

Chadsgrove

Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

We have all had a busy term culminating with some exciting end of term activities! The children have all been taking part in decorating an Easter poster as part of a competition, which they have enjoyed! We have had a 'Positive Mental Health' day where the children chose workshops to attend throughout the day, offered by staff. We have also taken part in an Easter assembly and shared Easter eggs and knitted chicks! I would like to thank Bromsgrove and Sidemore WI for so generously donating the knitted chicks and Easter eggs for the children, we appreciate their generosity and support, not to mention the hard work that has gone into all that knitting!

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Lynn Cotterill this term, Lynn has worked at Chadsgrove for 24 years as a fabulous Teaching Assistant! We wish Lynn all the very best in her retirement! We also say goodbye to Julie Davis, one of our cleaners. Julie has helped to keep us clean and tidy for 21 years! Thank you to both staff members for their long service and commitment to our school.

We look forward to welcoming you to our end of term disco on Friday 12th April 6.30-8.30pm, the children are already excited!

Thank you for your continued commitment and support for our school.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter holiday!

Deb Rattley



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2LS Enjoying Easter Preparations

2LS have been having great fun making Easter cards and decorating a large Easter egg for our school competition during our creative lessons.

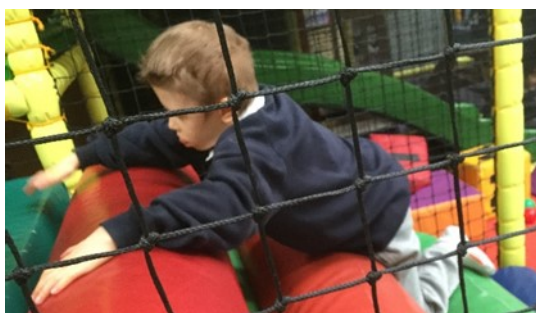


3LS Visit to Sea Life Centre

To finish our topic on 'Water', 3LS visited the Sea Life Centre, Birmingham. It was amazing to see all the big fish and we especially loved the turtles and the penguins! There were lots of sensory activities to do, crawling through tunnels, touching shells and watching the different lights.

4LS Visit Imagination Street

4LS were very lucky and got to go on a trip to Imagination Street this half term. We enjoyed playing in the soft play area, especially the ball pit! All the children were able to practise their Motor Skills and some enjoyed climbing up and down the slide



5LS Dragon Hunting in the Wyre Forest



5LS enjoyed a trip to the Wyre Forest following the Zog activity trail. Everyone wrapped up warm and had fun finding the dragons and a sleeping Gruffalo! Pupils enjoyed having the opportunity to spend time together out and about and thought it was a real adventure.



6LS Visit Umberslade Farm

This half term in our science lessons, 6LS have been looking at animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We were very lucky to be able to go to Umberslade Farm and see lots of different animals, including pigs, lambs, calves and rats! We all really enjoyed our time at the farm and the weather stayed dry for us to explore everything.



7LS Working with Dancefest

7LS have been working with Michelle and Amy, from 'Dancefest', during the past half term. They have been creating a dance called 'Free Fall', which they performed in front of a group of other schools at the first ever SEN Dance Festival, held at Fort Royal School in Worcester.



9US Learning about Capacity

We have been learning about capacity! We have been investigating different size containers and working out how much they can each hold. One of our challenges was to find out from a selection of containers which one would hold the most amount of milkshake. We experimented with water first. Once we had chosen our container we made the milkshake and drank it! It was yummy!!



8LS Having great fun

8LS went zip lining in Bromsgrove. It was really fun. We hooked onto the back of a quad bike and got pulled up the hill. We then zipped down laughing all the way.



10US mesmerised by the music



10US were fortunate to experience a wonderful musical session led by two extremely talented musicians from the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Pupils were keen to listen to and touch a variety of different musical instruments and responded really well to the 'welcome' song which was played to each pupil individually. Pupils also responded well to music being played in time to a ball being bounced, bubbles being blown and scarves being waved.

11US Visit Bewdley Museum

11US went to Bewdley museum as part of their humanities topic about World War Two.



Josh tried on a gas mask and Sophia learnt how to deal with an unexploded bomb! The air raid shelter was cold, damp and would have been very cramped.



13US Heart of Worcestershire College

13US went to HOW College and worked alongside the students doing creative arts and communication. They were all very grown up wearing their lanyards and although we didn't get to complete our half term block, we really enjoyed the two weeks we spent there and are looking forward to working with HOW College again next year.



12US and 15US Life Skills Group



Making a variety of snacks, from pancakes to bacon and egg muffins.



15US are busy getting ready for this year's prom. Small groups of pupils created shopping lists and navigated independently around Redditch to buy items for the prom. They showed fantastic teamwork and communication skills.



A small group from 15US also attended the Worcestershire skills show at Chateau Impney.

Some of the pupils took part in interesting activities offered by the various employers.



The pupils have been busy creating a professional looking news report about issues that matter to them. Pupils presented reports about 'Changing Places' toilets and the 'Dogs for Good' charity. You can see the film they made by visiting YouTube; Chadsgrove School BBC Young Reporter 2019.



14US Inclusive Dance Workshop

This half term 14US have been collaborating with their peers at Thorns Collegiate Academy to create an inclusive dance routine. Both groups of pupils have worked together and connected with one another through creative dance. Everyone has been able to contribute and express themselves in their own way. Thorns pupils enjoyed learning some signs which were incorporated into the dance routine and Chadsgrove pupils enjoyed having the opportunity to learn in a new environment and to make new friends. Thorns pupils will be joining us at Chadsgrove on the last day of term to perform the dance to family and friends. 14US would like to give special thanks to Thorns dance teacher Kelly Watson for her enthusiasm, hard work and for providing a wonderful experience for our post 16 class to remember.



On 8th April, 15US and 12US hosted a tea party for Lynn Cotterill on the occasion of her retirement. She has worked at Chadsgrove for nearly 24 years.

Alice in Wonderland

3LS had a wonderful time at an exciting City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra relaxed concert last week. Arranged for special schools, the ensemble of musicians took us on a magical journey through Alice's adventures. The performance was interactive, and we joined in with singing, movement and dance. We loved all of it, and especially enjoyed looking for the colourful light projection of the Cheshire cat as he appeared in different places around the hall!



Isle of Man Residential 2019

This year's Isle of Man residential is all booked for June and the four boys going on this exciting week away are busy preparing and planning for activities during the trip. As it is not a music focus this time, the boys have had some excellent fundraising ideas that we hope will successfully help to financially support the trip. We are staying at the Jody Dunlop Holiday Home and have booked activities with Sailing for the Disabled, the Victorian Manx Electric Railway, Jurby Karting and an experience that the boys are most looking forward to... a TT Trike Tour around the complete 36 mile motorbike racing course!

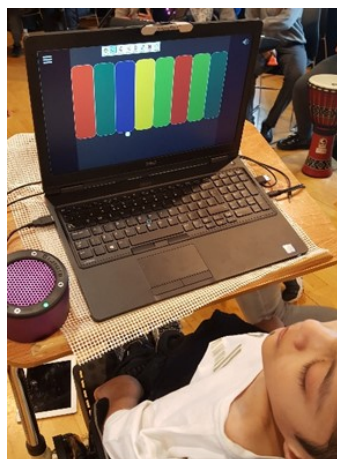


Soundbeam 6

We are very excited to be new owners of the latest Soundbeam. This amazing technology allows us to create sounds in any space, as an invisible beam is broken by movement. The kit also includes 8 wireless switches, a video projection link and a varied collection of presets that allow us to jam together in all types of musical styles. Photographed is Sophia experimenting with the kit's potential at Music Club last week.



Chadsgrove's Open Orchestra is still going strong, and we have recently welcomed two new members after their very successful auditions - Joshua and Dylan in 9US. Musicians Ibrahim and Timothy represented Chadsgrove's orchestra at a special workshop at the mac in March. They performed alongside members of the 5 other special school orchestras in the Midlands - what a great experience!



Meadows Nursing Home



A huge well done to the four members of the choir who sang at Meadows Nursing Home in Bromsgrove last Friday. The residents particularly enjoyed 'I Can See Clearly' and 'Bridge Over Troubled Water'; they were an enthusiastic audience who joined in with our songs, and some even danced along too.

Worry Eaters

We have lots of resources in school to help pupils develop their Positive Mental Health. The children in 11US have been exploring their worries and learning about how to help themselves to overcome them. We have an interactive worry plaque that turns red when the fairies can hear your worries and then changes to green when they have been taken away! We also have a family of Worry Eaters that we fed with things bothering us by writing them down and putting our notes into their mouths. We put the Worry Eaters outside in the sunshine to digest their food!



SCHOLASTIC Book Fair - Huge Thank you!

Thank you all so much for supporting our Annual Scholastic Book Fair!

This year we sold over £540 worth of books at the Fair!

This has raised over £200 in commission for the school to spend on new books for the newly refurbished School Library or on sets of 'reading texts' to support the teaching of Literacy. However, the excitement and joy expressed by some of the pupils when they received their books was priceless and made it all worthwhile. A special mention must go to Joshua Paddock who came to the Book Fair twice, including on the Saturday (during Saturday Club), and Caitlyn Speed who nearly exploded with excitement when she was given her specially ordered copy of 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson. Several pupils helped to run the Fair this year, most notably Wade Haynes, Furqan Shah and Mili Heath (from 8LS).



BOOKSTART 'TREASURE PACKS'

PUPILS IN EARLY YEARS ALSO RECEIVED THEIR 'TREASURE BOOK PACKS' TO SHARE WITH PARENTS.

'BOOKSTART' IS A NATIONAL FREE BOOKS PROGRAMME FOR NURSERY AGED CHILDREN IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

EACH YEAR 'BOOKSTART' PROVIDES A FREE 'TREASURE' BOOK PACK FOR CHILDREN TO SHARE AND ENJOY WITH THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

THIS YEAR THE FREE BOOK WAS 'MAX THE BRAVE' BY CELEBRATED PICTURE BOOK AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR ED VERE.

G. BROWN

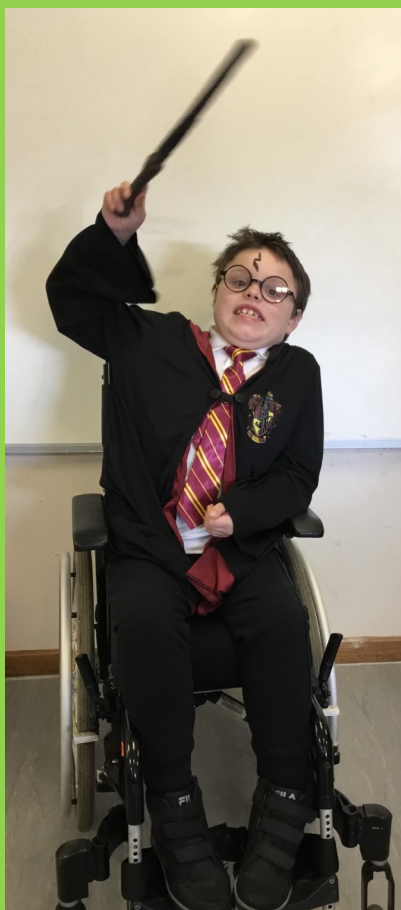


WORLD BOOK DAY

7 MARCH 2019

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TO CELEBRATE 'WORLD BOOK DAY
2019' ON THURSDAY 7TH MARCH
MANY PUPILS (AND STAFF) DRESSED UP
AS A CHARACTER FROM THEIR
FAVOURITE CHILDREN'S BOOK.





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

Thank you

Please ensure you telephone
the school office to notify us
with a reason should your child be
not attending school.

Thank you.



Dates for your Diary 2019

Friday 12th April	School Closes for students (3.30pm)
Monday 15th April	Easter Playscheme (10.00-3.00pm)
Tuesday 16th April	Easter Playscheme (10.00-3.00pm)
Wednesday 17th April	Easter Playscheme (10.00-3.00pm)
Monday 29th April	School Opens for students (9.00am)
Friday 3rd May	School Closes for students (3.30pm)
Monday 6th May	School Closed for students—May Day
Tuesday 7th May	School Opens for students (9.00am)
Friday 24th May	School Closes for students (3.30pm)
Monday 3rd June	School Opens for students (9.00am)
Friday 28th June	Sports Day
Thursday 11th July	Parents Evening
Wednesday 17th July	Leavers Assembly
Friday 19th July	School Closes for students (3.30pm)
Monday 22nd July	INSET day school closed to students

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