

Chadsgrove Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

This has been an action packed term with a wide range of activities and events taking place to enrich and enhance our curriculum at Chadsgrove!

We held a Charity Day to raise funds for MIND on the 9th February and raised £115.00 – thank you to you all for supporting this event. This was followed by our Comic Relief Day and Well-Being Day on 15th March, again funds raised and lots of fun had by all!

We celebrated World Book Day on 7th March with many fabulous activities and a bit of dressing up! We also had a brilliant 'Wonder Dome' in the hall on this day for pupils to visit followed by Science Week where pupils had the opportunity to participate in experiments, visit the Science Gadget Shop and share a wealth of Science based activities!

We warmly welcome the following new staff this term: Tina Banks and Carole Toutay as Cleaners, Beth Stanbury as a Casual Teaching Assistant, Gary Jones as a Casual Assistant Site Manager and Nic Ross as Deputy Headteacher. As with all new staff coming in we are usually saying goodbye to valued members of our Chadsgrove team and wish farewell and good luck to Chloe McFarland and Aslan Kartal. Claire Farrand is returning from maternity leave so we are all looking forward to having Claire back in school!

Our Easter celebrations began with a wonderful assembly led by Simon Grudger from Catshill Baptist Church, the children always enjoy Simon's assemblies! We also celebrated the success of our children at Achievement Assembly this week – everyone has worked hard this term!

We have had the most wonderful Easter gifts and eggs donated by staff at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital X-Ray Department. Emma Booth, one of our mums is lucky enough to work alongside such a great bunch of Radiographers who have been very generous with donations and Emma delivered a lovely selection of treats for all our children this week – Thank you so very much to them all! A huge thank you too for the baskets of Cadbury's Crème Eggs with little knitted chick covers knitted by Gemma, Linda and Millie, they look amazing and clearly this is a very talented and generous group of people!

Thank you as always for supporting us to make Chadsgrove the best that it can be for our children. I hope you all have a much deserved Easter holiday, and have time to rest and recuperate!

Deb Rattley



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Chadsgrove School Values
Welcoming Teamwork Friendship Trust Independence Fun

2LS

2LS have started going out and about on trips. To make them appropriate for all of us, we are going in small groups to explore different places. This term some of us have been to Worcester Snozelen where everyone had a fabulous time.



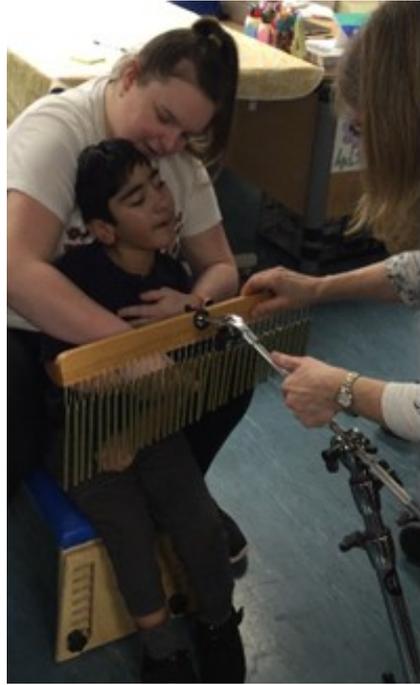
3LS

3LS have had a wonderful time with the CBSO this term and can't wait for the showcase! Pupils have loved exploring all the different instruments. They incorporated our parachute games into their musical session. Thank you CBSO!



We have also been exploring light and sound this term—an have gone to space to see the stars!

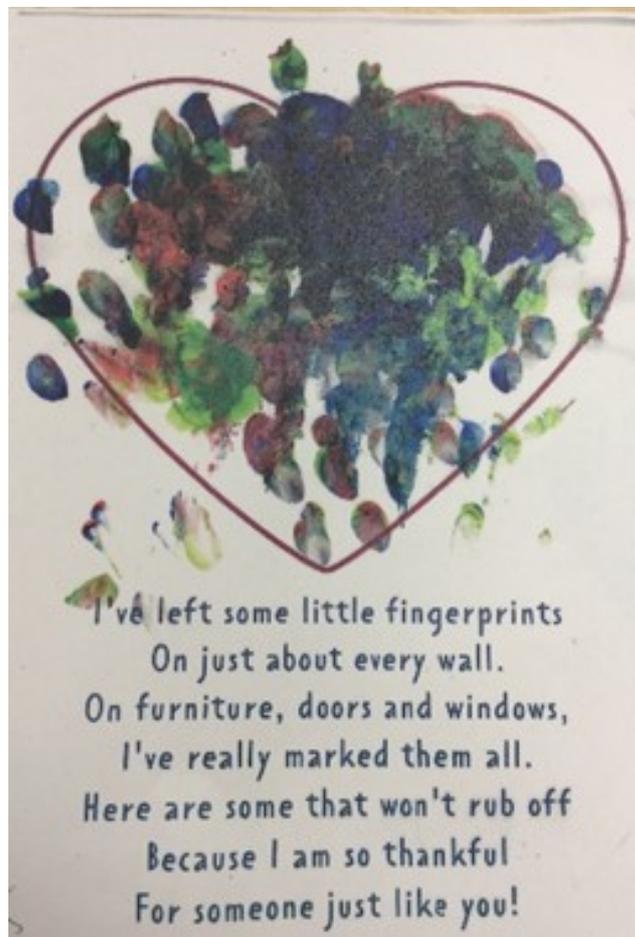
4LS



4LS have been taking part in a Music and Ability Project with our friends from the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (CBSO). Pupils have been exploring the seasons and have made some magical music together. We are excited to invite parent carers into school for a sharing event on Thursday 21st March

5LS

5LS have been thinking about special people and what they mean to us.



We have made some special gifts for our mums and carers.



6LS

What a busy term for 6LS!

We have been ice skating in OAA, celebrated World Book Day in our fantastic costumes and learnt how chocolate is made (and eaten) at Cadbury World!



7LS



7LS have been doing some fantastic work in their Music Therapy sessions with Alison Douglas, our Music Therapist.

8LS

8LS have been working hard in ICT, learning how to program a range of toys. They particularly enjoyed making a little town for the BeeBots to travel in and created step-by-step algorithms for them to follow.



In PSHE, 8LS have been reading the Rainbow Fish and considering what makes a good friend. They have been doing lots of activities that focus on teamwork and building relationships. They also created their own fish with personalised scales, which represent all of their own qualities and interests.

9LS



Leo explored the work of Henri Matisse (an artist who had a disability) and made a postcard

Caitlyn was focussed when using her cutting skills



Alexis can now independently collect her snack in class

Millie enjoyed counting during maths using blocks



Indiana is getting more confident at writing independently



Iyla enjoyed ice-skating with the class

Jack successfully completed independent writing in phonics



Liam loves his Pet Therapy sessions with Poppy and Leigh

Mona is beginning to show an interest in books



Nathan was very proud of his simple snack

10US thoroughly immersed themselves into World Book Day. We dressed up in our finest Country Western clothing to represent two particular characters from Toy Story. We engaged in Hoedown Party games and tried food such as Cowboy Hash and a fruit Cobbler, a South American dessert! YUMMY! Buzz Lightyear joined us as we took a trip into Space in the visiting Wonderdome! Amazing!



Cosy Café, Catshill Meadow

Pupils in 11US and P15 currently run our Cosy Café on Wednesdays from 11.15am until 2.00pm, and everyone is welcome. Pupils in 11US were busy at the end of last term designing a logo for the café's uniform. Here are some of the class pictured when these new items were delivered to school. They look great! Finley is very good at promoting the café; the whole of his sister's class at Catshill



We have take-away drinks and snacks. We sell biscuits, hot drinks, jacket potatoes, beans on toast, toasties, soup and cakes.

First School have been in for a drink and a snack recently!

12US

12US have continued to work hard in their lessons this term. All pupils have completed some amazing press prints in their art lesson. They have mastered this technique well and have created lovely detailed prints with three colours.

Dan has been horse-riding on Tuesday's and continues to grow in confidence and is now riding on his own at a walk and at a trot with some assistance.

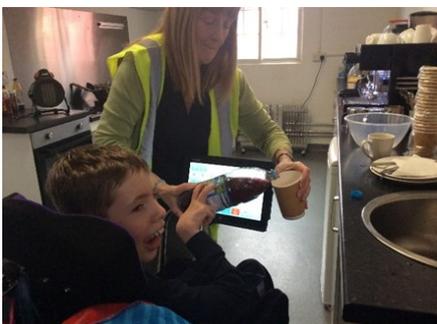
In a food lesson 12US made some hedgehog bread rolls and designed a healthy sandwich to make.



13US

We Love Carers

P13 have been developing their independent living skills at We Love Carers. They have been practicing laying the table, taking orders and making drinks for the customers. They have been very professional!



P14 have really enjoyed visiting the Wonderdome planetarium. We loved the story and learning about our planets and the universe. We even had a dance to the planet song.



We have been very busy in Young Enterprise and finished our pet toys; we especially love our dog bones! We have also been creating habitats during our Wonderful Wildlife topic, we looked at the fish in the sea and the animals in the jungle.



**Exciting Updates from P15:
The New Life Skills Room! ✨**

P15 have been working tirelessly on creating a brand new Life Skills Room, and we're delighted to announce that significant progress has been made.

Over the past few weeks, P15 has been dedicated to transforming the designated space into a vibrant hub for learning and growth. We're proud to report that the room has been successfully cleared out and fresh coats of paint applied to the walls, infusing the room with a sense of brightness and energy. The transformation is truly remarkable, and we can't wait for you to see it!

Currently, we're in the process of furnishing the room, carefully selecting items that will enhance its functionality and aesthetics. We're delighted to announce that we're very close to completion, and we couldn't be more excited to unveil the finished works to you all. So, watch this space for updates – the big reveal is just around the corner!





Dan started off riding with a leader but soon gained confidence to ride alone, even asking Ocean to trot on!



James riding Blue and playing a dice game. How many steps can James get Blue to walk on before he asks him to halt?



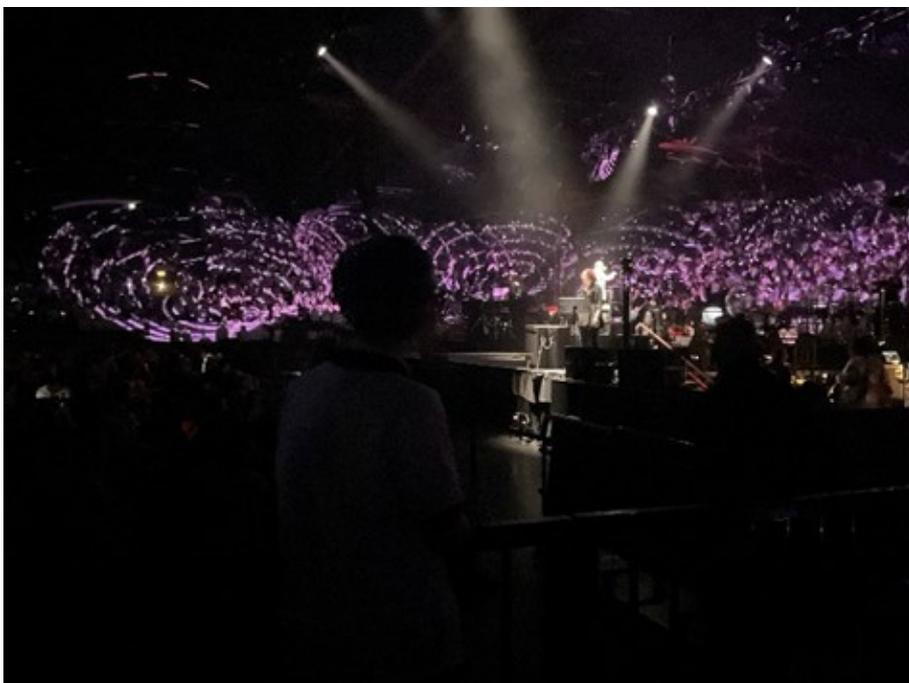
Farah has used her skills, previously learnt on the mechanical horse, and put them into practice on two different horses.





After rehearsing last term during Enrichment on Friday afternoons, on 22nd January 9 pupils in total from classes 8LS, 9US, 11US and 12US headed to The NEC to take part in Young Voices 2024 at Resorts World Arena.

Over 6000 children performed this year's songs together, with our firm favourite being the Matilda Medley. It was amazing to be part of such a huge event, and the evening performance was so exciting. Well done to all those who took part!



Chadsgrove Pupils off to Space!

Science Week got off to a brilliant start with a visit from the Wonderdome – a mobile planetarium.



The dome was set up in the hall all day on Thursday 7th March and all classes had the opportunity to visit the Wonderdome and go on a journey through space; exploring stars, galaxies, planets and space travel.



The dome seemed to be a big hit and we are really grateful to the British Science Association for a Kick Start Funding grant which made this event possible.



“That was amazing”



“I loved learning about space”

“I didn’t want to leave! I’d have stayed in there all day”

“When’s it coming back?”



SEND POST 16 HOLISTIC SUPPORT EVENT FOR PARENT & CARERS

THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2024

4:00PM - 7:00PM

ST. WULSTAN'S BUILDING - HEART OF WORCESTERSHIRE
COLLEGE

Our holistic and informal parent and carers event aims to share guidance and local support available in the community. This event will also provide you with the opportunity to talk to a wide range of services such as:

- Department for Work and Pensions
- Worcestershire Children's First
- Worcestershire County Council
- SENDIASS
- Supported Employment
- Careers Worcestershire
- Inclusive Worcestershire and many more



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Family Update

Family newsletters aim to bring you information about accessing community support groups, government advice and guidelines and opportunities for participating in online courses.



SENSE run several groups and online resource groups for children and young people with complex needs. Check the website for details of what's available and how to join.

<https://www.sense.org.uk/our-services/support-for-children/>

Pedal Power at the Abbey Stadium

Available everyday during Abbey Stadium opening hours
£3.00 per person

Redditch Borough Council's specialist trike bikes are available to hire at the Abbey Stadium. They are specifically designed for disabled people to keep active using the outside track.

The trikes cater for all abilities and our fleet includes a handcycle, single-seater trike and side by side trike, illustrated in the photos.



To book a timeslot please contact the Abbey Stadium on 01527 60206
For more information please call 01527 881366 or email sd@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk



Forest Families

This woodlands nature group is an opportunity for children with additional needs and their families to enjoy the benefits of the outdoors in a calm and safe environment.

<https://www.forestfam.com/woodland-nurture-group---sen-group>



Starting Well Partnership
EVERY CONTACT SHAPES A LIFE





BENS Groups offer 121 wellbeing coaching and peer support sessions for young people and their parents. They facilitate communication and mediate with young people and parents to improve family relationships and also liaise with schools, social care and other agencies.

<https://www.bensgroups.co.uk/>



Worcestershire County Council—
Ready Steady Worcestershire - Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/rsw

Worcester Snoezelen offer a range of activities and facilities for children and young people, including sensory rooms, hydro pool and arts. Check their website for more details, costs and how to book.

<https://www.worcestersnoezelen.org.uk/our-services/>



COMMUNITY SEN FOOTBALL SESSIONS

CAN YOU KICK IT?

THURSDAYS
(TERM TIME ONLY)

AGE	TIME
7-9	4-5PM
10-12	5-6PM
13-15	6-7PM

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If you would like any additional support or information please contact Eleanor Hudson on ehudson@chadsgrove.worcs.sch.uk. Happy Easter!!



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FUNDRAISING



A big thank you for the £52.50 raised for Save the Children on our Christmas Jumper Day at the end of last year, and £115 for MIND earlier this term.



At the end of next half term we will be collecting for Midlands Air Ambulance. Children can come to school on 24th May in non-uniform/wear red.

Before we break up for the summer holidays, we will be collecting for Acorns Children's Hospice. Children can come in on 18th July in non-uniform/summer vibes. Hawaiian shirts also welcome!





Bromsgrove District Council has been working with partners over the last 12 months to assist residents with the cost of living crisis.

Under the banner 'Caring is Sharing' they have asked us to reach out to parent carers who may need help and support as part of the cost of living crisis. They have produced the following article for us to share with you.

Cost of Living Information

If you are struggling with the cost of living crisis, Bromsgrove District Council has a handy webpage that provides links to support and advice that is available. This is advice from a wide range of agencies. Even if you don't claim any benefits you may be entitled to support you weren't aware of, and not just monetary support, but good advice from legitimate sources you can trust. Have a look and please share the links with anyone else who may be struggling financially.

www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/costofliving

Starting Well Bromsgrove Newsletter—Spring 2024

The Starting Well Partnership supports parents, families, children and young people across Worcestershire. They have 6 teams working out of their Family Hubs located in districts across the county.

Families in each of the districts are supported by Health Visitors, Parenting Support Workers, Community Nursery Nurses, School Health Nurses, Health Care Assistants, Volunteer Coordinators, Community Health Connectors, Business Support Officers and Administrators. They provide support, advice and clinics from our Family Hubs, community spaces, schools and GP surgeries. Go to the link below for more information.

<https://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/resources>



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Dates for your Diary 2024

Wednesday 20th March	Achievement Assembly (14.00pm)
Thursday 21st March	Easter Family Disco (18.00pm—20.00pm)
Friday 22nd March	Non-Uniform / Animal Themed Charity Day—Dodford Children’s Farm
Friday 22nd March	School Closes for Easter Holidays
Monday 8th April	School Opens for Pupils and Staff
Friday 19th April - Friday 26th April	Book Fair
Monday 6th May	May Day—School Closed to all pupils
Monday 13th May	Transition Workshop for Parent Carers in years 11, 12, 13 & 14 (17.00pm)
Friday 24th May	Non-Uniform / Wear Red Charity Day—Midland Air Ambulance
Friday 24th May	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 3rd June	School Opens for Pupils and Staff
Thursday 13th June	Dads’ Family Night
Monday 24th June	Year 8 Vaccinations / HPV
Wednesday 26th June	Lower School Sports Day
Thursday 27th June	Upper School Sports Day
Thursday 27th June	Reports to be sent out
Friday 28th June	INSET Day—School Closed to all Pupils
Thursday 4th July	Parent Carers’ Evening (17.00pm-19.00pm)
Friday 5th July	Chadsgrove Educational Trust Specialist College Summer Fete (11.00am)
Wednesday 10th July	Enterprise Sale Day
Monday 15th July	Transition Day
Thursday 18th July	Non-Uniform / Summer Vibes-Hawaiian Dress Charity Day—Acorns



Happy Easter from everyone at Chadsgrove

We look forward to seeing you all when we
return on Monday 8th April