS 'Journey to India'

4LS have been enjoying our 'Journey to India' sensory story for this term's topic 'Around the World'. Some of our favourite parts have been smelling different spices, playing drums to music from India, and anticipating our turn to be sprayed by the water spray!



5LS Trips



We were lucky enough to have two trips this term, sailing was first where we learnt how to steer the sailing boats and we also talked about the importance of wearing a life jacket when we were near to the water. The rotary club kindly donated money to school so that some classes could enjoy a day out at Drayton manor. 5LS were lucky to be given the opportunity to go. After very wet weather Tuesday we managed to get a dry day on Wednesday and had a wonderful day enjoying Thomas Land and looking at the animals in the Zoo.

6LS Visit Drayton Manor Park and Zoo

On Wednesday 12th June, 6LS were lucky enough to be picked to go on a trip to Drayton Manor! After a wet week, we were very thankful that the weather managed to stay dry for us so that we could make the most of our day. Our favourite parts of the day were going to Thomas Land to go on the helicopter ride and the merry go round. Some of us also went to the zoo and enjoyed seeing the monkeys and lizards and snakes in the reptile house.

We would like to thank the Rotary Club for a fantastic day out!



7US 'Proud of Catshill' Exhibition

Pupils of 7US took part in the 'Proud of Catshill' exhibition hosted by the Catshill Methodist Church. Pupils were awarded a prize for their amazing entry.

Pupils produced the mobile

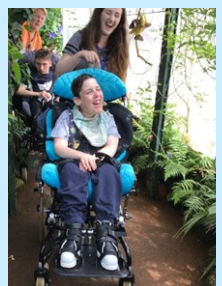


Sports Day Fun

7LS had a fantastic time at this year's Sports Day! Jessica enjoyed having a go at Hook a Duck and Dominik was very excited to play skittles!

14US Visit the Butterfly Farm

14US have been learning about life cycles which finished with a fantastic trip to the Butterfly Farm. This was a great opportunity to bring learning to life in a fun, meaningful and sensory way. Pupils were able to practice their communication skills in an engaging environment by expressing their interests and preferences. What a lovely finish to a wonderful year of achievements.





8LS Visit the Summer Fete



8LS visited the 19 to 25 Summer fete and had a fantastic time. Pupil's had the opportunity to participate in games and use the specialist music equipment, as well as buy lots of cakes. One of our pupils even ended up helping on a stall, using his Maths skills to take the money and give change.



9US Visit Christ Church, Catshill

As a whole class, in November, we entered a Christmas card competition to celebrate the 180th anniversary of the consecration of the Church. In May, we were invited by the parishioners to take our model of our creation to form part of their "Creation and Creativity Exhibition". We were able to choose where we would like it displayed. The Church Warden, previously a member of staff from Chadsgrove, welcomed us with open arms! It now forms part of the Church archives.



9US Visit The Barber Institute

9US visited **The Barber Institute** as part of their **Ancient Egypt** project. Lisa, our brilliant guide, brought drama and excitement to the artwork and the pupils got involved with drama, dancing and creating their own work from clay. We would like to really thank **The Arts Society** from Stourbridge who funded this experience for us.



Walking like an Egyptian!

10US Working hard in PE

After working really hard to master our sports day skills during our PE lessons, 10US decided to spend this PE lesson having some fun and social time on the adventure playground. We went on the swing and the roundabout and played in the sand. We chatted in the shade of the trees and became really excited as we move towards the summer holidays. 10US hope you all have a good holiday.



11US to Young Voices New Visions

What an amazing performance by pupils in 11US in May, at Worcester Cathedral! The 5 girls involved spent 2 days in school creating their own dance piece with Dancefest's Michele Holder, and then took their work to a promenade performance as part of this year's Young Voices New Visions Festival run by Severn Arts. It was a wonderful experience and the atmosphere and lighting in the cathedral made it even more special. Well done to Amelia, Jasmine, Jess, Katie and Sophia!



12US Visit Blackwell Adventure Centre

Today 12US had a great day at Blackwell Adventure Centre. Everyone was in a happy and relaxed mood. The day started with a chance for many of the pupils to have a go on a giant zip wire. After this, all the pupils had to work together on team challenges which they passed with flying colours. The weather stayed dry all day and we all enjoyed a relaxed picnic together. The day finished with archery where nearly everyone managed to hit the target. Thank you to Mrs Taylor for organising another great sporting day and to all the TAs for supporting the pupils so brilliantly. Have a great Summer! Simon, Debbie, Sally, Bridgette, Amy, Olivia, Jo, Pauline



Isle of Man Residential June 2019

A huge thank you to everyone who supported us with our fundraising efforts for our trip. As a result, the 4 lads in Upper School had an extremely successful 6-day visit to the Isle of Man. They took in the sights, visiting landmark castles and the famous Laxey Wheel, explored various beaches and experienced the island's electric railway that has been running now for nearly 130 years. But their desire for speed was greater! They sailed around the coast in a yacht with Sailing for the Disabled, visited the Motor Museum to explore a collection of over 400 unique exhibits from around the world, experienced the full TT race course on the bike of a trike, met the Manx motorcycle racer Conor Cummings and drove a 1917 Ford Model T! It was a wonderful residential with a very comfortable stay at the Joey Dunlop Foundation's Holiday Homes. We even visited the factory where they make all of the adapted kitchen and bathroom equipment installed at this accommodation. What an experience!



13US 'Having your Say'

Over the Summer term the students from 13US have been focusing on the ASDAN unit 'Having your say'.

The students planned 7 community trips focusing on activities they would like to do in their free time.

They researched an activity and presented it to the class. The class then voted for their favourite activities and we planned the activity together. A trip to the park, bowling and wild zoological gardens were on the list. The students have really enjoyed these trips and have learned a lot of important life skills.



Open Orchestra

Our Open Orchestra at Chadsgrove has had another successful year of the programme, and we are looking forward to Year 3 starting next term.

We are Worcestershire's only Open Orchestra, and the nine pupils involved all work hard every week to develop their musical skills and improve how they play together as a group. In the last week of this term we have an informal sharing planned to show parents of the musicians how much progress the orchestra is making. We will sadly be saying goodbye to Luke in 15US, and hope that he is able to continue his playing of the clarion (electronic instrument) on his Eyegaze, when he moves to pastures new.



Ignite your child's love of reading this Summer with Mr Brown's Summer Reading Tips



Hello Parents/Guardians,

I believe that reading outside of the classroom over the Summer is critical for maintaining and expanding children's skills over their extended break from formal learning. According to research, reading just 6 books with your child over the Summer can help to preserve learning from the preceding year. The Summer holidays also allow you the opportunity to spend quality time with your child while also strengthening his or her reading comprehension, vocabulary, thinking and communication skills. I wanted to share with you my top 7 tips for helping your child fall in love with reading. You might be pleased to discover you are doing many of these things already! And if you're not? They are easy to implement. Here goes:

1 Let your child see you reading for pleasure

Children learn more from what you *actually* do than what you *tell* them to do. Therefore, it's important that we model reading for pleasure for our children, whether it be a Classic Novel, a newspaper, or even a magazine.

2. Create pleasurable read aloud routines

This is probably the most important thing you can do to help your child create positive associations with reading! Keep in mind that reading doesn't need to just happen at bedtime. Consider reading aloud during dinner or bath time. Reading together not only shows children that reading is fun and valuable, but it also serves to strengthen your bond.

3. Keep a wide selection of books accessible in your home

Research shows that access to a variety of books is an important factor when it comes to keeping kids' minds sharp over the summer. You could also...

4. Try books with a CD to listen along to

These are great for times when you are really busy. The children love them because they are usually read by a famous actor. Or, if you've got an iPad or tablet try some of the many reading or phonics Apps available. But, there's no need to spend a fortune. Why not...

5. Visit a local Library

Our local libraries often hold a number of events for children over the Summer.

This will also provide an opportunity for you to...

6. Allow children to select the books they read

Children become more interested in reading when they are encouraged to select the books they read. Creating a bookshelf at an accessible level and encouraging him or her to pick their own stories is a great way to raise a reader for life.

7. Schedule "quiet reading time" each day

Teach children at an early age that looking at books quietly for a small period of time every day is part of their daily home routine. Not only is it great for their literacy development, but it will also save your sanity!



If you are looking to do some reading with your child over the Summer, we would like to recommend that you sign up for and use the Oxford Owls' website (www.oxfordowl.co.uk) which gives you online access to many of the Oxford Reading Tree books.

Whatever level of reading your child is at, whether your child enjoys looking at picture books or whether they are an independent reader looking for a challenge, the Oxford Owls' website has got over 250 great reads in their **free eBook library**. The website also includes plenty of useful information and advice for parents on how to help their children with reading, plus it is packed with plenty of fun activities and games for the children.

Rivers of the World

On 12th June 2019 Sarah Brown, a visiting artist, came into school to work with us for the 'Rivers of the World' art project. Pupils from 15US and 10US learnt about the rivers in **Africa** and how the rubbish is collected and recycled. We worked with this idea to make small paper mache balloons from brightly coloured paper. These will be strung together to make beautiful jewellery. Our work will be featured in an exhibition in The Hive in Worcester in November 2019.



BBC School Exchange Project

Upper school pupils were part of a filming project hosted by BBC Midlands Today they threw open its doors to our pupils giving them a window on the world at the BBC and an enhanced understanding of the news and a potentially life-changing introduction to the BBC and our services. The project was split into two parts;

The pupils visited BBC Birmingham for half a day, and got to experience a variety of activities including a guided tour behind the scenes of the Midlands Today studio and a workshop about Real/Fake News.

They then had Nicola Beckford, Midlands Today reporter visit our school and work with the pupils to produce a new and untold story from the school, the pupils wrote, filmed and produced a story about Work Experience and the challenges for a disabled person, fingers crossed the news piece will appear on BBC Midland Today very shortly.



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Big Sing 2019

A huge well done to the six pupils that took part in this year's Severn Arts Big Sing at the University of Worcester Arena. We had four quite tricky songs to learn beforehand, but were also taught some others while we were there. There was a live band and the entire event was led by David Lawrence, who is one of the UK's most versatile conductors and best known for his choral work. Many other schools from Worcestershire were also involved, and Chadsgrove pupils really gave it their all and sang their hearts out!





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A huge thank you to all who supported our Plant Sale. We raised an amazing £500!

Name the Bear Competition

Thank you to all those who took part in our 'Name the Bear' competition to raise funds for resources for our partner school in Nairobi. 68 names were put into the hat, and the winning ticket drawn belonged to Esme in 3LS. She is now the proud owner of 'Cuddles'!



Dates for your Diary 2019

Friday 19th July	School closes for students (3.30am)
Monday 22nd July	INSET day school closed to students
Summer Playscheme	Monday 22nd July to Friday 9th August
Monday 2nd September	INSET day school closed to students
Tuesday 3rd September	INSET day school closed to students
Wednesday 4th September	INSET day school closed to students
Thursday 5th September	School opens for students (9.00am)
Friday 25th October	School closes for students (3.30am)
Monday 4th November	School opens for students (9.00am)
Monday 4th November	School Photographs
Friday 20th December	School closes for students (3.30am)