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Condoover Hall and RE Success!

This year's Condoover Hall residential trip was a resounding success and we thoroughly enjoyed taking 54 Year 5 and 6 children away for the week before the half term holidays. The children were a credit to their parents, the school and themselves and they spent the week conquering fears, acquiring new skills, gaining their independence and having lots of fun! We've collected some of the 1800+ photos from our website overleaf so you can see the range of exciting activities that the children took part in, including abseiling, high ropes, buggy building, rocket launch, archery and much more! Next year's residential trip will be open to children in Y6 and 5 and will be to Manor Adventure; we'll issue more information in the summer term. The 'residential experience' is a guaranteed lifetime memory from the children's time at Chad Vale, and we'll be encouraging as many children as possible to take part next year!

RE and Collective Worship Audit February 2016

The local authority are currently carrying out an audit of all schools in Birmingham to check that RE and Collective Worship is being delivered and is compliant with the locally agreed syllabus for religious education in Birmingham. We received our visit in the week before Condoover week and many staff worked hard to prepare a range of evidence to show our auditor. We're pleased to share some of the findings of the report;

Areas of Strength

- Effective learning objectives linked with RE '24 dispositions', children listened to teachers attentively
- Great respect shown by teachers and children when listening to each others knowledge about their own faiths
- Strong curriculum links to PATHS within the RE/PSHE curriculum; children able to articulate their feelings well
- Moments of reflection provided for alongside strong teacher questioning and support
- Where lessons focused on one religion, links to other religions of the children (and for those of no faith) made very clear
- Strong ethos of safeguarding throughout school; all staff are 'PREVENT' trained and there is clear 'No Platform for Extremism'
- Inclusion is a major part of the 'Chad Vale Way', the 'School Code' displayed extensively throughout the school and in the main entrance relating to the Equalities Act, Educate & Celebrate and PATHS/PSHE
- Wide range of visits planned that include places of worship and good links with Ladywood Inter-Faith Project
- School and children support wide range of charities including African Space, Childline, NSPCC, Save the Children, Macmillan
- Planned and recorded acts of collective worship takes place every day; reflection and singing 'with gusto' in assembly

Areas of Development

- To make the 24 moral dispositions more explicit in lessons: This is already in our RE Action Plan!

Summary

- The school's strong ethos and the 'Chad Vale Way' shines through every aspect of the school.

We were very proud that the audit visit identified a wide range of positives at Chad Vale and recognised the hard work and dedication of the teachers and pupils in ensuring that our curriculum is broad, balanced and makes a real difference in our children's lives. I'd like to thank all of the teachers and children who helped by speaking to the auditor and she left our school very happy! If you'd like to see the full report, it is available on our school website on the School Policy page.



Dates for your Diary	Event
Monday 29th February 2016—Friday 4th March 2016	Shakespeare Theme Week
Wednesday 2nd March 2016	World Book Day
Wednesday 2nd March 2016	Flute Club Cancelled
Wednesday 2nd March 2016—9am and 2.30pm	Year 1 Chad Phonics Workshop
Thursday 3rd March 2016—9am and 2.30pm	Year 1 Vale Phonics Workshop
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

Bikeability

This week 10 of our Y6 pupils have undertaken their Level 1 and 2 Bikeability Courses. Each day they have braved the cold weather and taken to the local roads, demonstrating to their instructors that they can; cycle safely on the road, recognise potential hazards and signal appropriately to other road users. Although it was hard work, everyone involved had a great time. All of the cyclists involved will be presented with their badges and certificates in assembly next week.



Inter Form Sport - Level 1 Games



Hockey

Y4 played the opening fixture in the Inter Form Hockey Competition on Thursday lunch time. 4 Vale took an early lead through a goal by Jasroop. However, 4 Chad fought back and secured a 1-1 draw thanks to an equalising goal scored by Taha. The draw sees both teams win one point each for their overall totals.

Vale now lead the overall standings 37-32.



Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs

Next week we will begin running our Extra Curricular Sports Clubs for the half term. There are still places available in some of the clubs we offer, if your child is interested in taking part.

Please ask at the school office or speak to Mr. Bowen for more details.

Day	Clubs	Availability
Monday	Y3-4 Football Y5-6 Golf	Spaces Available Spaces Available
Tuesday	Y4-6 Breakfast Club Rec Multi Skills Y5-6 Football	Spaces Available Spaces Available Full
Wednesday	Y1-2 Multi Skills	Full
Thursday	Y3-4 Archery	Full

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2016 Vouchers

PLEASE HELP!! Over the past 3 years we have had fantastic support from the Chad Vale family in collecting the vouchers distributed at Sainsbury's stores. This has enabled us to obtain a range of sports equipment that we would otherwise have been unable to afford. This year we are trying to purchase a pair of spring boards so that pupils can be taught how to vault in their gymnastic lessons.



If we can collect 5,000 Active Kids vouchers we will be able to exchange them for a spring board. Last year we managed to collect 4,600 vouchers, so we're confident that if we all pull together we will be able to achieve this year's target. The drop in box is located at the school's entrance by the office window, so please drop in any vouchers you are able to collect. We thank you in advance for your support with this project and we will keep you updated on our progress.

Swimming

Y4 will be swimming at Blue Coat School again on Monday mornings this half term, starting on Monday 29th February. 4C will take their swimming lessons from 9.30-10am and 4V will follow them from 10-10.30am. Please ensure that your child has a suitable swimming costume (no bikini's or surf shorts!) and a swimming hat. Blue Coat's instructors implement a no jewellery policy, so please make sure that if your child does wear any type of jewellery to school it can be easily removed for the duration of the lesson. If child is not well enough to swim a doctor's note excusing them from participating will be required.



Attendance and Lates this week

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



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.



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.)

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.)

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 sally.hughes@birmingham.gov.uk To book a place please send the attached booking form.

Please see Mrs Shipley for a booking form

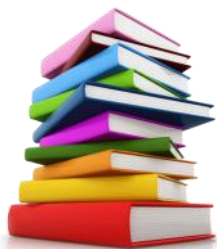
Congratulations to all the children who came to school in an active way, such as by scooter, walking or 'parking and striding', during January. Over 1200 journeys to school were active ones! **The winning class was 1 Vale with 457 active journeys**, who were presented



with the Walk to School Trophy and get to keep it during this month. Let's keep up all this super activity and walking to school!

Cars left unattended to warm up give out a clear message...





Extreme Reading Photo competition



Sponsored By: Chad Vale Council

What is the most unusual place you read in? Take a photo and bring it in to Ms Khan in 3 Chad. Or email your extreme reading photos n.khan@chadvale.bham.sch.uk who will print them off.

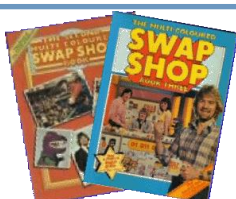


Prizes to be awarded to the most imaginative images.

Closing date Wednesday 2nd March 2016.

Winners to be announced at the assembly

Thursday 3rd March 3pm



Book Swap



Do you have any books that you no longer read but are in a good enough condition to swap with someone? Bring it into school your teacher will issue a special Book Swap Token. This can then be used at our [pop-up Swap Shop](#) on:

Thursday 10th March.

You can bring your old books in from:

1st March to 7th March.

Any questions see Ms Khan or School Council



WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 3rd March

Dress up as a Shakespearean Character



As it is the 400th Anniversary of William Shakespeare, our theme for World Book Day is Shakespeare. We will be learning a Shakespearean text in class and on Thursday you can dress up as a character from any Shakespearean story/poem.

Costume ideas– Princes/ Princesses/ Kings/ Queens/ Fairies/ Witches/Animals.

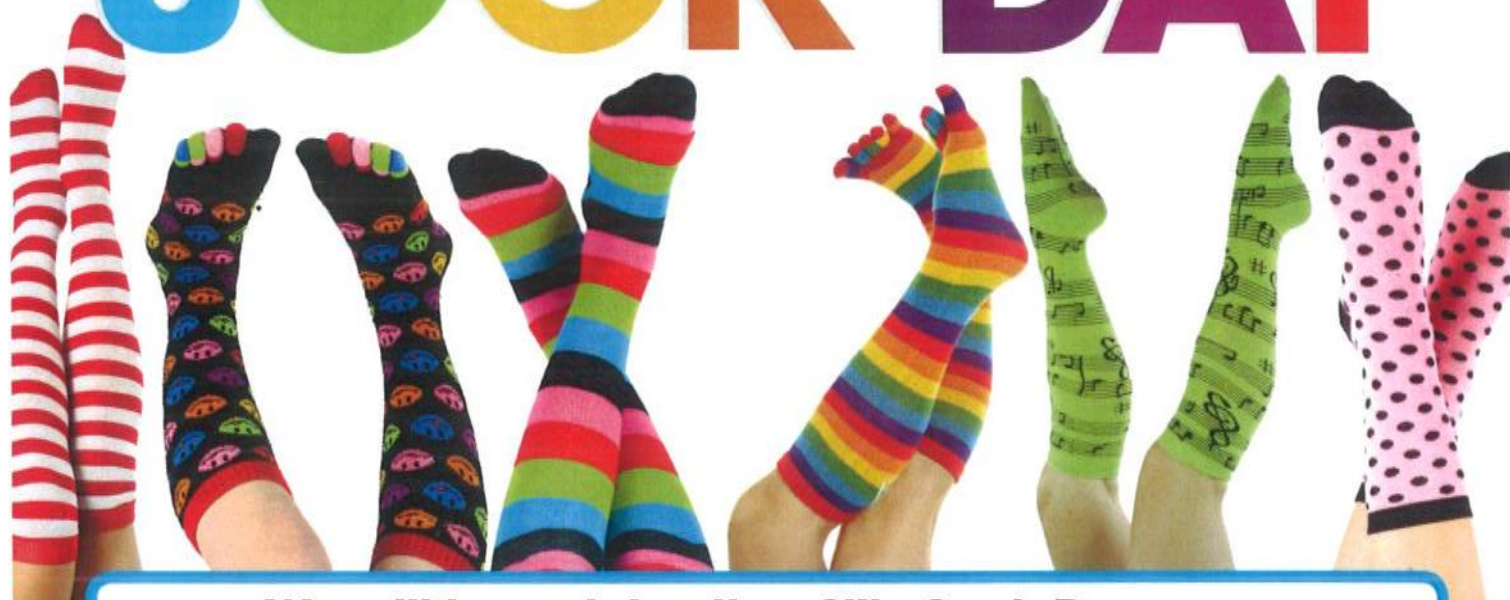
**We are asking for donations of £1, All money raised will go towards the
Children's Hospital charity**



SILLY



SOCK DAY



We will be celebrating Silly Sock Day on...

Thursday 24th March

Wear your craziest, silliest, snazziest socks for the day and make a donation to Autism West Midlands to celebrate World Autism Awareness Month this April.

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