

Chadsgrove Newsletter

Headteacher's Message



'Happy Summer' to all our amazing children and families!

We have made it to the end of another interesting and somewhat challenging year! You have stood by and supported us every step of the way and we couldn't be more grateful for that, thank you. We have had difficult times in school as you have at home, however, your unwavering commitment and help has enabled us to push through and get to the end of the year and be able to celebrate our successes.

We are hopeful that school can resume some sort of normality from September and we will be gently easing children and staff (!) back into routine! We are mindful of Government Guidance and our own safety measures so it may be that we have reduced whole school activities, for example, assemblies and some classes will continue to have lunch in their classes, where this works best for them. I will do my best to address any concerns and queries as they arise and keep you as up to date as possible.

This year we are saying goodbye to a number of pupils who are moving forward into adulthood to new ventures! We wish Billy Malin, Megan Abbey, Fern Colley, Jessica Greaves, Mason Jackson, Kyle Talbot, Eleanor White, Angel Biju, Connor Hunter and Sam Tillot all the very best. We shall miss you all so much and we hope that you will pop back and see us from time to time! Thank you for all that you have contributed to Chadsgrove over the years, you have laid a firm foundation and been wonderful role models for other pupils to follow. We celebrated in style last week with our virtual Prom where everyone joined in the 'Hawaiian' theme, had a good bop and had a little trip down memory lane! We shall dearly miss the families of these young people too who have been a significant part of our school for many years, a record number of children leaving have been at Chadsgrove since they were 3 years old – you can imagine the cute photographs that we have shared over the last few weeks!

This summer we are saying 'Goodbye and Good Luck' to Katie McDaid – Lunchtime Supervisor and 'Goodbye and Happy Retirement' to three long serving members of staff this summer! To Val Evans after 41 years as a committed and dedicated Teacher and to Jackie Benson and Jackie Drew who have both served 23 years each at Chadsgrove as outstanding Teaching Assistants – That's a total of 87 years' service with just 3 members of staff! We have been so very fortunate to have had this trio in our school for so long giving the pupils the very best every day and always with a smile! Thank you all, you will be much missed, don't forget to come back and see us!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if there is anything you feel I might be able to help you with.

I hope that you can all enjoy the summer and that this lovely sunshine stays for the duration!

Thank you all again so much for being an amazing group of families to work with.

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2LS

We had great fun on Sports Day, enjoying the lovely sunshine. We could perfect our throwing and fishing skills! The rubber ducks all had numbers, and the person with the highest score won points for their house colour.



3LS

This term 3LS have been focusing on our fine motor skills. We have used a variety of activities and resources across the whole curriculum in order to practise becoming more independent. These include practising our mouse skills in ICT, colouring and cutting in Art and taking part in hand function activities in PE.



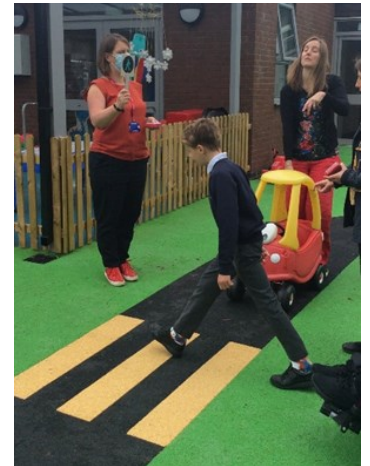
4LS



This term 4LS have been enjoying sensory exploration for 'Festival of the Month', which is Corpus Christi. We have loved exploring the water and then watching it turn red when our teacher added the food colouring! We have also been enjoying practising our Motor Skills. Caesee can sit on a bench independently and Ajmal has worked hard to be able to pull himself to stand using the wooden bars!



5LS



As well as doing all of our usual lessons this term, 5LS have practised crossing the road safely. We practised, stopping, thinking, looking and listening. We got very good at waiting for the green man.



In 5LS we have continued our topic on plants. We have learnt about which plants are edible and how important plants are for our planet. We practised growing and caring for them.



6LS had a brilliant morning attending a literacy workshop led by the author Ellie Sandall. It was lovely for the children to talk to a real author and to share their experiences as authors too!



7LS at the Seaside!



7LS enjoyed joining in our sensory story '7LS at the Seaside!'

We cooled ourselves with the fans in the hot sun, we put our flags on top of our sandcastles and we had fun on the carousel at the fair!



8LS

8LS have had a very busy half term! We all took part in this year's Sport's Day – here you can see us practising for our races! Well done to the YELLOW team who received 1st place across the school!



Thank you to everyone who came to our Plant Sale Zoom! We had so much fun making the videos like we were QVC presenters – we think our up-selling and persuading really helped as we raised over £100!

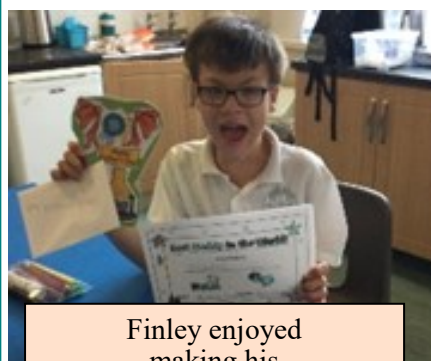


9US

Busy Bees



This half term we have focussed on supporting the class to benefit from re-engaging with learning. A very productive term. Well done 9US.



Finley enjoyed making his Father's day gifts



We participated in a Tai Chi lesson as part of sports week



Jasmine enjoyed drawing a house in the forest



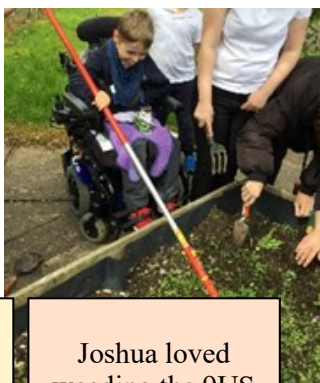
Mollie took orienteering very seriously. Here she is plotting her next destination.



Morgan has benefitted from having rebound sessions this term



Finley was pleased to have the opportunity to make a hot drink with adult supervision



Joshua loved weeding the 9US garden plot



James was very pleased with his results testing different types of toothpaste

10US enjoyed practising for Sports Week, and enjoyed taking part in all the different activities!



Rosie and Fenella concentrated really well during the Sensory Walk – 13US played lots of different instruments for them to listen to!



It inspired Sam to play some musical instruments located in our very own sensory garden.



We each made Olympic Torches! Our class mascot "Strive" is proudly holding one of them!



We discovered lots about Tokyo – in class we engaged in a traditional fan dance- Dominik really enjoyed waving his fan along to the music!

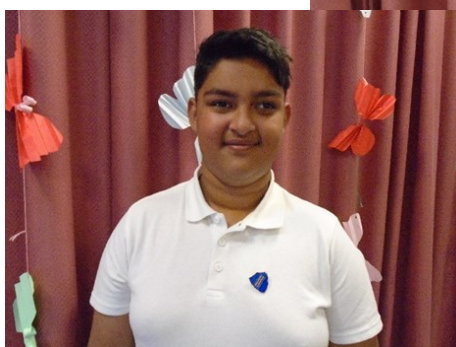


Louis practising his co-ordination skills for the skittle event! It paid off as he won a silver medal on the day. Well done Louis!

11US We are the Champions!



Pupils in 11US have successfully completed ALL ACTIVE ACADEMY training to become **Wellbeing Champions** at Chadsgrove School. This means they will have the responsibility of promoting positive mental health and wellbeing. They will be making sure that there is support available for their friends and peers and will promote ways in which we can all look after ourselves, physically and mentally. The 'champions' are all aged between 11 and 14 and will work together as a team. They have various tasks to complete which, ultimately, will help them to look after their own mental health and that of those around them. This training was delivered by Tracey Freer, the School Games Organiser for North Worcestershire. The selected pupils are excited about their new role in school, and even have a special badge each that they are already wearing with pride!





We had a brilliant day on Tuesday 29th June when author Ian Billings came to visit us to teach us all about story settings. We have been reading his very funny book “Billy Plonka and the Grot Laboratory” and it was great to meet him in person. We all used our imaginations to create and act out different story settings.

Things got eggciting in 12US! We created a 12US production line to box lots of eggs for the Chadsgrove Plant and Produce Extravaganza. We quality checked the eggs and placed them into their boxes with care, we particularly loved the très chic hairnets!



This term we have been learning about climate change and all about things that harm our planet and ways in which we can help. As part of our assembly, we created our own climate change song and music video and dressed up as various recyclable items. We had fun! Pupils also created climate change posters which will be entered into a competition.

13US have been very busy making Hawaiian decorations for the Prom. We have made palm trees, a giant pineapple, a surf board, a giant banana, a flamingo and lots of lovely Hawaiian lei. Can't wait for the Prom now!



14US are saying a fond and emotional farewell to Fern, Jessica, Megan, Mason and Kyle as they leave Chadsgrove School next week. We will miss you all so much but we are super excited for you as you start your next chapter in life. Good luck to all of you, keep being yourselves, reach for the stars and live life to the full!



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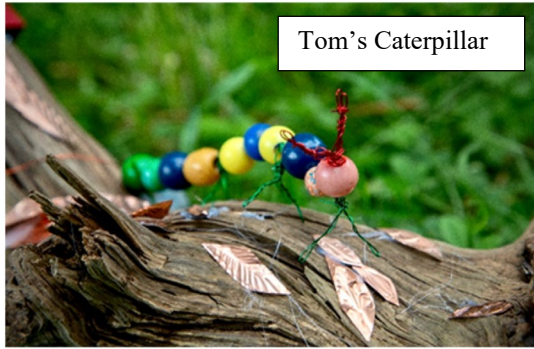


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15US Young Voices, New Visions



Tom's Caterpillar



15US Artists



15US worked on a group sculpture on the theme of 'Gratitude'. They explored different colours and sizes of wire, beads and copper shim.

They experimented with winding, twirling and embossing.

They had a zoom lesson with Sally Harper, our Meadow Arts Artist and the Meadow Arts team provided us with all of the exciting and original resources.

Our sculpture will be on display with many others in Worcester Cathedral until 11th July.

I am sure you will agree that it is a masterpiece!

POP Up SEND Literacy Festival

As part of our '*Pop Up SEND Literacy Festival*' project, over the summer term, four classes have been immersing themselves in creative reading and writing activities inspired by the texts of two published children's authors, **Ian Billings** and **Ellie Sandall**.

Our '*Pop Up Festival*' culminated in four inspiring interactive workshops by the authors of our chosen books.

Ian Billings:

Children's comedian, author and poet, Ian Billings, used all of his performance skills and experience (as a former writer for 'Chuckle-Vision') to deliver entertaining, energetic and extremely funny workshops to 11US and 12US on Tuesday 6th July 2021. Ian gave a masterclass on the elements of settings in stories and how to stretch our "*imagination*s" to talk about and create interesting settings. The pupils even got the opportunity to get up and role play being elements within their own setting. This inspired the pupils to draw and write about their own settings for a story, sparking some fantastic descriptive vocabulary.

Brilliant Billings! Pupils from 11US and 12US enjoy a masterclass in stretching their "iii-maginations!"



POP Up SEND Literacy Festival

Ellie Sandall:

Incredibly talented children's picture book author and illustrator Ellie Sandall visited Chads Grove on Friday 2nd July and delivered engaging, captivating and memorable workshops with the pupils of 6LS and 8LS.

Both of Ellie's workshops were interactive – featuring opportunities for the children to draw, write, explore their senses, dress up and create.

6LS - 'Everybunny Dream':

6LS pupils were very excited to be meeting a real author! And they haven't stopped talking about it since! They want Ellie to come back again soon!

Ellie read the text and the children joined in with the actions, acting the story out, (e.g. washing their faces, brushing their teeth, etc.), including putting their own soft toy fox cub to bed.

Ellie demonstrated how to draw a bunny and the pupils had a go themselves. They also made and decorated their own bunny ears before dressing up to create their own percussion band accompanying Ellie on her Ukulele to sing a bunny inspired action song to the tune of 'If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands'. Fantastic fun!

8LS - 'Copycat Bear':

8LS pupils were keen to share some of their own creative writing work with Ellie, inspired by their study of 'Copycat Bear', and Ellie was very impressed with their work.

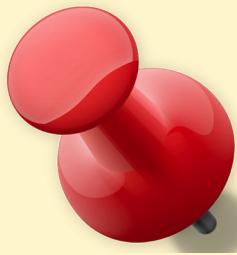
Whilst sharing the story, pupils again joined in with the actions e.g. flapping their wings/paws, hopping from one foot to the other, etc. and joined in with the retelling.

The pupils also learnt how to draw the main characters from the story - Mango and Blue - learning to add texture to their pictures with blue oil pastels. They created their own 'Blue' masks before being transformed into the colourful bird 'Mango' to play a game of 'Mango Says' - a version of 'Simon Says', where the person wearing the bird mask asks the



Incredibly talented author and illustrator,
Ellie Sandall.
Look out for her new picture book -
'Balancing Bernie'-
out soon!





Message from the Chair of Governors

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given to Chadsgrove School during the last year. It has been a very difficult time for all of us and I thank you for dealing with some of the daily routines and practices that may have had to be changed at very short notice.

I am also very aware that even in this final week of term some bubbles have had to self-isolate and the children have not been able to attend school.

Please be reassured that everyone in school will do their very best to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your child in the academic year ahead. Let's hope that as restrictions begin to ease we will be able to get back to some sort of normality very soon.

I would also like to thank all those parents who have sent in donations for the staff raffle which was held on Thursday afternoon. Every member of staff received a prize as a small token of the gratitude felt by the Governing Body of Chadsgrove School and the Directors of CET Specialist College.

I would also like to thank all of the businesses that have supported the raffle and donated some wonderful prizes. Thanks go to Lizzies Farm, Duncombes Butchers, Alpaca Experience, Industrial Refrigeration Services, Partridge Butchers, SEN Books, TTS Special Direct, Aspire Tax Consultancy, Dry Spa, Little Bengal and Holistic Treatments at The Snug.

I hope that you all have a good summer – here's hoping for some sunshine!

Lorraine Petersen

Chair of Governors



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Paediatric Occupational Therapy (POT)

Advice Line

This is aimed to offer support for:

- Health professionals and those that refer to the POT Service
- Schools/teachers/SENCO's
- Parents and carers

We will provide information on:

- Strategies and advice around occupational performance and functional concerns
- Practical advice relating to difficulties in areas of self-help, play and leisure
- If a referral to POT is appropriate

By providing this service we hope to:

- Offer immediate support to families before a referral needs to be made
- Reduce unnecessary referrals
- Reduce waiting times

To speak to a Paediatric Occupational Therapist please call
07562 436633, Wednesday between 9:00am-12:00pm and Thursday
between 1:00pm-4:00pm.

You can also stay up to date with the team by following us on Facebook -
www.facebook.com/cypfotphysio.

We are pleased to announce that the
total money raised on our charity day for
The Stroke Association was...

£ 223.26

Thank you for your help in raising this
brilliant amount of money for this very
important charity



Dates for your Diary 2021

12th July-5th September	'Worcester Big Parade' Worcester City Centre
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
Wednesday 4th August—31st August	'The Leaves on the Tree's'
Monday 6th September	School Opens for Students (9.00am)



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