

# Chadsgrove

## Headteacher's Message



The end of term is upon us already and it is certainly time for a summer holiday, let's hope the sun continues to shine!

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! Thank you to David Grange (School Governor) who organised the gazebos as we would most certainly have had to cancel the day without the shade! We welcomed visitors into school at the start of July to a special 'Thank You' assembly, the choir performed our new 'Chadsgrove Song' and we shared a slide show to celebrate all the wonderful things that have happened over the year with help from many generous people! The choir also sang beautifully at Sanders Park last week! We also came away from the Summer Games at Bromsgrove School with gold medals for boccia which is very impressive and we are proud of those children that represented Chadsgrove!

Our thoughts are very much with the families of Callum, Lily Mai and Lennon. We miss these three brave little fighters very much at Chadsgrove.

We have 11 pupils leaving us this year and we celebrated their time at Chadsgrove at the prom at Bromsgrove Rugby Club and in school with an assembly. We are saying goodbye to James, Rachel, Josephine, Michael, Oliver, Taylor, Steven, Ryan, Josh, Alisha and Nathan, however, some will join our 19-25 provision in September! We shall miss them all very much and wish them all well in their next steps.

We are also sadly saying goodbye to Cath Yie who has been at Chadsgrove for close to 17 years! We shall sincerely miss Cath, she has given much to Chadsgrove and for this, we are most appreciative and wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement. Julie Nicholls is also leaving and has worked with us for 9 years as a Lunchtime Supervisor, we wish Julie well with her next venture! 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: Amelia, Amelia, Amelia (!) Veer, Hibba, Jahziah, Luna, Alfie, Jasmine and Arouje. We also welcome Samantha Mole, our new teacher for 9US. We hope everyone settles well into Chadsgrove life!

We will look forward to seeing the children back on Thursday 6th September! Thank you, as always, for your support and commitment to our school. Wishing you all a fabulous summer! *Deb Rattley*

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## 2LS Go on a Bear Hunt

In 2LS we had a great time reading 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. We pretended to go on our own bear hunt through the classroom, moving through the swishy grass, deep river, gloopy mud and dark forest!



McKenzie in 3LS really enjoyed hook a duck in the morning session of sports day.



## 4LS Enjoying Wellbeing Day

4LS had a lovely time on wellbeing day exploring the sensory garden with a group of pupils from other classes. They all loved getting out of their chairs to get closer to the plants and especially enjoyed the feel of the grasses and being out in the sunshine.







## 5LS Learning about the Rainforest

This term 5LS have been learning all about the Rainforest! We have been finding out what animals live in the different layers.

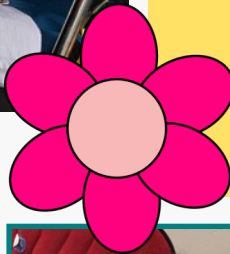


## 6LS at the Willow Trust

We really enjoyed our visit to the Willow Trust. We went on a specially adapted canal boat and enjoyed our journey. We all had a go in the lift up to the top deck to try steering the boat.

Luckily, we stayed on course!

We also enjoyed coming out to the front of the boat to enjoy the view on a beautiful summers day.



## 7LS Visit Umberslade Farm



7LS enjoyed their visit to Umberslade Farm Park. Madison loved meeting the baby rabbits, Louis made friends with a pony and Ryan helped to feed the lambs!





### 8LS Visit the Barber Institute

As part of their 'Water' project 8LS visited the Barber Institute and took part in a tour around the gallery experiencing how water and the sea are depicted in art.

In the afternoon they took part in a workshop painting in different styles with a range of tools on painting easels.

It was a fantastic day kindly funded for us by 'The Arts Society' Stourbridge.

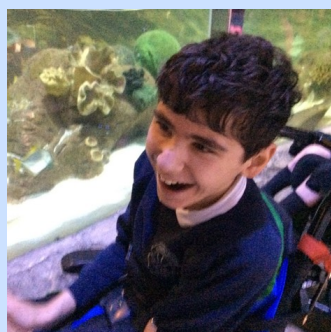


### 9US Visit Top Barn Farm

9US had a brilliant day at Top Barn Farm. We went raspberry picking (and eating), built scarecrows, made lavender bunches and even learnt how to light a fire! We learnt where our food comes from, before it reaches the supermarket.







## 10US Enjoy a Visit to the Birmingham Sea Life Centre

10US summer term work on the Mediterranean Environments finished with a trip to Birmingham to the Sea Life Centre. The visit went really well and pupils were able to feel shark eggs as well as seeing sharks, rays and turtles swimming in the amazing glass tanks and tunnels. Everyone remained on task through out the visit with lots of enjoyable good work being seen throughout the day.



## City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra



We are in our fifth year of working with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, and last week we celebrated the progress made in five consecutive terms working with these fantastic musicians. Open sessions took place in the morning, with pupils in 4LS and 7LS, and then in the afternoon the ensemble performed relaxed concerts for the whole school. Some pupils even had a go at conducting!



## 11US Launch Chadsgrove's School Song

11US pupils and staff spent a day with Dan Whitehouse – a singer/song writer from Birmingham – who worked with their ideas to complete their composition of a school song. Once happy with the lyrics and the melody, we rehearsed together as a class, and then recorded the vocals individually using professional recording equipment. On our Arts Curriculum Day later that week we taught the song to everyone in the whole school, and it's certainly catchy – we've all been humming it ever since! You can hear it on our Chadsgrove School YouTube channel.

Chadsgrove's a community  
We all achieve success  
Working hard and having fun  
That's what we do best!





## 12US Have had a busy term

12US have had a very busy term. Some of us had a great day out at Drayton Manor. It was very hot! Kobie got very wet with Debbie on the log flume. Summer loved the pirate ship but Mr Whyte was just too scared. We have just been to the Blackwell Centre and had a go on the zip wire. We were able to spend the whole day doing different activities together. We wish those going to Post 16 all our best wishes. We hope everyone has a fantastic summer holiday!



## 13US Visit Akamba African Heritage Centre

13US went to Akamba African Heritage Centre in Solihull to learn more about African culture. We went around the bird house and saw lots of bright and colourful birds. We Explored the African plants and animal sculptures as well as experiencing the taste of Africa in the Tribe restaurant.



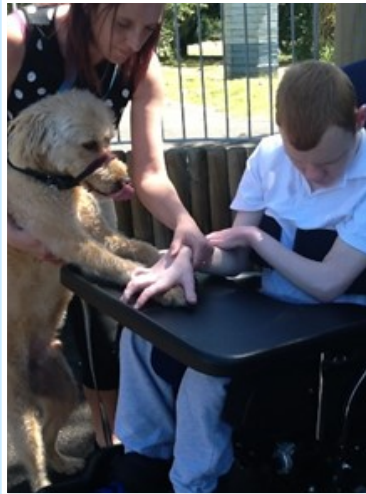


## 14US All Creatures Great and Small

For our termly topic 'All Creatures Great and Small' 14US have been busy exploring different environments and enjoying the warm sunny weather. As well as visiting Sanders Park and the Butterfly Farm pupils have also enjoyed interacting with the outdoor environments at school and have used their senses to take part in orienteering during the school games day. All pupils worked really hard to communicate with their peers from Catshill Middle school and they were all willing to give new challenges a go!

Well done everyone for such amazing team work!

The class have also been learning how to care for Teddy the school dog. They have been great at playing with him and throwing the ball, taking him for a walk and giving him lots of love and strokes.



## 15US - Bird Table

15US presented school with a bird table in memory of Callum Reid, this was made during their construction lessons at HoW College.

This was a beautiful gesture from the class, they used money they had raised previously for the plaque. The bird table has been positioned next to the sensory gardens where pupils and staff can go and remember Callum.



## PROM 2018

This years Prom was held at Bromsgrove Rugby Club and it is safe to say everyone had a ball.

Pupils of 15US did a lot of preparation work in order to make this night a great success.

Special thanks also go to the staff of 15US for all their help, Gail Adams for her fantastic buffet, Ab for taking lots of beautiful memorable photos, the Rotary Club, Brian, John, John and Dave for supplying their stunning vehicles, and finally to all the staff, pupils and their family and friends who attended the event.



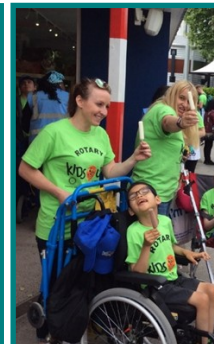
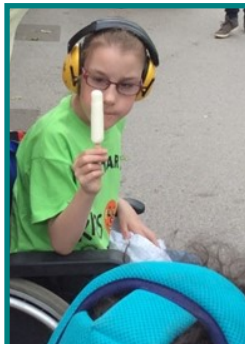
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## DRAYTON MANOR

The weather was perfect for pupils from 5LS, 6LS, 12US and 13US when they attended this year's Rotary Kids Day Out Event. Once a year Drayton Manor closes their gates to the public and invites around 8,000 youngsters, carers, guardians and teachers from Special Needs Schools across the West Midlands to their Staffordshire Theme Park.



## WORCESTER STANDS TALL

15US enjoyed a trip to Worcester Town Centre to follow the trail of decorated Giraffes. The walk which can be visited until 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018 is a trail of beautiful giraffe **sculptures**. You can find out more about this public arts event at

<http://www.worcesterstandstall.co.uk>.

Don't forget to check out our very own giraffe Maximus.



**Chadsgrove's Upper School Drama group** have been working with Katherine from '*Caged Arts*' and Lydia from '*The Open Theatre Company*'. These two Drama professionals have given us three fantastic 'Non-Verbal' workshops, which have been teaching the pupils acting skills and stage presence. All of the pupils involved have thoroughly enjoyed the workshops, which have been completed in silence, just using gestures and over exaggerated actions. During these workshops, the pupils have also developed their 'soft skills' such as confidence, communication, and team-working, and more importantly – they've had lots of fun!





## Rock Steady Music School

All pupils in 12US and 15US have enjoyed a new experience with tutors from the Rock Steady Music School. In an hour workshop, each pupil chose the instrument they wanted to try, and as a class they then rehearsed a pop song. 12US' rendition of Katy Perry's 'Roar' and 15US' version of Justin Timberlake's 'Can't Stop the Feeling' were performed to the rest of the school at the end of the day. We all loved hearing their band play some songs too!



## Singing Club to Worcester University Arena

8 pupils from our lunchtime 'Singing Club' headed to Worcestershire's Big Sing event at the Worcester University Arena in June to perform rehearsed songs alongside hundreds of children from other schools in the county. We were taught new songs too, and had great fun all day singing, signing and dancing!



## Chadsgrove's Choir

The School Choir has had an extremely busy few weeks. Starting with their performance at Worcestershire's prestigious Voices and Visions Festival at Worcester Cathedral, they then went on to perform a longer set a couple of days later at the Royal Three Counties Show in Malvern. Next was another new event, Worcestershire Schools Gotta Sing, which took place at the Palace Theatre on 25<sup>th</sup> June. And to end the year with what has now become a much looked forward to tradition, the choir performed a full concert at the Jubilee Bandstand in Sanders Park on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. A huge well done to all of the talented singers involved!



## Curriculum Day – Focus on 'Relationships'

Last week all pupils spent a day exploring a range of contrasting 'Positive Mental Health' topics that included 'personal hygiene', 'bullying', 'body image' and 'exploring our environment'. In the afternoon session classes were paired together and given the challenge of creating an entry for Thrive's Summer Flower Show. Categories included 'Vegetable Animals', 'Miniature Gardens' and 'Summer on a Plate'. Pupils enjoyed working alongside different peers, and some even won prizes for their work! Tom's Kiwi Bird and Josh's Sausage Dog are pictured here, plus James' drawing of his hand, representing who he might turn to for help if something is bothering him.







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## Chadsgrove Open Orchestra's First Ever Public Performance

A huge well done to the nine pupils involved in Chadsgrove's first ever Open Orchestra and for their performance of a selection of rehearsed repertoire to family, friends and invited guests this week. For most audience members this was their first experience of seeing/hearing pupils playing the 'Clarion', and the Chadsgrove musicians involved received a thoroughly deserved standing ovation! The 'Clarion' is available exclusively through Open Orchestras, and is a new, easy to use, accessible, electronic musical instrument that can be played independently with any part of the body. Pupils have rehearsed weekly since October 2017, and we are delighted that in September the programme is set to continue. It has been a challenging and exciting experience for all involved and we are looking forward to the future developments of what is now an established ensemble.



### Dates for your Diary 2018

Tuesday 24th July	School Closes for students 3.30pm
Wednesday 25th July - Friday 10th August	Summer Playscheme
Thursday 6th September	School Opens for Students 9.00am
Friday 26th October	School Closes for Students 3.30pm
Monday 5th November	School Opens for Students 9.00am
Thursday 20th December	School Closes for Students 3.30pm
Friday 21st December	INSET day school closed to students