



Newsletter

Autumn 2 2023

Upcoming Diversity Events:

- Aspirational Day
- Burns Night
- Australia Day
- Understanding race and culture
- Safer Internet Day
- Chinese New Year
- Shrove Tuesday
- Random Acts of Kindness Week



Our website:

www.cherrytreeschool.org.uk

Our private facebook group:



Cherry Tree School, Walsall

The end of our first full term at Cherry Tree School provides a point to pause and reflect. We have expanded as a school to have 18 full time pupils who bring their individual energy and wonderful personalities. We look forward to 2024 with great anticipation as we will continue to grow with pupils and staff members.

A notably addition to our team in this half term is Linda, our Administrator. Linda is based in our office and is the lovely lady who emails you weekly reports and is the first port of call on the phone.

Also, we have added Hayley and Sophie, two of the company's clinical therapy team. Hayley provides 1-1 play therapy with some pupils. Sophie runs our parental engagement sessions on a Wednesday. If you would like to attend a session, please get in touch. These sessions are a chance for you to either receive 1-1 support or discuss and share with other parents.

This half term has seen lunchtime clubs formally commence. Spiritual Club, led by Helen, has been a great hit with the pupils. Reading Club is a welcomed sanctuary to read, share and explore new books. Clubs are an opportunity for pupils to experience activities beyond their class groups and with new staff. Our lunchtime club offering will expand further in the new year.

We hope you enjoy a two week break with your family and friends. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back on Tuesday 9th January 2024.



Class Caspian have returned after the Autumn break positive and settled in straight away. They have made improvements transitioning to the different rooms, such as the sensory, music and the dining room. This term the tuff tray has been using different textures such as coloured rice, spaghetti and cereal.

This term Caspian have been creating our Christmas display board decorating Christmas stockings using their fingers to decorate with paint, a Christmas sleigh picture, painting the children's feet which made them laugh and their hands to represent reindeers. We also made some reindeer food out of porridge oats. The children using different pictures to create their own letter to Santa, where class Caspian walked to the local post box where each child posted their letter.

The class have enjoyed the new soft play, where they have been jumping and trying to put the pieces together. This term we have enjoyed celebrating 5th birthdays of Lathim, Aryaan and Lincoln. The class enjoys a party and loves playing games with balloons and party music.



Class Blazer



In topic, Blazer's KS3 class investigated earning a living for geography. They thought about jobs they may want to do when older and then looked at employment in the UK. They explored the different job sectors and identified examples. Students then looked at how the structure of employment has changed in the UK over time and how it compares to other countries. The class enjoyed a trip to the Black Country Living Museum to identify different job sectors. Dan enjoyed going down the mine which he identified as primary sector!

In science, Blazer's KS2 student explored forces and magnets and then health and movement. Ethan enjoyed looking at how magnets work and identified magnetic and non-magnetic items around school. In health and movement, he identified different food groups and then took a trip to Dudley Zoo to compare the diets of different animals compared to humans.

Blazer's KS3 students explored food in French. They learned what various different foods were in French and where they would go out to eat. They then were able to describe why they like certain foods. Isabel enjoyed going out for a hot dog as she was able to write and pronounce it in French.





Class Henson have really settled in their classroom and with their class peers. Every morning they are excited for the morning songs and stories to start the day. All the children enjoy the tuff tray that is set up and changed daily with different activities to help develop their motor skills.

In English the pupils have been working on expanding their phonics knowledge. Pupils have engaged with the class reads and all have developed their awareness of the sequence of stories. The most recent class read is "The Jolly Christmas Postman" – all the children have enjoyed the work around the story.

In science, pupils have been expanding their knowledge of different materials. They have grown in confidence when identifying the properties of materials and enjoyed visiting a variety of places to explore materials.

