

# Chadsgrove Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

Welcome to Autumn!

The term has started really positively with children and staff settling back into routine and getting used to new classes and timetables!

The children have all enjoyed the Everest journey that Kev Hatch (Chadsgrove volunteer) is undertaking to raise funds for our school. Kev is doing a brilliant job and has raised just over £12,000 to date. The money is going towards developing our outside area. If you would like to sponsor Kev please follow the link!

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kevin-hatch-234?  
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Thank you to those that have already given so generously, we really appreciate this. We have shared lots of photographs and videos in assembly this last week which the children have loved -particularly the amount of snow!

This term the children have voted in Madison Stirling as their Head Pupil, James Saunders as Deputy Head Pupil and Dylan Price as Prefect - A huge well done to all three pupils, we are very proud of them and I am confident that they will fulfil their roles brilliantly over the coming year and be excellent role models for everyone!

In terms of sporting success - Four pupils from Lower School attended the first Worcestershire School Games Tenpin Bowling Competition held at Worcester Tenpin. The team of four were competing against nine other schools from across Worcestershire. Ten rounds saw the team score a massive 330 points! The results were announced at the end by 'Panathlon', who had organised the event, one pupil received the award for the 'Top Pin' and the team came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall which is a fantastic achievement, well done to all of the team for representing Chadsgrove so brilliantly!

We are celebrating Harvest Festival with a special assembly on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October, this is being delivered by Marion from New Starts Foodbank in Bromsgrove, where all the food, generously donated, will be distributed to those who need it.

Please see the confirmed dates at the end of this newsletter to add to your diaries for the year! I am sure there will be more events taking place and we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible of these!

I hope you all have a fabulous half term holiday!

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**Chadsgrove School Values**  
**Welcoming Teamwork Friendship Trust Independence Fun**

2LS



2LS have been enjoying lots of music and explored a range of instruments this term during their music lessons, and from the visiting Birmingham Symphony Orchestra!



3LS



3LS have been exploring our topic 'All About Me', finding things that we enjoy and sharing them with our friends.



We are building good friendships with our new peers and having fun with our old ones.



## 4LS

4LS have been having fun getting to know each other this half term. We are learning how to express our likes and our dislikes in lots of different situations. We are enjoying our story sessions in the library and we love exploring all of the space in the hall for our movement story of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'



## 5LS



5LS have been working hard this term. In science, we had a visit from the Animal Man. Pupils commented that the snake was slimy and slippery!






























In Maths, pupils have enjoyed Autumn nature hunts! They have been working hard to practice their counting skills.





# 6LS










  
 6LS had a visit from
  the Animal Man this
  term. In Science, we
  have been looking at
  how we classify ani-
  mals (mammals, rep-
  tiles, amphibians,
  birds and fish) and
  everyone enjoyed
  meeting the different
  animals – even with
  some animals looking
  a bit slimy, scaly,
  fluffy and stinky!
 









# 7LS

7LS enjoyed taking part in an Autumn themed Sensory Scavenger Hunt in the Sensory Garden. We loved exploring all of the new sensory stimuli as well as being out and about in the Autumn sunshine!





# 8LS



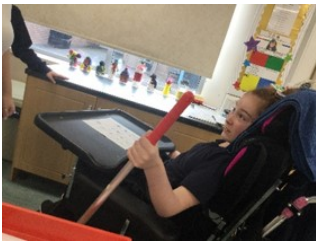
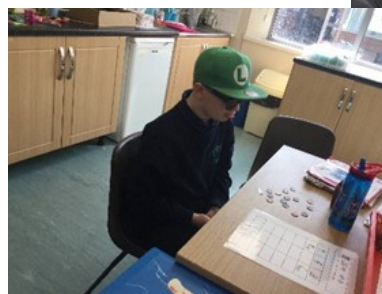
8LS have had a very busy start to the school year with a sports trip to the Xcel Leisure Centre in Coventry and a visit from the animal man. In Geography we have been exploring some of the earth's natural hazards, such as Volcanoes and Earthquakes. We even completed our own experiment to see how a volcano erupts!



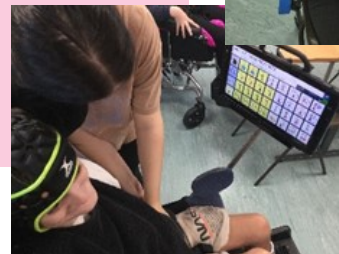
# 9US

9US have been working on independent living skills...

... and using rewards for working hard to buy goods from the reward shop.



We used our communication systems to tell staff our needs and wishes.







10US have enjoyed being outside, playing parachute games, singing Autumn themed songs and collecting Autumn leaves!



## Tea & Talk for World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 10th October was World Mental Health Day. Pupils in 11US joined thousands of others across the UK, celebrating with a Tea & Talk event. We don't usually get to have a cup of tea in our classroom, so this was a special treat for us. We chatted together as a group about what it means to be positive and ways in which we can maintain good mental health. We also thought about a 'What Helps Checklist'. Our next thing to try is laughter yoga!







12US started the Autumn Term by getting to know each other and our new class teacher Miss Nikki! The notice board in the Art Room is all about the class and what we love. We decided to represent our birthdays by creating a huge tiered celebration cake using oil pastels and paint and made 3D doughnuts to decorate it.



In Art, 12US have been creating collages based on the theme of Nature and have also explored colour mixing to paint a colour wheel. In Food Technology we have been revisiting the theme of a healthy diet and have made a fruit kebab.



During RSE lessons 12US have taken part in discussions and activities on the themes of friendship, respect, mental health and having a positive daily attitude.



P13 went on their first community trip to the Clent Hills. All the pupils made it to the top and enjoyed the magnificent views. The weather was glorious which helped!

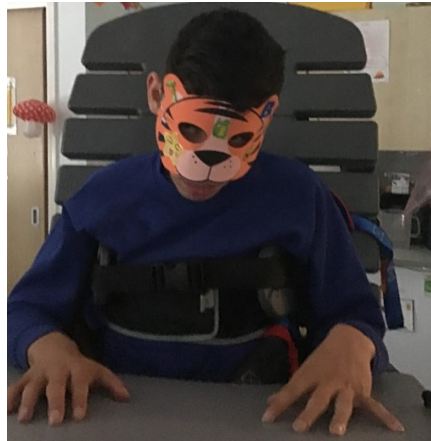


Pupils showed great teamwork and kindness towards each other.

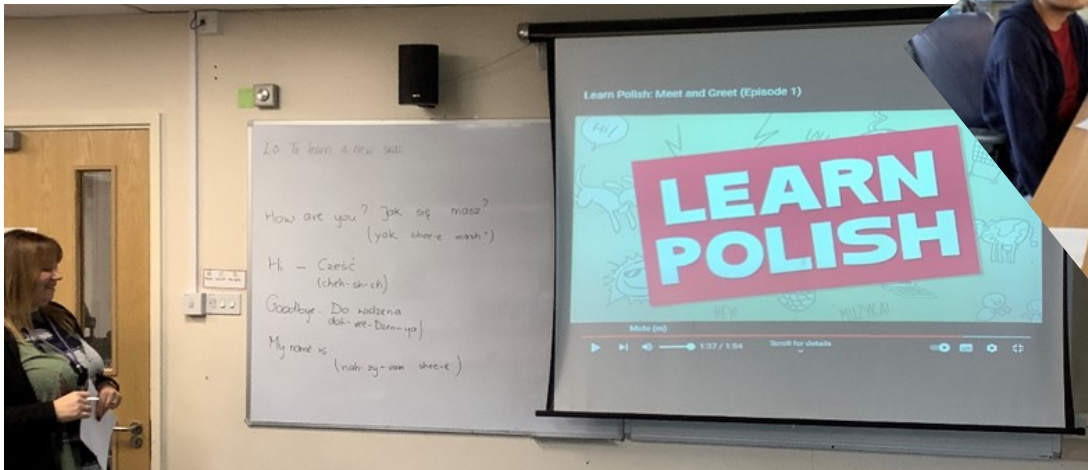




P14 have enjoyed taking part in lots of different craft projects this half term. We have been making products to sell at the Christmas Market in Bromsgrove, as part of our Link Project with Chadsgrove Educational Trust Specialist College. We have also been enjoying our musical topic and creating masks for 'Phantom of the Opera'.



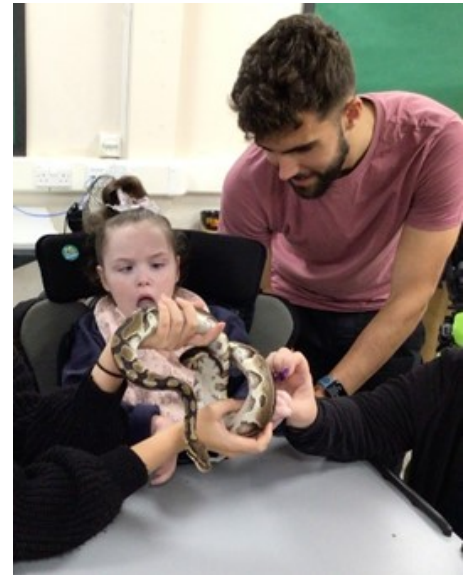
P15 had the fortunate opportunity to have a dedicated TA, Justyna, assisting us with learning Polish as a part of our OCR coursework. We acquired essential phrases like greetings, farewells, politeness expressions, and even achieved proficiency in counting up to ten. All students in the class expressed their enjoyment in discovering a new language.



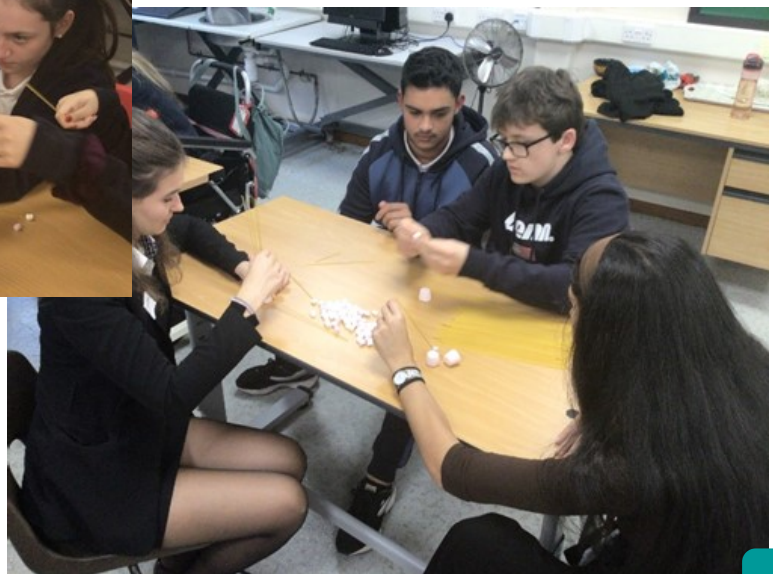
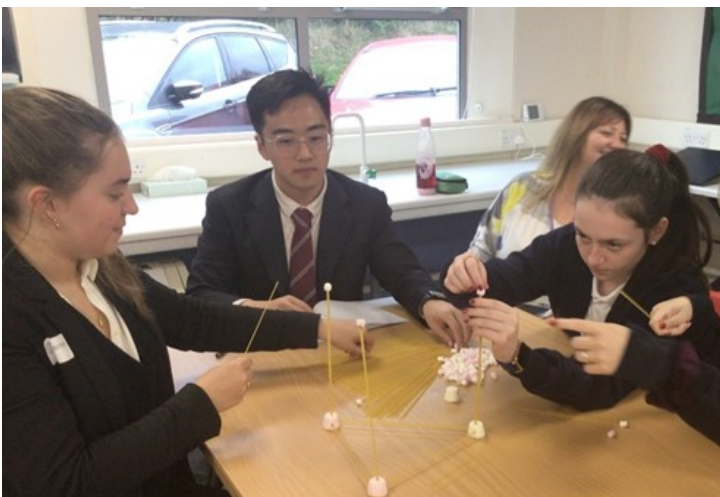




Pupils have got off to an excellent start in Science this year! 5LS, 6LS and 8LS enjoyed a visit from the Animal Man learning about animals from around the world.



12US have begun their partnership with Bromsgrove School and spent some time getting to know the Bromsgrove students with a spaghetti and marshmallow tower building competition!









# Christmas Performance



## **A Colourful Christmas**

2LS, 3LS and 4LS

Thursday 7th December at 14.00pm

## **Animals of Christmas**

5LS, 6LS, 7LS, 8LS and 9US

Monday 11th December (performance 1) at 14.00pm

Tuesday 12th December (performance 2) at 18.30pm

## **Christmas on Screen**

10US, 11US, 12US, P13, P14 and P15

Wednesday 13th December (performance 1) at 14.00pm

Thursday 14th December (performance 2) at 18.30pm





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## Dates for your Diary 2023/2024

2023	
Wednesday 25th October	Humanities Curriculum Day
Thursday 26th October	Parent Carers' Evening (Upper School—Subject Teachers, Lower School-Class Teachers)
Friday 27th October	Non-Uniform/Optional Fancy Dress Charity Day—Barnardo's
Friday 27th October	Dads' Family Night
Monday 30th October	Half Term
Monday 6th November	School opens for students (9.00am)
Tuesday 7th November	School Photographer
Friday 17th November	Non-Uniform/Spotty Clothes Charity Day—Children in Need
Saturday 26th November	Catshill Christmas Lights Switch on (school choir performing)
Thursday 7th December	Christmas Performance 2LS, 3LS and 4LS (14.00pm)
Monday 11th December	Christmas Performance 1—5LS, 6LS, 7LS, 8LS and 9LS (14.00pm)
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas Performance 2— 5LS, 6LS, 7LS, 8LS and 9LS (18.30pm)
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Performance 1—10US, 11US, 12US, P13, P14 and P15 14.00pm
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Performance 2—10US, 11US, 12US, P13, P14 and P15 18.30pm
Tuesday 19th December	Achievement Assembly (14.00pm)
Wednesday 20th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 21st December	Christmas Family Disco (18.00pm—20.00pm)
Friday 22nd December	Non-Uniform/Christmas Jumper & Accessories Charity Day—Save the Children
Friday 22nd December	Afternoon School Disco
Monday 25th December	Christmas Holidays

## Dates for your Diary 2023/2024

2024	
Monday 8th January	School opens for students (9.00am)
Thursday 11th January	Keeping Safe Curriculum Day
Monday 22nd January	Young Voices 2024
Friday 9th February	Non-Uniform/Bright Colours Charity Day—MIND
Monday 12th February	Half Term
Monday 19th February	School opens for students (9.00am)
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day—optional dress up as a book character
Thursday 7th March	Parent Carers' Evening for Exam Pupils (16.30pm—18.30pm) (via zoom)
Thursday 7th March	Mums' Pamper Night
Friday 15th March	Non-Uniform/Wear Red Charity day —Comic Relief
Wednesday 20th March	Achievement Assembly (14.00pm)
Thursday 21st March	Easter Family Disco (18.00pm—20.00pm)
Friday 22nd March	Non-Uniform/Animal Theme Charity Day—Dodford Children's Farm
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
Thursday 13th June	Dads' Family Night
Saturday 15th June	Science Event at Bromsgrove School
w/c Monday 17th June	Sky Arts Week
Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th June	Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
w/c Monday 24th June	Sports Week
Wednesday 26th June	Lower School Sports Day (afternoon)
Thursday 27th June	Upper School Sports Day (afternoon)
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