

Chadsgrove

Newsletter

Headteacher's Message

Half Term

It was wonderful welcoming the children back to school after the summer break, all eager and excited for the Autumn term! New children and staff have settled in well and are enjoying life at Chadsgrove!

On the last day of term in the summer, we had a major flood, from a burst water pipe outside at the back of school, our Forest School was completely washed away including plants, trees and our pond! We are now looking to re-build our Forest School over the next term or so. If you have any plants that you are splitting or looking to get rid of and you would like to donate them, we would love them in our Forest School area! Please bring any donations into school after half term for the attention of Lisa Price – Forest School Leader, thank you!

The next half term will be a busy one with all the Christmas plays and events! The dates are in the newsletter, I am sure you will not want to miss these fabulous performances and we shall look forward to seeing you!

Parents evening will be held on **Thursday 8th November from 6.00-8.00pm**, we shall look forward to welcoming you into school and sharing in your child's success.

I wish you all a restful half-term holiday and thank you for your partnership working with our school. School will re-open for pupils on **Monday 5th November**.

Deb Rattley

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2LS Go Exploring

This term 2LS have enjoyed exploring outdoors as part of our Autumn topic. We have been using our senses to touch and smell the leaves and plants and we used mirrors so we could look up into the trees.

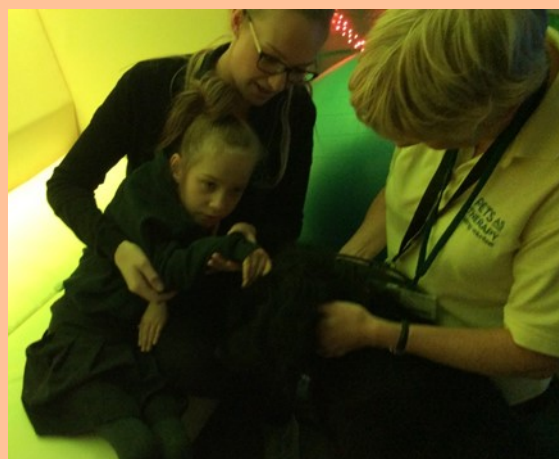
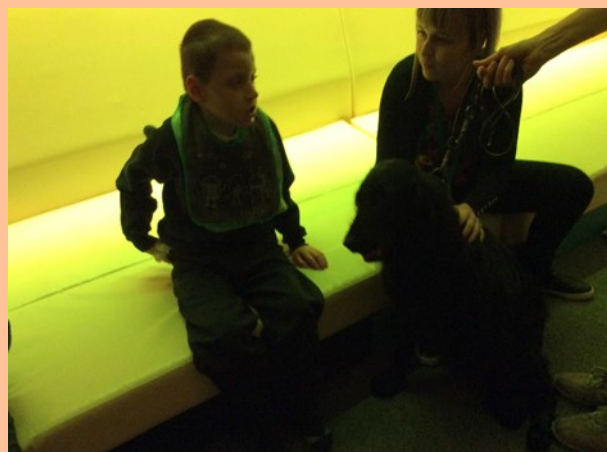


3LS Topic on Transport

3LS have had a busy half term doing lots of activities around their topic of transport. We have done lots of games and role play, like riding our very own 3LS bus and running a car wash outside! In Science we have investigated how best to get a car out of a block of ice and in Art they have chosen their own types of transport to paint.



4LS Nadia the PAT Dog Visit



4LS enjoyed a morning lesson in the multi-sensory room with the PAT dog Nadia. All of the children stroked Nadia and had a very nice relaxing time. We look forward to seeing Nadia again.

5LS We are Going on a Bear Hunt!

We have really enjoyed our story we're going on a bear hunt' this half term. We enjoyed exploring all the sensory elements of this story, including snow, water, leaves and mud.



6LS are Feeling Autumnal

This half term 6LS have enjoyed lots of activities based around their topic, "Our Environment".

In Literacy we read the story "The Very Helpful Hedgehog" and enjoyed acting it out. We also completed fact files and various craft activities about hedgehogs. We were lucky enough that Isabelle in 9US bought her pet hedgehog, Mrs Prickles, into school for us to see. We loved watching Mrs Prickles scurry around the classroom. We had to wear gloves to hold her as she was very spikey!



7LS 'Off We Go'

7LS have been doing activities related to different countries around the world. Here, Daniel is helping to create a Chinese flag in Art. We have also been doing some Polish food tasting, Indian dancing and exploring American music. Next we will be visiting India and Africa!



Printing Project with 8LS

8LS have been working on a 'Rivers of the World' project with other Worcestershire schools. As part of the project a professional Printmaker called Carole visited us for the afternoon and taught us how to design and make fantastic prints using a printing press. Every pupil made a double sided vase design to be proud of. Their work will be displayed in The Hive in Worcester from 16th November 2018 for at least a month.



9US are Getting to know each other!

This half term 9US welcomed their new teacher to the school, Mrs Mole, as well as welcoming James, Mia and Joshua, who have come up from Lower School. Existing pupils from 9US have been doing a fabulous job of becoming kind and caring friends. Everyone is settling in really well!

There have been lots of opportunities for us to get to know each other, and we are forming great positive relationships whilst sharing news and talking about special events!

Merryn, the therapy dog, is visiting us on a regular basis. She is really helping us to develop our communication and language skills as we are learning how to care for ourselves and for animals.



10US Get Busy

We have made a brilliant start to the year and have enjoyed welcoming and getting to know our new classmates. We have had lots of lovely experiences in Music, Art and messy food and enjoyed our out of chair time in P.E, rebounding, the multi-sensory room and in the hydrotherapy pool.

The class have particularly enjoyed exploring hot air balloons as part of their transport theme. They have made paper mache balloons, used switches to make the balloons fly, made their hair stick up with the static of the balloons and had lovely sessions watching the balloons fly up and down on the parachute.



11US Welcome New Pupils

Pupils in 11US have enjoyed welcoming three new girls to Chadsgrove School this September - Arouge, Amelia and Jasmine. All three have settled in really well and are making friends easily. Jasmine is Chadsgrove's 'Signer of the Week' and so far has shared 'toilet', 'school', 'home', 'wait' and 'my name is'. Amelia and Arouge attend Thrive on Wednesdays, along with James and Katie from 11US too (photographed). They are all really enjoying it so far!



Signalong
WAIT

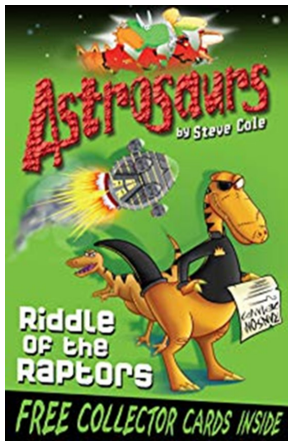
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hand above, make
alternate slow
backwards circles

12US Update

Welcome back to everyone in 12US, especially the new pupils. It has been a very busy start to the new academic year so far. The timetable for many of our pupils now gives the pupils a chance to do a range of different subjects including Duke of Edinburgh, Fitness, Life Skills, ASDAN and a full class swim. It was great to meet some of the new families at the recent meet and greet. Best wishes from the whole team.

Simon Whyte, Debbie, Lynn, Olivia, Sally and Jo





13US Beeline Book Festival

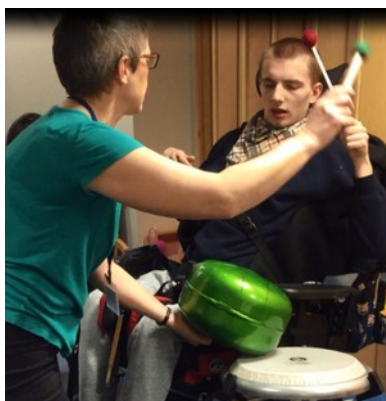
In English lessons 13US have been exploring the book *Riddle of the Raptors* by Steve Cole. On Tuesday 16th October we went to Worcestershire University for the Beeline Book Festival and met Steven Cole. We listened to him talking all about imagination, book writing and he told some really fully stories. After lunch we went to see another story teller in a very posh yurt. Amy Douglas brought her stories to life with sensory props and all the pupils had a fun and educational packed day. The storytelling festival continues for families over the weekend of half term, 27th-28th October.



14US Have made a great start!

14US have had a positive start to the term. Everyone has been busy getting to know each other and settling well into their new routine. We have been out and about in the community to take part in our weekly Keep on Moving event and have visited the sensory garden and café at Webbs.

Lots of amazing work has been happening in Music herapy sessions, Art lessons and during Communication sessions. We also had fun meeting Coco and Cinnamon the school guinea pigs and learnt all about how to take care of them. They like us so much they will be coming to see us again for lovely strokes and smiles.



Art Project Work

15US have made a good start with their 'Natural Forms' art project. They explored observational drawing and then took their ideas a step further by using tissue paper and pastel. This made detail work more difficult while allowing individual and exciting pieces of art to be created.



15US Visit Heart of Worcestershire College

This term pupils in 15US have attended HoW College in Bromsgrove. Some pupils are enjoying Art & Design, a course that encourages pupils to experience a range of art and design subjects, so far pupils have enjoyed sketching using charcoal and chalks, producing some excellent work. Recently they have used a computer graphic design programme to design trainers using their own logo.



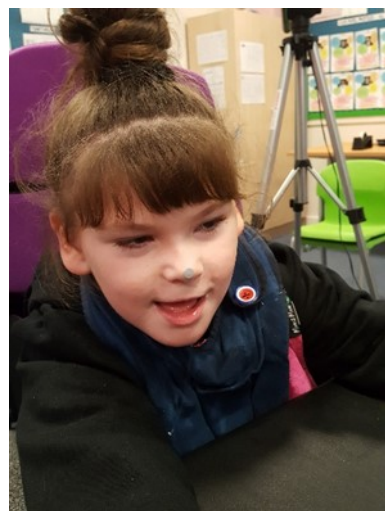
Other pupils of 15US access the motor vehicle maintenance course which includes a mixture of theory and practical experience. They have the opportunity to work on real vehicles within the automotive workshops.



Chadsgrove's Open Orchestra

Following a very successful year last year, Chadsgrove's very own Open Orchestra is delighted to welcome new members Thea Shillingford and Timothy Biggs. We are currently rehearsing parts for our own version of the theme from the Snowman, which we look forward to sharing with you at Chadsgrove's Christmas Shows this year. Photographed here is Timothy and Thea playing the Clarion - an

electronic instrument that is accessible on the iPad, touchscreen PC, through use of a headtracker (metallic dot on Thea's nose!) and eyegaze technology.



Young Voices Choir

A group of pupils from Upper School will be representing Chadsgrove at Young Voices 2019. The 7 pupils are working hard in Options on Friday afternoons to learn the full set of songs (and dance moves!) ready to join at least 6,000 other children at the Genting Arena (NEC) on Tuesday 22nd January. Songs include a Moana Mashup and Greatest Showman Medley. Guest artists Tony Hadley (Spandau Ballet), Sharlene Hector and Beau Dermott will be performing at this event too! We're very excited!



On Monday 15th October we celebrated our whole school Harvest Festival. We were joined by Marion from Bromsgrove New Starts, who talked to us about how the food and toiletries that we had collected would help people who use their Food Bank. We finished with our favourite 'Harvest Samba' song, which everyone enjoyed joining in with!





'Time to Read' Packs'

BookTrust want families to keep reading to their child, even once they've reached primary school age or can read on their own because time sharing stories is time well spent.

Through their Time to Read programme, BookTrust want to make sure that every Reception pupil in England has their own book to treasure and share with their family at home. Therefore, BookTrust is working with Macmillan Children's Books to give a free copy of

'Little Monkey' by Marta Altes

to every reception aged child in England.

That's 700, 000 copies!

Little Monkey is a brilliant story, packed full of heart and humour.

Monkey shows us that no matter how small you are, or how big the world seems, you can accomplish anything if you put your mind to it!

Our Reception pupils will receive their 'Time to read' pack very soon.

We hope you will enjoy sharing this book with your child.

Mr G Brown



School Choir and Staff Choir Events

Chadsgrove School Choir and Staff Choir have a busy few weeks ahead.

They are performing at the commemorative community concert 'Lest We Forget' at The Artrix in Bromsgrove on Sunday 11th November at 8pm.

Tickets are £10 and available from the Artrix Box Office 01527 577330.



Bromsgrove's Christmas Lights Switch On

On Saturday 17th November at 3.30pm we will be on stage outside the Golden Cross Pub for Bromsgrove's Christmas Lights Switch On and on the afternoon of Saturday 1st December at 3.30pm we have been invited to perform at Catshill's very own Christmas Lights Switch On. These are free events and everyone is welcome. We would love to see you there!

We are delighted to welcome Amelia, Tom and Josh to the choir as new members this year!



Christmas Performance Dates

CHRISTMAS COUNTS!

Wednesday 5th December 10.30am
2LS, 3LS and 4LS

A WILD CHRISTMAS

Monday 10th December 2.00pm
5LS, 6LS, 7LS, 8LS and 9US
Tuesday 11th December 6.30pm
6LS, 7LS, 8LS and 9US

CHRISTMAS CAROL SHOW

Wednesday 12th December 2.00pm
10US, 11US, 12US, 13US, 14US and 15US
Thursday 13th December 6.30pm
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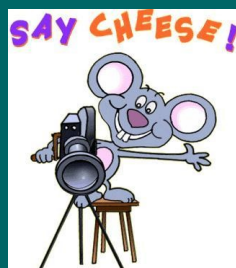
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REMINDER : School Photograph
Monday 5th November 2018
 If you wish for your child to be photographed
 with a sibling,
 please arrive at 9.15am. Thank you



**Please ensure all
 Respite Bags
 are clearly labelled
 with your child's name.**

Thank you



Free Pumpkin Carving Event

Saturday 27th October
at
Catshill Village Hall
11.00 - 2.00pm



Dates for your Diary 2018-2019

Friday 26th October	School Closes for students (3.30pm)
Monday 5th November	School Opens for students (9.00am) School Photographs
Thursday 8th November	Parents Evening 6.00-8.00pm
Wednesday 5th December	Christmas Play for 2,3 and 4LS at 10.30am
Monday 10th December	Christmas Play for 5,6,7,8 and 9US at 2.00pm
Tuesday 11th December	Christmas Play for 6,7,8 and 9US at 6.30pm
Wednesday 12th December	Christmas Play for 10,11,12,13,14 and 15US at 2.00pm
Thursday 13th December	Christmas Play for 10,11,12,13,14 and 15US at 6.30pm
Friday 14th December	Christmas Disco
Wednesday 19th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 20th December	School Closes for students (3.30pm)
Friday 21st December	INSET DAY School Closed for students
Monday 7th January	School Opens for students (9.00am)