



# Newsletter

Spring 1 2024

## Upcoming Diversity Events:

- St David's Day
- Health and Safety Day
- Fair Trade Fortnight
- British Science Week
- International Day of Mathematics
  - St Patrick's Day
  - World Poetry Day

Your child's class teacher will provide further information on diversity events through weekly phone calls..

## Our website:

[www.cherrytreeschool.org.uk](http://www.cherrytreeschool.org.uk)

## Our private facebook group:



Cherry Tree School, Walsall

What a wonderful start to 2024! We have expanded our school to four classes and welcomed seven new pupils.

Alongside our curriculum, we continue to enjoy our Diversity, Enrichment and Health and Safety Days. We have enjoyed celebrating Aspirational Day and pupils have shared with us their hopes and dreams. We have also celebrated Burns' Night and Australia Day where it was wonderful to witness pupils engage in learning about Scottish and Australian culture. Our diversity day this half term was on Understanding Race and Culture which saw some students visit a local mosque. As a school we also celebrated Number Day where it was wonderful to see classes demonstrate their mathematical knowledge whilst competing with one another in the poster competition. Finally we celebrated Safer Internet Day. With an increased device usage it is important to understand how to have a healthy relationship with the internet. All children have signed their e-safety contract—please ask class teachers if you would like a copy.

My door is always open to parents / carers and I welcome an open dialogue so please feel free to contact me on 01922 662460 or [kbutler@cherrytreeschool.co.uk](mailto:kbutler@cherrytreeschool.co.uk) should you wish to discuss anything.

All of the students have settled into Class Caspian extremely well. They have started off this term by exploring the topic 'People Who Help Us'. There have been lots of opportunities for roleplay - we have been dentists (dressing up and brushing off the marks on the teeth with a toothbrush), lollypop people (helping our friends cross the garden) and construction workers (dressing up and playing in the construction tuff tray. We have also listened to a song about firefighters.





All of the students have settled into Class Morgan beautifully. They have started off this term by exploring the topic 'People Who Help Us'. We have seen some great imaginative play throughout this half term! We have had dentist roleplay, dressing up and brushing off the marks on the teeth with a toothbrush. We've seen Doctor roleplay, where the students have taken turns beautifully to listen to Tanya's heart with the stethoscope. We have also had some brilliant Lollipop people during our outdoor play, pretending to stop traffic whilst children crossed the road.

During this half term, we had also explored our diversity topics such as Burns' Night where we used our creative skills to paint a Burns' Night card, Australia Day where we made and tried 'fairy bread' which is very popular in Australia as a snack or dessert and Number Day, where we went on a number hunt, baked Numicon shaped biscuits and created a Numicon number line! What a busy half term, making lots of new and wonderful memories and learning experiences in our new EYFS classroom.



## Class Blazer

During this half term in maths KS3 pupils gained a better understanding of decimals and measures. They read and converted various scales into different units, learned techniques of how to add, subtract, multiply and divide decimals and then built on their understanding of using common sense by considering if answers were of the correct order of magnitude. The class also took part in NSPCC Number Day and created a class poster for the school competition.

In English KS2 pupils focused on instructions and explanations and then poetry. Students explored the rules of different game shows on TV and then created their own game show. They wrote explanation texts for their show and step by step instructions for the format. Pupils went on to recite poetry using expression and created their own humorous poem.

Chemistry was the area of science that KS3 students looked at this half term. Pupils gained an understanding of how to write a clear methodology and then explored how to use a bunsen burner safely and correctly. The class went on to explore different types of mixtures and solutions and methods to separate them. Pupils performed an experiment to see if hot or cold water could dissolve more sugar.

In art KS2 explored Roman art in particular mosaics. Students researched different mosaics and identified the repeating border patterns. Students then recreated a mosaic using printing techniques and using tiles paying particular attention to the border. They also created a Roman shield and having explored Anglo- Saxon shields last term, they noted the similarities and differences.

For the diversity day 'Understanding race and culture' all of class Blazer took a tour of a local Mosque. Pupils learned about the rules and traditions in this place of worship, observed the rituals and spoke with different people while there.





Class Henson started this term off exploring the topic oceans and seas. We have been singing our way through the five oceans song and learning the names of each ocean which is the Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern and Arctic. The students have been working on taken turns in sharing and exploring the world map during one of our water tuff trays.

Class Henson also enjoyed getting creative and making their own ocean pictures by making their own bubble art pictures. Exploring different paints colours and creating their own patterns. As part of our learning enhancement our students have taken a little trip to the Hollybush to take a closer look at what it looks like under the ocean. We have learnt that there are living things in the ocean such as fish, coral and crabs.

During this half term, we have explored our Diversity topics such as Burns' Night. We have used our creative skills to decorate our own kilts and even went into home skills making and decorating our own shortbread. For Number Day we enjoyed lots of number activities such as the great number rescue where we had to rescue numbers from frozen ice blocks, played number blocks games and sang our big numbers song.

