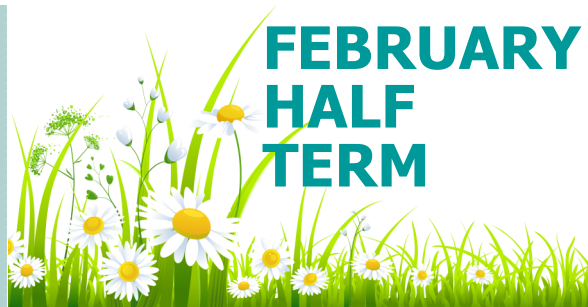


# Chadsgrove Newsletter

**FEBRUARY  
HALF  
TERM**



## Headteacher's Message

We have had a very busy half term in school with many exciting events! On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, we held our 'Enterprise Day'! Each class had £10 to make something/create a game, to raise money. We made a clear profit of £372 on the day! We are going to divide the money up and share it between charities chosen by the classes, give £10 to each class to buy something for their class and some money will go towards new books for our library! Congratulations to 5LS who raised the most money by making and selling candles and cookies, their profit was £77, they won a prize of £20! Interestingly 5LS won last year too, so I think we will all be taking some top tips from their enterprise activities! A big thank you to all our visitors who supported this event! We also held a quiz on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February to raise money for 'Smiles', an organisation supporting the maintenance of a school in Romania for children with Special Educational Needs. We raised £628 for the school, which is fabulous! This is a fun evening for a very good cause, which takes place annually at Chadsgrove, so look out in the newsletters for the date of the next one if you are interested in coming along!

Next half term we will be welcoming Ajmal into 4LS, Dante into 2LS and Brooke into 5LS, we are looking forward to them starting at Chadsgrove!

Just before Easter, we have some planned building work in the nursery, to extend and refurbish this area of school. Whilst undertaking this work, which was funded through a Government Grant, we will be extending and refurbishing the staffroom to accommodate our increasing numbers of staff! There will be minimal disruption to the children during term time and hopefully the work will be completed over the summer holidays ready for a new start to the year in September!

Thank you for being an outstanding group of families to work with, we really appreciate the relationship we have with you and the support you offer our school. I hope you all enjoy the half term holiday and we shall look forward to welcoming the pupils back on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February (please note that Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February is a staff training day)!

Deb Rattley



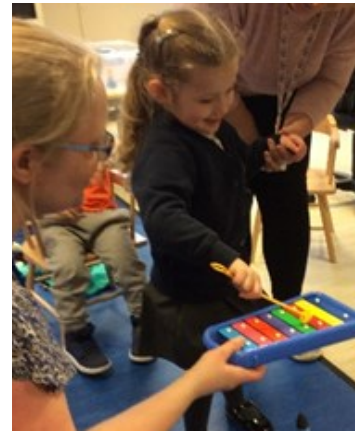
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## Chadsgrove School Values

**Welcoming Teamwork Friendship Trust Independence Fun**

## 2LS Enjoy a visit from CBSO

2LS have had several amazing sessions with our ladies from the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. We have joined in by choosing different Instruments and learning how to use them to make different sounds.



## 3LS Transport Topic

3LS have been working hard on their 'Transport' topic. We have enjoyed using our Aeroplane Role Play area, taking it in turns to be the Pilot and take our passengers off on holiday! We have also used the text 'We All Go Travelling By' to inspire our class artwork, using different modes of transport to make tracks on canvas.



## 4LS Enjoy a Visit from the CBSO

This term, 4LS have had visitors from the CBSO who have played lots of different instruments for us to listen to and explore. Alexander really enjoyed the chimes, whilst Caesee and Joshua preferred the sound and feel of the violin strings!

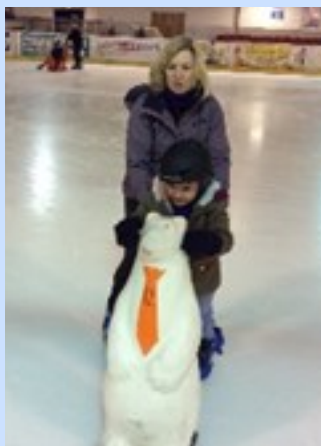




## 5LS Go Ice Skating



5LS had a lovely time when they went ice skating. All the pupils said they would like to go every week.



## 6LS Have had a Busy Term

This term we have been really busy in environmental studies making birds' nests for the birds who fly around our school playground. We have also started working on a history project about The Vikings. We have made and painted runes with the letters of our names on as part of our research into the Vikings way of life. Our plan is to complete a fact file about the Vikings during this term .



## 7LS Enjoy taking Part in Enterprise Day

7LS enjoyed taking part in our Enterprise day, they helped to make Valentine's Day Peppermint creams and worked hard at selling them in the hall by using their charms to attract lots of customers to their stall!





**We have had a great term so far in 8LS!**

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, we raised an impressive £50 during our 'Tenner Challenge' day! We sold Valentine's cards, fresh popcorn and sweets and calendars!

Thank you to everyone who came and bought our produce!



Happy Chinese New Year! We celebrated this festival by eating oriental fruit, and making beautiful lanterns. We also watched a Dragon Dance!



We have been on a 'sound hunt' and found lots of things with 'ch' in them; chair, watch and switch to name just a few!



We have had fun learning all about the Vikings! They were quite a scary bunch – as you can see from our picture!



## 9US Thinking Differently

9US are embarking on a research project; Thinking Differently with Meadow Arts and artist Sally Harper. They will be working on the project every Thursday until the end of the summer term. The project is to explore the potential link between how visual artists express their ideas and the way in which the young people approach the world. Can an artist within the classroom help the group to communicate better, show improved self esteem and develop their skills? The group will experiment with lots of different techniques and each session will be planned from the ideas coming from the group. So far we have created sketchbooks, experimented with collage and created some paper people.





## 10US Special Alpaca Visit

We had some very interesting visitors... Scooby Doo and Persius came to school especially to say hello to Sam for his birthday! 10US had an amazing time!



It was great fun for all of us. Charlie and Madison really enjoyed feeding them! They both had big smiles!



## 11us'



11US had a very productive day last week creating fridge magnet plant pots for the school's Tenner Challenge. We were very pleased with our product. The class decorated box templates and we then laminated and glued them together. After sticking on a strong magnet, we filled the boxes with soil and a small plant, and then sold them to friends and families in the hall that afternoon.



## 12US Working on their Duke of Edinburgh Skills

12US pupils' have been working hard on their Duke of Edinburgh skills. As well as the expedition, pupils have to show skills in other areas to achieve the "Bronze Award". Some pupils have been doing horticulture, including propagating and potting vegetable seeds. They have also been to the garden centre to buy some flower seeds, and started to build a polythene greenhouse. Other pupils have been practicing their fencing skills with Derren, working on their lunge, parry and riposte moves. The other group have been focussing on preparing meals suitable for eating during a camping expedition.





## 13US Visit 'Where Next'

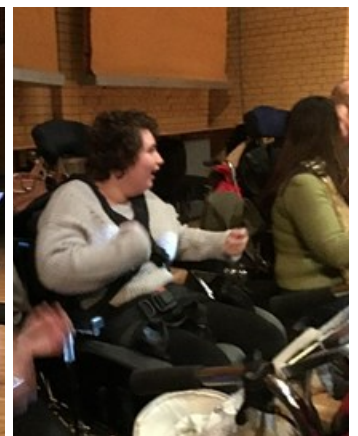
The pupils in 13US have enjoyed visiting 'Where Next' every Tuesday this term. They have met new people and participated in some exciting activities. They took part in a drama/dance workshop where they visited different countries each week. They also produced some fantastic artwork, which will form part on an exhibition in the Summer Term.



## 14US Enjoy The Wizard of Oz

14US had a fabulous time at the CBSO centre for a relaxed performance of The Wizard of Oz.

The music inspired pupils to anticipate what was going to happen next, to notice the lighting and sensory elements of the story and express their preferences.





## 15US and the 'Tenner' Challenge

This term 15US have been learning about enterprise and have organized a £10 'tenner' challenge event for the whole school to take part in. They focused on 'Teamwork' as part of their Skills Builder work and discovered that working together was much better than working individually. We also worked on helping others once our job was complete. The sale went really well and the next task for 15US is to think about which charities to donate our profits to.



## Buskers

We have a very enthusiastic group of pupils who have chosen 'Busking' in Upper School Friday afternoon Options this term. They have decided on the theme 'colour', and we are now rehearsing songs which include -



'Purple People Eater', '99 Red Balloons', 'Brown Eyed Girl' and 'Back in Black'. We will be performing our full repertoire in the Kingfisher Shopping Centre, Redditch, just before the Easter holidays.





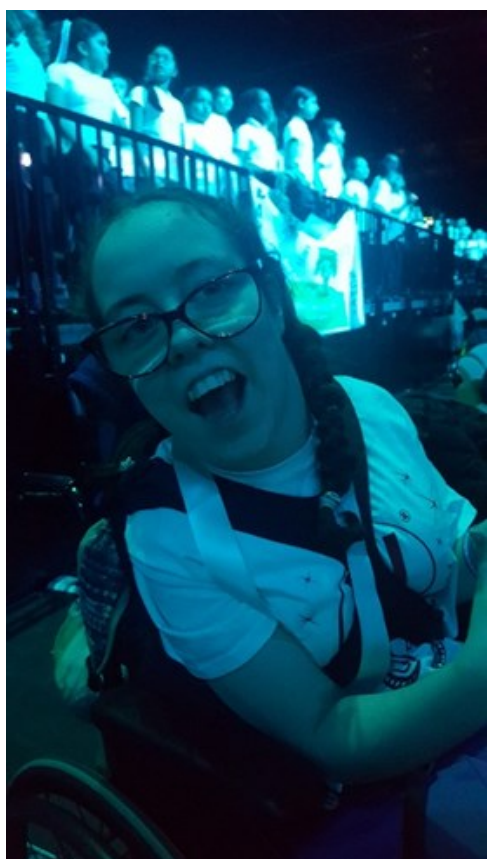
## Link Concert at South Bromsgrove High School

Supporters of our fantastic School Choir and, equally fantastic(!), Staff Choir, are welcome at South Bromsgrove High School on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020** for a short concert that starts at **6.00 pm**. Tickets will be available on the door and priced at £3.00. We'd love to see you there! This is also the first performance for our new members Dylan, Joseph and Mollie, and we thank them for their efforts so far!



## Young Voices 2020

6 pupils worked really hard in Options last term to prepare a large selection of songs ready to perform at this year's Young Voices at the Genting Arena, Birmingham. They were just 6 voices in a total of 6500 young people, all singing together in this huge arena! Tony Hadley was there as a special guest, and as well as hearing him sing *and* singing with him, we also got to meet him!



It was a wonderful afternoon/evening and such an amazing event to take part in! Thank you to the parents that came along to support us!





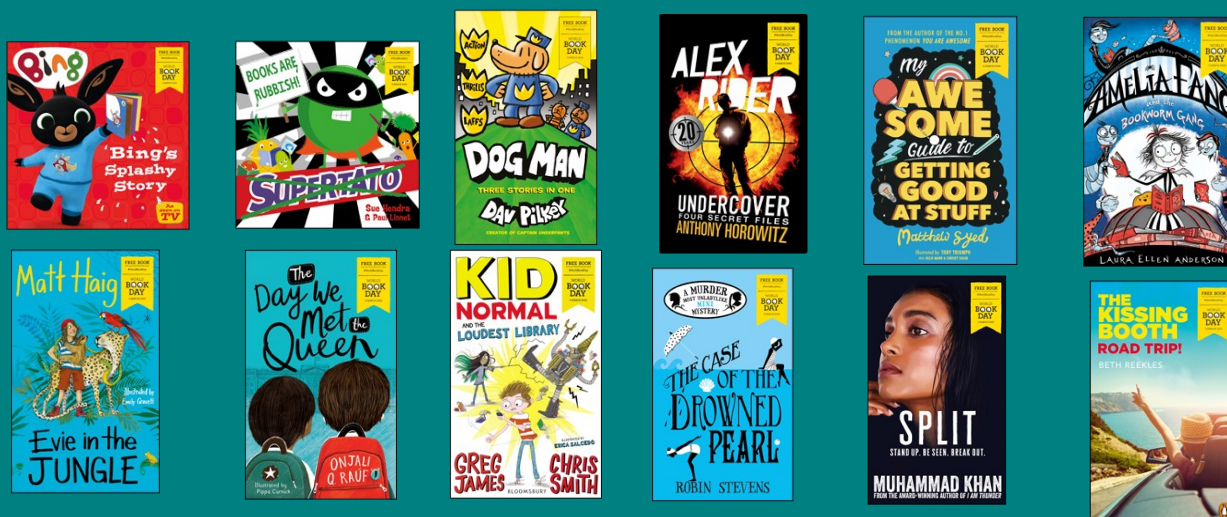
# WORLD BOOK DAY

5 MARCH 2020

**TO CELEBRATE  
'WORLD BOOK DAY 2019'  
ON THURSDAY 5TH MARCH  
EACH PUPIL WILL BE RECEIVING  
A FREE £1 BOOK TOKEN.**

THESE TOKENS CAN BE USED TO BUY ONE OF THE 12  
SPECIAL £1 WORLD BOOK DAY BOOKS.  
OR THEY CAN BE USED TO GET £1 OFF THE PRICE OF  
ANY OTHER FULL-PRICE BOOK  
AT ANY PARTICIPATING BOOKSTORE.

**THE TOKENS ARE VALID  
27TH FEB - 29TH MARCH 2020 (INCLUSIVE).  
NOTE: ONLY ONE TOKEN WILL BE REDEEMED PER BOOK.**



## **12 SPECIAL £1 BOOKS TO CHOOSE FROM!\***

**TO CELEBRATE WORLD BOOK DAY ON  
THURSDAY 5TH MARCH**  
OUR PUPILS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO DRESS UP  
AS THEIR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER,  
AND WILL PARTICIPATE IN  
**'DROP EVERYTHING AND READ'**  
AND **STORY-TIME** SESSIONS.

\*Note: Our VI Specialist TA, Eva Hogan, has discovered that the 'RNIB' offer free copies of WBD books in Braille or Talking Book formats.

Parent carers can call 03031239999 to request a copy.

'Giant Print' copies of the books are also available from 'Custom Eyes' through the 'Guide Dogs' website: [guidedogs.org.uk](http://guidedogs.org.uk)





# Readathon



Beginning on Monday 30th March 2020, we are running a 'Read for Good' Sponsored Read and we'd love the whole school to join in. This event is all about encouraging pupils to read for fun.

The charity 'Read for Good' will ensure that any money we raise in sponsorship will help to provide a regular supply of brand new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK. And our school will receive free books worth 20% of our grand sponsorship total – so there really is something in it for everyone.

Pupils can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audio books to blogs - remember, they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun.

All we ask of parent carers is:

1. Help your child to plan what they'd like to read, or to have read to them. (Sharing books is fine too, as well as listening to audio books.)
2. Help your child find sponsors among family and friends .

More information will be available after the half-term. Or visit the website '[www.readforgood.org](http://www.readforgood.org)' to see how the money we raise really helps.



## *Talent for Writing*

*Joshua Lilley in 6LS has received a Certificate of Merit from the 'Young Writers'*

*organisation for his original piece of creative writing entered into one of their recent writing competitions. From over 13,000 entries nationally, Joshua's work has been selected for publication in a Young Writers' anthology. Incredible effort Joshua! We are all really proud of you! I look forward to seeing your work in print.*

**Mr G Brown**

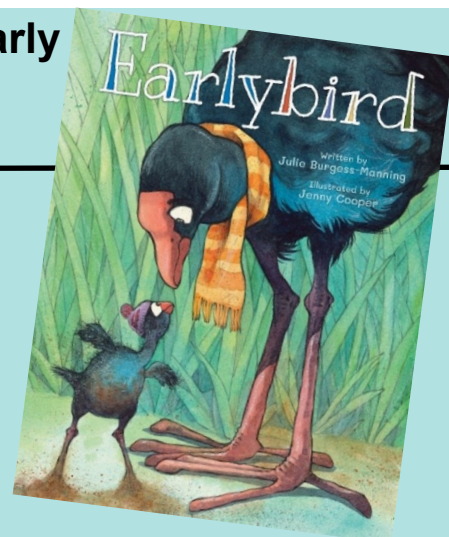


## Earlybird The story of a bird who hatched too early

Written by Julie Burgess-Manning/ Illustrated by Jenny Cooper,

Published by Kotuku Press, New Zealand

*Earlybird*, an illustrated children's book that tells the moving story of Peri Pukeko, a baby bird who hatched too early and his journey as he gets ready to go home and learns to fly. The pukeko bird gives the book universal appeal, as the bird commonly known as a 'swamp hen' is located throughout the Pacific, with other sub-species in many countries in Europe and Asia.



'As a children's story about premature birth, it is unique internationally. Parents of premature babies frequently told me that they did not have a good, or a special story to share with their growing children about their early birth. So, we decided to create a beautiful picture book that would help parents support children born as 'earlybirds' to make sense of their early experience,' says Champion Centre Founder and book co-editor, Dr. Patricia Champion, MBE.

*'All the joys and worries of a prematurely born baby are tenderly and openly addressed in this lovely story as Mum, Dad and Pip welcome little Peri into their nest. This book will be a calming and centring resource for families to read with their children following their time in neonatal and long after...'* (Prof. Linda Gilkerson, Erikson Institute, USA).

*'This sensitively written book will be an invaluable resource for families who experience the premature birth of a child. It will enable parents to support the child to make sense of their early experience as well as helping siblings at the time of premature birth.'* (Prof. Lynne Murray, Child Development Specialist, University of Reading, UK).

*'...they all share his journey to eventually be able to fly and this parallels that of a preterm human infant, getting ready for discharge home. A must read for all children, especially those who have a premature brother or sister.'* (Dr Simon Rowley, Neonatal Paediatrician, NZ).

*'Earlybird is a beautifully illustrated and delightfully told story about seeing what is special in something that can be hard at the same time.'* (Dr. Denise Guy, Child Psychiatrist, President of the NZ Affiliate of the World Infant Mental Health Association).

**Earlybird is available for purchase: <https://www.championcentre.org.nz/shop>**



**Disabled Living**  
Practical solutions supporting disabled adults, children & older people

FREE event organized by  
Disabled Living  
Wednesday 4th March 2020  
9.30am—4.30pm Coventry





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### Online Payment

Online Payment is now available, should you require any instructions on how to access, please telephone the school office who will be happy to help you.

Use our secure Internet Payment facility at

[https://www.civicaepay.co.uk/Worcestershire/webpay\\_publicP4S/webpay/default.aspx](https://www.civicaepay.co.uk/Worcestershire/webpay_publicP4S/webpay/default.aspx)

Or via link on School website

### BOOK FAIR COMING SOON!

This year our Book Fair will arrive on Thursday 19th March and will be collected on Thursday 26th March.

Last year we spent over £500 on books at the Fair, raising over £200 in commission for the school to spend on new picture books which our pupils are enjoying sharing as part of our 'Reading'Buddies' initiative.

In school, during 'Book Week', pupils will participate in a plethora of exciting activities to celebrate 'reading for pleasure'.



Thank you for your continued support!  
Mr G Brown

**REMINDER!**

**WE ARE CLOSED TO STUDENTS ON  
MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY FOR AN INSET DAY.  
STUDENTS RETURN AFTER HALF TERM ON  
TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY**

### Dates for your Diary 2020

Friday 14th February 2020	School Closes for students (3.30pm) Half Term
<b>Monday 24th February 2020</b>	<b>INSET DAY School closed to students</b>
Tuesday 25th February 2020	School Opens for students (9.00am)
Monday 16th March 2020	EIYSS Coffee Morning 10.00-12.00pm <i>(Dependent on interest)</i>
Thursday 26th March 2020	Ladies Pamper Evening 6.00-8.30pm <i>(Dependent on interest)</i>
Thursday 2nd April 2020	Easter Disco 6pm
Friday 3rd April 2020	School Closes for students (3.30pm) Easter Holidays
Monday 20th April 2020	School Opens for students (9.00am)