

Chadsgrove Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

Welcome to the Autumn Term!

I am delighted to say that both pupils and staff are well settled into the year now and enjoying being back at school, although I am sure everyone is ready for the half-term break!

Thank you to those who attended our Academy meetings last week and those who sent in questions. We will be putting a FAQ document with regards to the process on our website which we will keep updated. Please contact us if you would like to discuss this process with us.

We celebrated Harvest with a special assembly on Wednesday 16th October. Thank you for the donations which will be given to New Starts Foodbank in Bromsgrove, a very worthy charity.

Our 'Pumpkin Afternoon' was very well attended on Tuesday 22nd October, much fun was had by all and it was wonderful to see everyone working together and being creative! As this was so popular, we will look to host similar events throughout the year in school.

This term the pupils have voted in Sophia (P15) as their Head Pupil, Heaven-Leigh (P13) as Deputy Head Pupil and Mia (P13), Joshua (P13), Alishba (P13) and Ali (P15) as Prefects – A huge well done to all 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!

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 for these.

Thank you for all your help and support this half-term particularly with settling children into the new academic year.

I hope you all have a fabulous half-term holiday!



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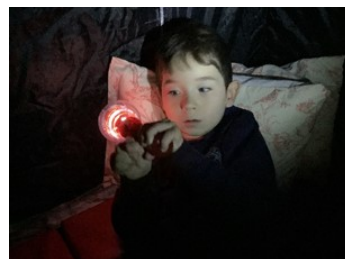
2LS have been settling back into class routines and welcoming new friends! We have been enjoying fun activities, such as parachute games, swimming and playdough. We have also enjoyed sensory stories and dressing up.



We have been using all of our senses to explore our outside areas at this beautiful time of year.



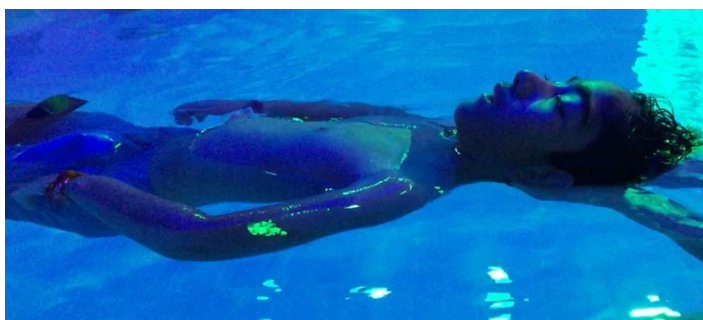
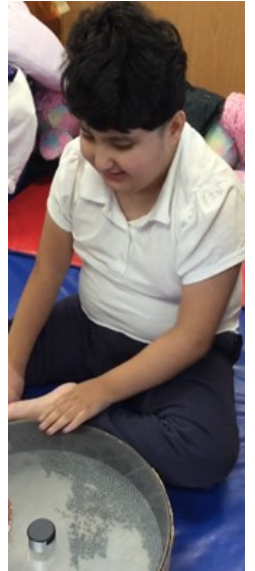
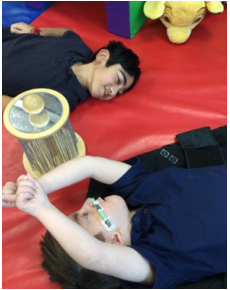
We celebrated Diwali and enjoyed learning about the story of Rama and Sita and the lights that led them back home.



As part of our 'All About Me' topic, we have been learning about our bodies, ourselves when we were babies and what our needs were, our families and our homes.

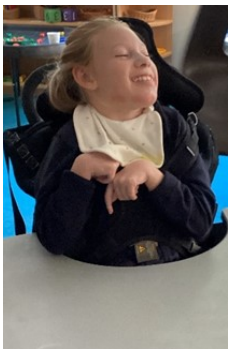
4LS

4LS have been getting to know each other while having lots of fun with their new friends and old this half-term. Pupils have worked hard on their communication skills and expressing their likes and dislikes in a range of different activities. Pupils have also had the opportunity to engage with 'Liquid Listening' as part of their Hydrotherapy sessions. They have achieved some fantastic outcomes already with pupils being inspired to move, stretch, vocalise and be still while their whole body and mind experiences relaxation.

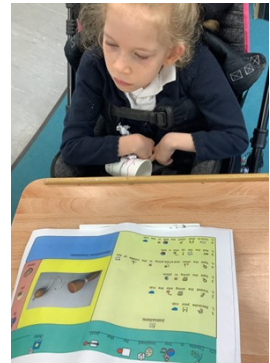


5LS

5LS have had a wonderful time with the CBSO this term and can not wait for the showcase! Pupils have loved exploring all the different instruments.



In History, we have been learning about the past. We have explored photos, games, toys and objects and have also created our own toys and games.



6LS



This half term we have been busy learning about the Romans. We made our own aqueducts!



We loved learning about our festivals of the month especially Navaratri.

We had a keen interest to learn about the Hungry Caterpillar. In our story, we had real caterpillars stay with us until they were ready to become butterflies. We learned about the life cycle of a caterpillar before setting our butterflies free in our sensory garden.



7LS



7LS have been exploring lots of different activities in their Motor Skills lessons this half-term. Harry and Evie loved joining in our sensory dance activities, Alfonzo did some great work lying prone over a wedge and Ajmal enjoyed using the trike!

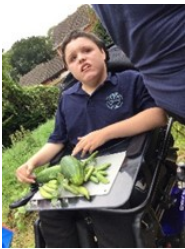


8LS

This term, 8LS have enjoyed learning about the Romans in History. We have discovered what Roman soldiers wore, used Roman coins to visit the merchant and even had a go at some Roman chariot racing!



9LS



Leo and the team harvested the flowers and vegetables we grew last term.

This term we have focussed on getting to know each other and exploring different learning techniques.



Caitlyn was exploring the world and locating Italy.



Jack enjoyed making a jigsaw map and identifying places on it. He even showed our visitors his work.

Alexis was hard at work completing a maths activity.



Josh started the year sharing resources with Jack.



Indiana practiced some beautiful writing of graphemes in Phonics.



Liam overcame his fear of balloons to hold one.



Mona learned how to use force to blow a whistle in Science



Craig chose a book to read for pleasure.



Lyla experimented to blow up balloons with a pump.



The Story of Macbeth as never told before...

10US have been learning about key aspects of “The Tragedy of Macbeth” and the end result was they participated in storytelling. The play was created over a few weeks, enabling the pupils to control the narrative. This was achieved through making choices, with their likes, dislikes and preferences all being accounted for. Pupils had opportunities to engage with text and explore an array of resources linked to the story. These ranged from objects to touch, ICT equipment to operate, things to taste & smell, as well as music and instruments to play, to accompany the story. We had so much fun and lots of laughter! We all played a character, and of course, Mrs Mole insisted on being Lady Macbeth!!!



11US have been working hard in Phonics. They have been reading and spelling phase 4 CCCVCC words. Some of these words are very tricky! They have also been writing sentences including these words and remembering finger spaces, full stops and capital letters.



In Music, the class are learning all about ‘structure’ and how they can build up short musical ideas to make them into complete pieces for a performance. They have composed rhythmic ostinatos (repeated patterns) and learnt a selection of melodic ostinatos from a piece called Winter Bonfire by Prokofiev. After playing these on chime bars, hand bells and Clarion (on the iPad), they then learnt to perform them on the keyboard.



12US



12US have had a great start to the new school year!

Pupils in 12US have welcomed two new members to the class and everyone has already settled well into new routines and are working hard in all lessons. As part of the alternative curriculum during the first week back, pupils decorated clay cupcakes to signify their birthdays on the tiered birthday cake on 12US's notice board. In Art, pupils have been working towards producing some practical evidence based on the theme of mushrooms and fungi for their Young Leader's award project with Kew Gardens. Pupils were exploring colours in oil pastel. The whole class recently prepared an informative assembly for the award and each member of the class presented some interesting facts about mushrooms and fungi.



In Food Tech, pupils have planned simple healthy breakfast alternatives and have demonstrated working independently and in pairs to cook breakfast muffins and American style pancakes.

Some pupils in 12US recently attended the Life Beyond School event at Sixways Stadium, Worcester, as part of preparing them for adulthood and spent the day visiting and talking to colleges and companies about courses and opportunities after they leave Chadsgrove.



13US

P13 had a fantastic first community trip to Webbs Garden Centre. They discovered Flora Fields, a pick your own flowers area, and thought the flowers looked beautiful. They enjoyed the sensory garden walk and exploring the willow sculptures in the Woodland Walk. The class did really well putting the knowledge they had learned about car park safety into practice.



P14 have been very busy during the Autumn term. We have developed our Business Enterprise where we are making forever flowers with different types of materials including paper and crochet. The name of our company is 'The Paper Roses' and the pupils all made their flowers for the logo. We have made beautiful clouds for our 'dream' topic this term that are proudly displayed on our new story display board. We have also been doing a lot of movement whilst the sun is shining and going out and about on the trikes.



P15 visited Mary Stevens Park as part of our travel training and finding our way around in the community.

We even had a History lesson on the Holocaust.



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| Friday 20th December | Wear something cosy and warm | Crisis at Christmas |
| Friday 14th February | Wear something red | British Heart Foundation |
| Friday 11th April | Wear an outrageous outfit | Teenage Cancer Trust |
| Friday 23rd May | Wear yellow and green | Primrose Hospice |
| Friday 17th July | Wear own clothes | Catshill Food Bank |

Festivals of the Month



October—Navaratri

November—Diwali

December—Christmas

January—Birth of Guru Gobind Singh

February—Chinese New Year

March—Lent / Easter

April—Eid-al-Fitr

May—Vesak

June—Shavuot

July—Ashura



Thank you to Sainsbury's, Tesco's and families for the donation of pumpkins for our Pumpkin event this week.



Christmas Variety Shows

These will take place at **2.00 pm** on the dates listed below:

2LS, 3LS, 4LS

Tuesday 3rd December 2024

5LS, 6LS, 7LS, 8LS

Thursday 5th December 2024

9US, 10US, 11US, 12US

Tuesday 10th December 2024

P13, P14, P15

Thursday 12th December 2024

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Dates for your Diary 2023

| 2024 | |
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| Friday 25th October | School Closes for half term |
| Monday 4th November | School Opens for pupils and staff (9.00am) |
| Tuesday 5th November | School Photo Day |
| Saturday 23rd November | Catshill Christmas Lights Switch On (School Choir performing) |
| Friday 29th November | Sign-Along Workshop for parent carers (1.00pm) |
| Tuesday 3rd December | Variety Show for 2LS, 3LS and 4LS (2.00pm) |
| Thursday 5th December | Variety Show for 5LS, 6LS, 7LS and 8LS (2.00pm) |
| Friday 6th December | CBSO Musicians Sharing Session for Families of 5LS & P14 (9.30am) |
| Tuesday 10th December | Variety Show for 9US, 10US, 11US & 12US (2pm) |
| Thursday 12th December | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Thursday 12th December | Variety Show for P13, P14 & P15 (2pm) |
| Monday 16th December | Achievement Assembly (2.00pm) |
| Tuesday 17th December | Christmas Dinner Day |
| Thursday 19th December | Family Christmas Disco (6.00-8.00pm) |
| Friday 20th December | Non-Uniform / Wear your own clothes — Crisis at Christmas |
| Friday 20th December | School Closes for Christmas Holidays (3.30pm) |
| 2025 | |
| Monday 6th January | School Opens for pupils and staff (9.00am) |
| Friday 14th February | Non-Uniform / Wear red—British Heart Foundation |
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We hope you have a wonderful
half-term break and look forward
to seeing you when we return on
Monday 4th November

