

Chadsgrove Newsletter

Headteacher's Message

Autumn
Term

Hello everyone!

This has been a fabulous half term and everyone has settled back into Chadsgrove life beautifully! It has been very refreshing to revert to some sort of normality and to be able to share experiences and excellent practice across the school. I can assure you that we remain highly vigilant in terms of hygiene to keep everyone as safe as possible. The pupils are just amazing in how they have adjusted back into routine and this is a credit to them and yourselves in your efforts preparing your children.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Parent Carer Evening on Thursday 4th November 2021, a letter will follow shortly with the details.

Many thanks for all your kind and generous Harvest Festival donations. This year they are being distributed by New Starts, the Foodbank in Bromsgrove. We really appreciate your contributions to this well deserving cause.

We have much to look forward to next half term with Christmas coming! The performances will be face to face however, these will be in smaller groupings and letters will follow shortly to explain how these will operate! Other Christmas activities will take place too when we have agreed the best format, hopefully Father Christmas can make an appearance this year!

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and communication, this is much appreciated and helps us all to get the very best education for every child in a fun, stimulating and safe way.

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 half term break!

Deb Rattley

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Chadsgrove School Values

Welcoming Teamwork Friendship Trust Independence Fun

2LS

2LS have had a lovely time settling back into school and enjoying lots of different activities, while making friends with their new class mates.



3LS

3LS have been busy settling in to the new term, and their new class!
We have had lots of time for child-initiated choice-making and play.
This enables us to learn skills ranging from role-play, mark-making, turn-taking and celebrating festivals and events (we love a party in 3LS!)



4LS had so much fun on National Poetry Day, enjoying an adapted sensory version of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.

Ajmal liked the 'long, wavy grass' (pom-pom) the most!
 Alfonzo was really brave and felt the 'thick oozy mud' (chocolate milk) and
 Caesee wanted more of the 'deep, cold river' (water spray)!
 I think 4LS would actually like to go on a bear hunt again!



5LS pupils have been enjoying working on their social interaction skills, sharing games and helping each other.

We've explored features of African animals and their habitats in Science. We loved hearing the sounds they make!



In food technology we've been learning to make choices of different fruit and use our hands and utensils to manipulate it.



We've enjoyed our book, Handa's Surprise, and have enjoyed getting to know it through role play activities.

In Maths we are learning about different shapes.
We really enjoyed tying this in with the Halloween theme and marking different shapes on their pumpkins. Happy Halloween!



We have been learning all about the Stone Age in our history lessons. We have really enjoyed getting into character by dressing up and role playing scenes from the book Stone Age boy. We have also put our art skills to the test and made clay pots and practised our cave art.

We have enjoyed returning to school and joining in with our class theme of 'Our Favourite Things'.
Here are a few....



8LS were very excited to see paralympian David Smith. They asked him questions such as "where did you learn to play Boccia". Some of the children in 8LS couldn't believe they got to hold a REAL gold medal!



We have learnt lots of new things in PE. Our topic has been gymnastics and 8LS have loved using all the different equipment and practising lots of movements. We are now ready to learn something new and we can't wait!

What fun we've had carving our very own pumpkins! This was a very messy job and 8LS did a brilliant job scooping out all the gooey insides! We are going to be making a pumpkin soup in food-tech using the parts we scooped out.



9US New Beginnings - Well done 9US You have been very motivated to work this term

This half term we have focussed on returning to the "new normal" with 9US.

Finley enjoyed making his blackberry and apple crumble.



Farah has enjoyed her art lessons making a card.



Millie enjoyed learning about Yom Kippur.



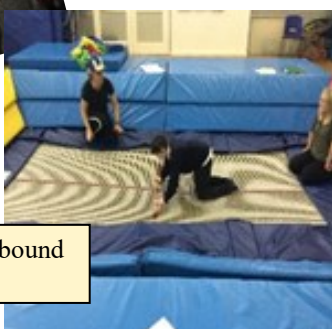
Will spent time picking blackberries having learned the fact that they grow on bushes around school.



Finley has spent time in the library choosing a favourite book.



Jack has loved rebound therapy.



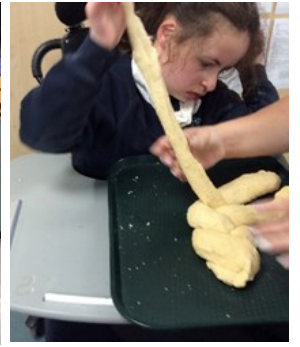
Morgan has really improved his pencil control in English.



James loved receiving his cards from class during his recent stay in hospital.



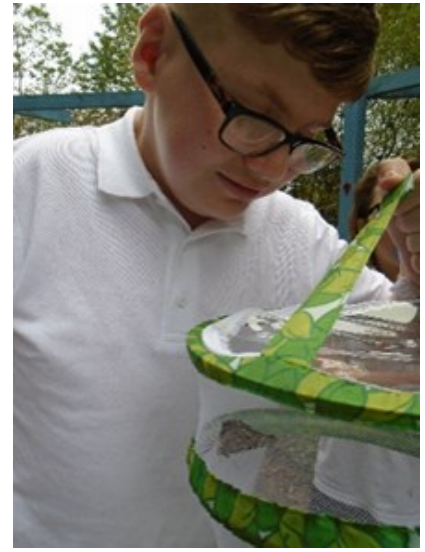
We had so much fun celebrating the Festival of the Month, Yom Kippur



We made Challah, which is a special bread of Jewish origin, usually braided and typically eaten on ceremonial occasions such as Jewish holidays. Areez was very good at cracking the egg, which Alex then mixed with water and yeast.

Jessica and Fenella have great kneading skills! We sent some home as an offering. Just look at the end result...British Bake Off

11US Butterfly Farm



11US pupils were very excited to receive a set of 5 caterpillars, which they were then able to raise in the classroom.

We were fascinated as we watched them grow and change.

The cycle took 4 weeks, and we ended up with 4 out of the 5 caterpillars becoming beautiful butterflies.

Their wings were absolutely stunning, and it was amazing watching them as they gained the confidence to fly.

We kept them for a couple of days, giving them some fruit and sugar water.

Then on a warm day last week, without much wind, we set them free in the Sensory Garden!



12US have had an excellent half term.

It has been brilliant getting back to a more normal school routine and 12US are certainly thriving! The first highlight for this half term has to be when pupils met the inspirational

Boccia Paralympian, David Smith.

We enjoyed watching him play and were even allowed to hold his gold medal, it was heavy!



Secondly, pupils are enjoying their independent living skills lessons where they are participating in working in their own class café.

The café is called “Kira’s Jar” Café and is an acronym of all pupils first names. Pupils are learning to independently take orders, make simple drinks and snacks, take money, calculate change and maintain a high standard of food safety and hygiene.

Pupils particularly enjoyed the French themed week where they made croque monsieur.

Bon Appétit!



13US are out and about in the community again!



We are delighted to be able to go out on trips again. We go out on a Monday and have been lucky enough to visit the Lickey Hills Country Park, the Clent Hills and Webbs garden centre. We have been practising our money skills and litter picking.



14US



We are all so glad to be back at school!
We're really enjoying our Harry Potter topic, in fact, it's been magical!
Here's some pictures for you to see.....

The pupils in 15US have started their community inclusion work-related learning project.

Working in conjunction with Catshill in Bloom and Keep Bromsgrove Beautiful, pupils will be rejuvenating the Catshill area. The pupils will be planting winter plants into the planters around the village, weeding and tidying up a planting area outside the OneStop Shop and ensuring the local area is free of litter. The group has already got off to a productive start by planting winter pansies and geraniums in 3 planters along Gibb Lane.



Meadow Arts 'Thinking Differently'

9US are working with Sally Harper from Meadow Arts and 'Mrs Art' from Chadsgrove to create some really inspirational and independent art work.

Pupils communicate, engage and explore a whole range of materials while drawing on their imagination and natural creativity.

The project will run until Christmas in the first instance.

Progress so far is fantastic, well done 9US!

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Dates for your Diary 2021/2022

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| Friday 22nd October | School Closes for students (3.30pm) |
| Monday 1st November | School Opens for students (9.00am) |
| Thursday 4th November | Parent Carer Evening |
| Friday 17th December | School Closes for students (3.30pm) |
| Tuesday 4th January | INSET Day School closed to students |
| Wednesday 5th January | School Opens for students |

Please clearly label all respite luggage. Thank you

