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Half Term Hustle and Bustle

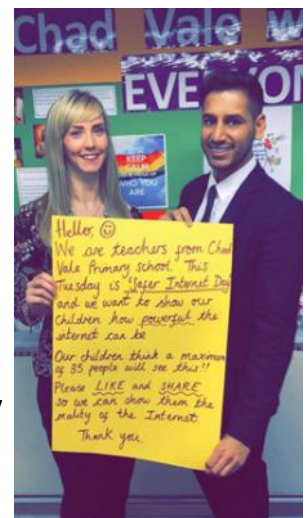
It has been an extremely busy week this week here at Chad Vale with 52 children and 6 staff going off to Condover Hall on a residential trip and the rest of the school celebrating Chinese New Year, Pancake day, performing in Drama Week assemblies and learning all about staying safe on-line during E-Safety week. You can find out more about how the Condover Hall children got on by visiting their blog on: <http://condover2016.blogspot.co.uk/>



The children have all been learning about the traditions and stories surrounding Chinese New Year celebrations in class this week and lots of the children and staff joined in by coming to school dressed in traditional dress or in red, yellow and orange.

Happy New Year!

During E-Safety week we have all been learning about the importance of staying safe on-line. Our Computing Team Miss Grosvenor and Mr. Patel conducted a social media experiment to see how fast and far something on the Internet can travel. We were amazed to see that by the end of the week our post had received over 300 likes and been shared over 100 times all over the world! The children also showcased some of their learning around being safe on-line with a variety of songs, poems, raps and performances. Some of our parents also joined in with the learning this week by attending an E-Safety workshop on Tuesday.



Our Drama week assemblies on Monday were amazing with classes all performing 5 minute sketches to showcase their learning. Our Drama week focus was classic children's books and we saw a range of learning from The Lion King, Oliver Twist, Ali Baba, Harry Potter and Beowulf as well as a classic poetry performance from Year 6. Fantastic work from all involved!

More photos from this week on the school facebook page and twitter.

HAPPY HALF TERM! CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

Wildlife Walk



A big well done this week to Team4Nature who completed a 25 mile walk on Wednesday to raise money for our school wildlife project. They finished their walk at Blue Coat school and a group of Chad Vale children were there to greet them and their weary legs. There was also a wildlife display in Mr Clark's classroom which many children and parents enjoyed after school. The money raised will be used to create a wildlife garden and outdoor classroom, which will add a healthy and exciting dimension to the children's learning. A big thank you again to all involved from Team4Nature! The children of Chad Vale have very much enjoyed working with you on this project and perhaps we may have encouraged a few twitchers of the future. See more photos of the walk on the Team4Nature UK twitter account



We will be collecting further donations for this very worthy cause on the school gates on Wednesday 24th February.

Attendance and Lates this week

This week's	RC	RV	1C	1V	2C	2V	3C	3V	4C	4V	5C	5V	6C
Attendance (%)	96	96	98	100	97	94	97	97	95	99	99	97	95
Lates (number)	1	4	0	3	1	4	8	8	8	1	0	0	3



At the end of each half term we monitor our children's attendance. Letters will be sent out to the parents of any children that have less than 93% attendance to ensure that you are aware of how much time your child has missed from school. We will then follow the following 4 stage procedure:

STAGE 1: Attendance is below 93% - Parents will receive letter 1 explaining this and offering support. Their child's attendance will continue to be monitored over the next term.

STAGE 2: If a child's attendance has not improved at this point a second letter will be sent to parents stating that illness absences will no longer be authorised without medical proof and attendance monitoring will continue.

STAGE 3: At the next half term if a child's attendance has not improved there will be a third letter inviting parents to meet with Miss Crombie to complete an Attendance Action Plan in order to identify ways in which we may work together to improve a child's attendance in school.

STAGE 4: If the Attendance Action Plan is unsuccessful in increasing a child's attendance in school we may need to make a referral to the Education Welfare Service who will consider taking legal action, including prosecution and financial fines.

Please remember under the terms of the 1996 Education Act, it is a parent's legal responsibility to ensure regular school attendance of their child. The government specifies that children who attend school less than 90% of the time are classed as 'persistent absentees' and this level of absence can have negative consequences for your child both academically and socially.

Dates for your Diary	Event
Friday 12th February 2016	Break up for half term
Monday 22nd February 2016	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 23rd February 2016	Back to School for Children
Tuesday 23rd February 2016	Reception Superhero Day
Wednesday 24th February 2016	Y6 Level 1 and 2 Bikeability
Friday 26th February 2016	Year 5 Cadbury World Trip
Monday 29th February and Wednesday 2nd March	Reception Eye Tests
Monday 29th Feb, Wednesday 2nd March and Thursday 3rd March	Parents' Evenings

Healthy & Active @ Chad Vale

#thisgirlcan

It is all about the girls this week for Healthy and Active at Chad Vale.

Girl's Football Tournament :

The Year 4 and Year 6 Girl's football team played on Monday night after school in the all girl's school football competition . Miss Latham and Mr Fenech report that the girls played fantastically well and were excellent sports ambassadors for the school. They made it to the semi-finals which is a great achievement. Well done to Martha, Eve, Harsimran, Nour, Hana and Eisha!



Level 3 School Games



Y4 Girl's Gymnastics team:

The Year 4 girls gymnastics team competed in the Level 3 School Games Gymnastics competition on Tuesday this week. They competed phenomenally well and finished 5th overall in the competition. A big thank you to Mrs Shergill and Natasha Pugh for escorting and supervising the girls and also to Natasha for blinging up the Chad Vale gym kit. The girls looked fantastic. They all had a brilliant time and all of the girls felt that they had learnt something new from the experience of training for, and competing in, the competition. Well done team!

Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs:

With a number of our staff and pupils away this week on the Y5 and 6 residential trip we were unable to provide extra-curricular clubs as normal. Clubs that were re-scheduled will run on the following dates:

Reception Multiskills and Y1-2 Multiskills will be rescheduled for the first week back after half term, so that the children get the full 5 weeks that have been paid for.

Reception Multiskills week 5 will take place on Tuesday 23rd February

Y1-2 Multiskills week 5 will take place on Wednesday 24th February

Your child should have come home with a Parents' Evening letter for after half term today. Please return this to your child's teacher by Wednesday 24th February. Remember appointments are first come, first served!



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Parents' Evening Appointments

Parents' Evenings this term will be held in the week commencing the 29th February 2016. You will be allocated 15 minutes to speak to teachers about your child's progress, learning and targets. Please book an appointment by completing and returning this letter to your child's teacher by Wednesday 24th February - appointments are allocated on a first come, first served basis!

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Sibling/s Name and Class: _____

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Monday 29 th February		Wednesday 2 nd March		Thursday 3 rd March	
4:00		5:00		4:00	
4:15		5:15		4:15	
4:30		5:30		4:30	
4:45		5:45		4:45	
5:00		6:00		5:00	
5:15		6:15		5:15	
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5:45		6:45		5:45	
6:00		7:00		6:00	
6:15		7:15		6:15	



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'Premier Education Group will be running a holiday camp for children during February half Term week. There are two camps to choose from with each having a wide range of activities. The multi activity camp will consist of sports and team activities and our performing arts camp will have children making props, singing and dancing ready for the end of camp performance. Book online at www.premier-education.com or for more information call our camp hotline on 07756846987'



Parent/Carer Workshop

Are you the parent of a child with special or additional needs?

Do you want to meet with other parents and learn more about national and local services and what they can offer? Feel more confident about working with practitioners and making decisions about your child's journey?

We warmly invite you to a series of workshops that have been written by and are led by trainers who are parent/carers of a child with additional needs themselves.

These workshops are for parent/carers of children and young people of any age, with any additional need following diagnosis. They are an attempt to support parent/carers through times of change and at whatever stage of the journey participants may find themselves.

Workshop 1
Soho Children's Centre
21, Louise Road
Handsworth
B21 0RY

10.00 – 1.00
Wednesdays 20th, 27th April and
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th May 2016

(A crèche will be available at this centre. If you need a place please let us know in plenty of time so we can make the arrangements for you)

Workshop 2
The Enterprise Hub
Bottetourt Road
Weoley Castle
B29 5TE

6.00 – 9.00
Mondays 11th, 18th, 25th
April and 9th, 16th, 23rd May

(no childcare provided)

Workshop 3
Vauxhall Gardens
Barrack Street
Nechells
B7 4HA

10.00 – 1.00
Mondays 6th, 13th, 20th,
27th June and 4th, 11th July

(If your child attends a childcare setting we may be able to support extra childcare hours if you let us know in time.)

Workshops for parent/carers, written by parent/carers and delivered by parent/carers and practitioners together.

For more information talk to your key worker or telephone Steph 0782 7082750 or Sally 07785 453533 or email stephanie.edwards@birmingham.gov.uk or sally.hughes@birmingham.gov.uk To book a place please send the attached booking form.

Please see Mrs Shipley for a booking form

Workshop 4
Allenscroft Children's Centre
153, Allens Croft Road
Kings Heath
B14 6RP

10.00 – 1.00
Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th June and 5th,
12th July

(If your child attends a childcare setting we may be able to support extra childcare hours if you let us know in time.)

School Nurse Support

Are you concerned about the health or well-being of your child?

The School Nurse team are available to support you!

They are hosting drop in sessions for Chad Vale parents at Quinton Lane Care Centre (B32 2TR) between 9 and 11:30 every Tuesday during term time.



Every Child Deserves a School Nurse

The team are happy to accommodate by appointment if you contact them on

0121 466 3510!