



Reminders

Animal Man visiting Years 1 & 2 - Monday 26 February 2018

World Book Day - Thursday 1 March 2018

Don't forget to book your Parents' Evening appointments - log in to e-schools on
<http://www.chadsmeadacademy.co.uk/website>

Message from Mrs Grainger

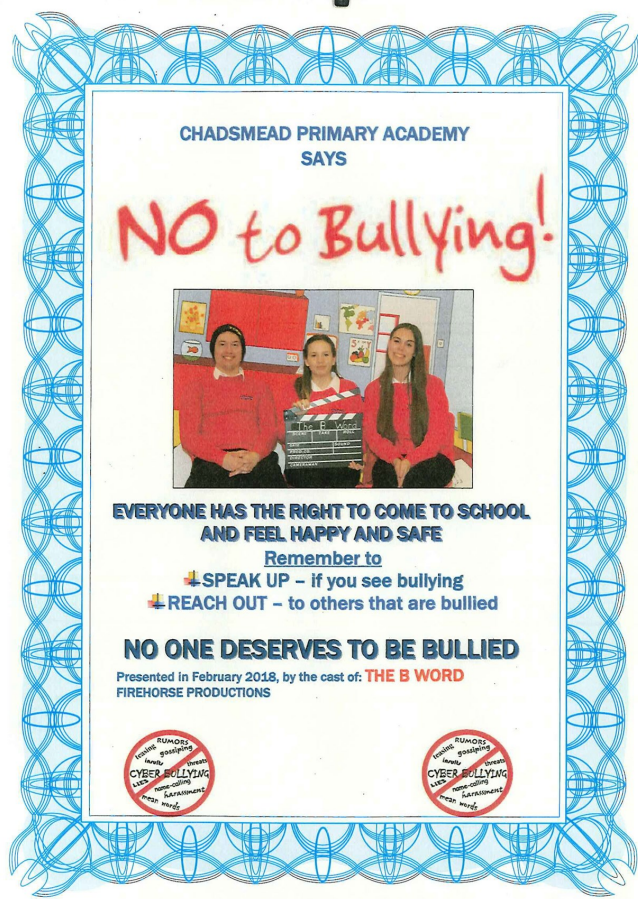
Last week we were joined by 5 Headteacher's and Senior Leaders from other Community Academies Trust schools (we also visit their schools), for our annual peer review which is part of every school's development. You may have spoken to some of them on the playground before and after school. This was a very positive experience for us and there was recognition of the improvements made since the last visit and especially since September. The visitors particularly commented upon the excellent learning behaviour of the children in all year groups and that the general behaviour and courtesy of the children was a strength of the school. They very much enjoyed their visit.

On Wednesday the children in Years 2-6 had a visit from a travelling theatre company. This was kindly paid for by the PTFA – a big thank you to them. The children watched 'The B Word'. The production centred around the serious effects of bullying and what the consequences can be. It helps the children to understand the difference between bullying and falling out and explores key questions, such as; What is bullying? Why do people bully? and What can be done about bullying? It also explored cyber bullying and looked at the concept of being brave and the importance of telling. Qualities of a good friend and the anti-bullying message is repeated throughout, reinforcing learning and delivering a powerful message.

We finish for school today for February half-term and will return to school on Monday 26th February. Wishing you all a happy and safe half-term.

Gemma Grainger

Headteacher



Year Group Updates

Nursery & Reception

This week Early Years have been celebrating Pancake Day, Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year. The children have made their own Chinese lanterns, pancakes, heart cookies using playdough, writing Chinese symbols, writing Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year cards and completing addition numbers sentences using heart sweets.

Year 1 & 2

In Years 1 and 2 we have been discussing bullying, friendship and how to be a good friend.

The children are writing an information leaflet about Chadsmead Primary Academy.

As part of our Street Detective topic the children have created observational drawings and model images of different types of building.

In Maths we have been focusing on dividing amounts equally.

Year 3 & 4

We've been writing some really interesting dilemma stories this week in Years 3 and 4.

The children have discussed a number of different scenarios and what they would do if faced with a difficult decision. They have then written a story using a huge range of writing skills including conjunctions, fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, paragraphs and dialogue.

Please note homework and information about our new topic and the first day back is in the purple homework book.

Year 5

This week Year 5 have been investigating air resistance. They have designed, made and tested parachutes made from different materials to see which one makes the best one.

In maths lessons children have been challenged with some tricky problem solving questions. One of our focuses is solving problems in maths and strategies to tackle them. The children are showing improvements in their approach and attitude towards challenging tasks.

Mrs Bishop and Mrs Turner would like to thank you for your support during this half term and hope you enjoy a break next week.

Year 6

Year 6 - We have had a really enjoyable half term working on our 'Blood Heart' theme.

We wish everyone a good break and that everyone comes back refreshed.

Our next theme will be 'Darwin's Delight' - We're off on an exciting expedition with Charles Darwin and crew on HMS Beagle. Can you trace his route across the ocean? Stop at the magical Galapagos Islands to see the amazing species that helped Darwin develop his theory of evolution by natural selection. See how animals adapt to their environment over time and meet some of the world's greatest explorers and naturalists. Imagine how humans will evolve. Ready to trace the origin of species? Let's set sail!



2018 Nursery Open Events

Wednesday 21st March 10.30am

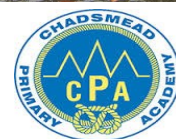
Friday 20th April 10am

Thursday 10th May 10am

CHADSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

Our EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) children are led by four highly qualified practitioners; Miss Morton and Miss Hathaway (specialised EYFS teachers), Mrs Rigby and Mrs Pearson (experienced EYFS practitioners).

Why not come along and see meet our friendly staff. We will give you a tour of the school and our EYFS department. You will then have the opportunity to have a chat and a coffee with the staff whilst looking through our special learning journeys.



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