



# Newsletter

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## Upcoming Diversity Events:

- Guy Fawkes
- World Science Day
- Remembrance Day
- Anti-Bullying Week
- Children in Need
- Road Safety Week
- St Andrews Day
- Health Mind Day
- Christmas Celebrations

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

The start of this new academic year in our new school has been filled with lots of exciting and fun learning opportunities for our students. These have included celebrating Roald Dahl Day, Recycling Day, National Fitness Day and Mental Health Awareness Day to name a few. For me personally, the start of this academic year has been particularly filled with the hope and anticipation for the fresh challenges that I face as Head of School at Cherry Tree School.

I have been overwhelmed by the care and commitment that the Cherry Tree staff team show each and every student in our care and I am incredibly proud to have joined such a dedicated team of professionals.

As we approach the competition of the first half-term, I would like to thank all parents / carers for your unwavering support. Next half term I will share details of parent coffee mornings and opportunities for you to visit our school. At Cherry Tree School we are a family and the triangulation of support between pupils, staff and parents / carers will ensure that all of our pupils flourish.

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.



Class Caspian have commenced their school journey in the most positive, delightful way. They have transitioned to walking to the dining room to try their snack. Most have begun to sit in the dining room for lunch time and have started to try new foods. We are very proud of Class Caspian for touching new textures and using their senses to explore.

Class Caspian began the year studying the topic, All About Me. They enjoyed using paints to create self portraits and went on to use paint brushes independently. The class particularly enjoyed making marks in clingfilmed paint to represent eyes, nose and mouths. They enjoyed exploring the roleplay shopping area and trying on different outfits in front of the mirror.

The class enjoyed a visit to the park and have improved upon being able to spin, roll and independently use ropes and swings. The class also enjoyed celebrating Alfie turning five this half term! It was wonderful to see the class enjoy a birthday party and share this special moment together.





## Class Blazer

In maths this half term, class Blazer's KS2 student explored place value and decimals. Ethan worked really hard ordering five and six digit numbers, adding and subtracting using his place value knowledge and placing numbers on a number line. He transferred his knowledge to decimals and was able to add and subtract 0.1 and 0.01 from numbers with two decimal places.

In topic, Blazer's KS3 class investigated earning a living in 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 enjoyed getting to know their new classroom and class mates. Everyday they are excited to see what is in their tuff trays which helps develop their fine motor skills. A favourite has been when they used flour to practise their letter formation and when they mixed coloured water to create a rainbow water fountain.

In English, the pupils have worked hard to expand their phonics knowledge. A class favourite book so far has been the Gingerbread Man. The pupils enjoyed retelling the story with Gingerbread puppets.

During their science lessons, KS1 and KS2 pupils have been developing their knowledge of materials. KS1 have examined everyday materials and enjoyed identifying soft, hard and flexible items. KS2 have investigated how materials respond when they are mixed and enjoyed looking at irreversible change with balloons.

In social skills, pupils have been developing their knowledge of safe substances and how to take care of themselves. They thoroughly enjoyed taking part in "Toy Hospital" role play to demonstrate their increased understanding of self-care.

