

# Cherry Trees School News



## Diary Dates

**Monday 3rd  
April - Friday  
14th April -  
Easter Break**

**Monday 17th  
April - Start of  
Summer Term**

**Monday 1st  
May - May Day  
Bank Holiday**

**Monday 8th  
May - King's  
Coronation**

## 31st March 2023: Issue 7

### Headteacher's message: Alison Higgs



Hello and welcome to our March Newsletter!

We have had a very busy month with lots of exciting things happening all across school, and it is great to see all the photographs in this addition.

I thoroughly enjoyed seeing so many of you at our Mother's Day Event, I know the children had a lovely time too!

Children continue to benefit from our extended curriculum with our Science Day and trips out to the Safari Park, Black Country Living Museum, Busy Buildings Sensory Play, Animal Therapy and community visits to name but a few. I'm sure that you all agree how important these experiences are to building children's understanding of the world around them, as well as improving their confidence and self esteem.

We have fully participated in on 'Endeavour Employment Week' with children shadowing members of staff as work experience 'apprentices' - the children really benefitted from this, and this is something we will be building into our PSHE curriculum.

We would like to invite parents to consider forming a PTA or 'Friends of Cherry Trees School'. If you can give a couple hours of you time every term to help us and help to plan fundraising events for both pupils and parents then please let me know [a.higgs@cherrytrees.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:a.higgs@cherrytrees.staffs.sch.uk)



I'd like to take this opportunity to warmly introduce you to our new parent governor Zoe Beasley. I am keen to increase parent involvement in events and decision making and parent voice, and Zoe is approachable and keen to represent our parents for the benefit of the school.

My door and ears are always open so please do contact me if you would like a chat about any concerns.

Wishing you all a restful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming your children back on Monday 17th April.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the Newsletter!

Ms Alison Higgs — Headteacher

# Cherry Trees Learning



## Blue Class News

Blue Class have had a lovely half term enjoying lots of learning experiences based upon our topic "Paws, Claws, Feathers and Fur".

We began by exploring the story "Handa's Surprise" and learning all about the different wild animals in this story. We then enjoyed the stories "Elmer the Patchwork Elephant" and "Monkey Puzzle" where our focus was still wild animals and their differing characteristics. Our most recent story has been "Owl Babies" which has linked in brilliantly with our living eggs and chicks in school.

Some of our many activities this half term have included exploring the textures of fur and feathers, making monkey and parrot masks, making clay baby owls and our 'feathers and fur' biscuits this week- Easter chicks and bunnies!

We have finished the term off this week with lots of fun Easter activities and will now still have our visit to Himley to look forward to after the holidays. Hopefully then we should see some 'feathers and fur' in the environment and also some sunshine!

We have all enjoyed a lovely Spring term in Blue Class and are very proud of our children and the progress they are making.

Hope you all have a fantastic Easter break!

Blue Class Staff



## Red Class News

Wow, what a busy half-term we have had.

Red Class have enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day. They all looked fantastic dressed as their favourite characters.

In Maths, we have been working on lots of skills, but have amazed everyone with our addition skills and data gathering.

In English, we have been working on our writing stamina and independent writing skills.

The children enjoyed the whole school Science Day and were excited to engage in a range of different activities based around the theme 'Connections'.

Well done Red Class! You have been amazing, have a great Easter break and we will see you in the Summer term.





## Orange Class News

Orange Class have had a very busy month and worked very hard.

Our topic is Land Before Time and we have taken part in lots of fun activities with Dinosaurs. We have looked at what dinosaurs ate and different parts of their bodies. We have experienced hot and cold with frozen dinosaur eggs and made dinosaur biscuits.

In maths, our focussed song has been 10 Little Dinosaurs and we have been touch counting dinosaurs and matching numbers to quantities. In shape we have been exploring our environment and looking for shapes.

In English, we have focussed on various dinosaur books and pointing to different objects in the pictures. In Write Dance we have been using different materials to make circles.

We all enjoyed Science Day and experienced smelling different items and saying whether we liked them and matched animal faces.

We have all had the chance to attend Busy Buildings and all enjoyed looking at the various lights and listening to the different sounds.

We are all sad to see Zak leave to go to his new school this week but we wish him lots of luck in his new adventure.

The Orange Class Team would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter.



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## Green Class News

What a way to finish off a fantastic term. This last half term we have been able to enjoy possibly the best topic... Amazing Animals. Through each subject, I have seen every single one of them shine with the knowledge and facts they know and were keen to tell us. We have enjoyed looking at the continents and oceans of the world and especially the habitats of animals around the world. In English, we have thoroughly enjoyed two texts from David Walliams, 'There's a Snake in my school' and 'The Creature Choir', these humorous texts made us laugh and use our retrieval skills. In art, we have explored the artist Henri Rousseau and his take on interpreting the rainforest in his paintings. Finally, to top it all off, our West Midlands Safari Park trip. The smiles and screeches of excitement as the animals (including a baby giraffe) came up the window gave us pure joy. Where to next time Green Team?





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## Yellow Class News

What a spring term we have had! The children have worked extremely hard and are now starting to take more of our learning outside.

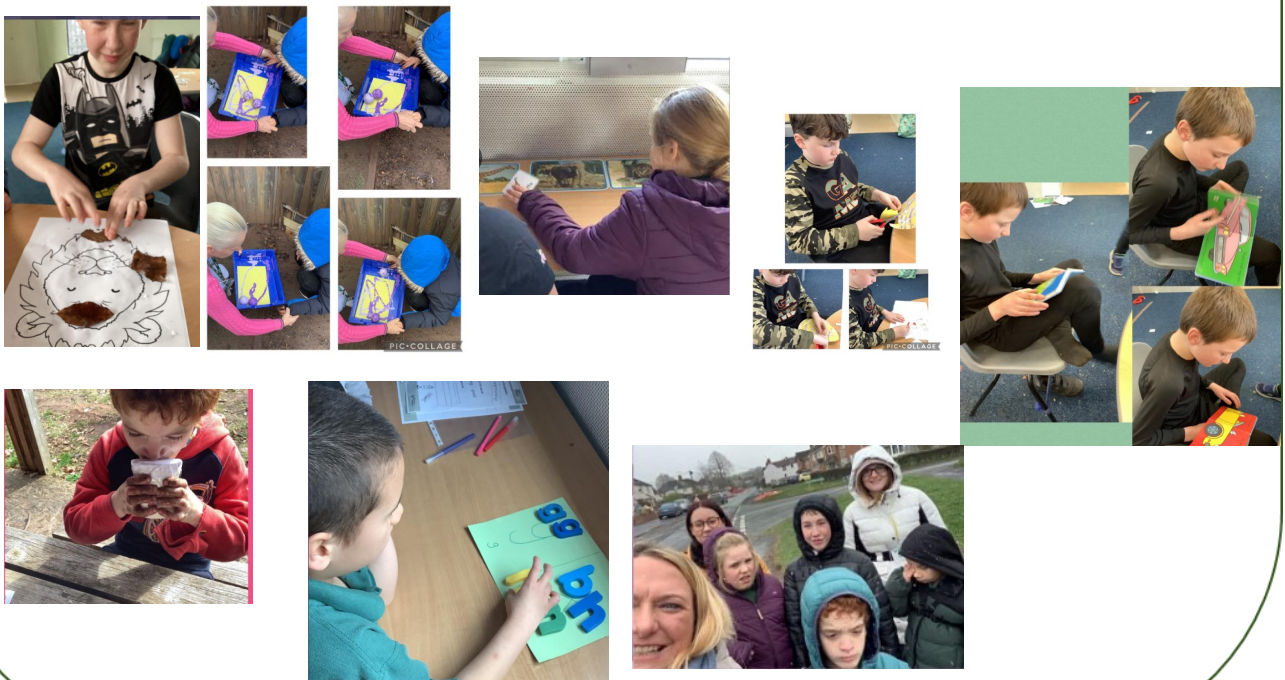
We have worked hard on retelling the story of Dear Zoo, the children have then made their own stories changing the animals to animals of their choice. This has been a phenomenal experience as with adapted teaching we have all been able to have a go.

In Maths we have worked half on our individual targets and have all enjoyed the carousel of activities that allow for messy learning, practical learning and some challenges along the way.

Yellow class have also taken part in British Science Week, children at school took part in a variety of activities in outdoor learning. British Science week was a great hit in yellow class as we had been focusing on habitats in our Science lesson's throughout the half term.

We are very proud of yellow class for their hard work, team work and resilience to learning. Well done!

We look forward to our next topic "Who do you think you are?" after the Easter holidays.



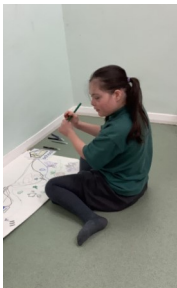
# Cherry Trees Learning



## Purple Class News

In purple class this half term it has been fun-filled! We have classified animals using characteristics. We looked at inherited and environmental features and sorted these. We all took part in Science day, thank you Mrs Tipper! We were lucky to have the chicks again and Jayden even got to see one hatch. Purple class have all enjoyed horse riding and some of us, myself included, have got over parts of our fears. Not forgetting our trip to BCLM where we made our own brick and ragged a rug. Followed by the compliment of being the best school experience they'd had for The three little pigs tasks. (But we knew that). You should have all had (even if it was a little nibbled) a lovely strawberry and chocolate bouquet for the Mother's Day event. In maths we have been finding fractions of shapes and amounts and even halving tables for our own personal space :-). Purple class have, as always been a pleasure, we have laughed and learnt together and we look forward next half term and seeing what that brings for us.

Have a lovely Easter holidays, don't eat too many eggs! Love Purple class team x





# Cherry Trees Communicating



## Endeavour Employment Week

Endeavour Employment Week has been a brilliant opportunity for pupils to look at the different jobs that people do in school. Pupils have enjoyed their work experience in the school office, helping serve dinners and helping our site supervisor. They have all done such a brilliant job and we are so proud of everyone!



## Mother's Day Celebration

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Mother's Day celebration last week!



## Science Day

Children had a wonderful time on Science Day, and got involved in lots of different activities!

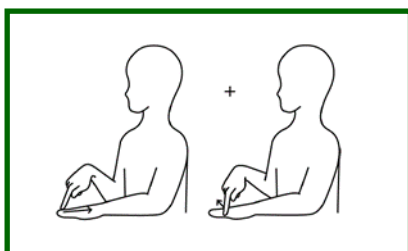




# Cherry Trees Sharing



## Sign of the Month



### Easter

Make the sign of a cross on back of your hand

You can see how to do the sign here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Kt\\_aS45rmw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Kt_aS45rmw)

## Whole Class Monthly Attendance

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	91.8%
Red Class	82.8%
Orange Class	94.1%
Green Class	93.9%
Yellow Class	89.5%
Purple Class	94.4%



Congratulations to:

**Purple**

You have the best  
Attendance for the Month  
Well done to all of you.

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

# Cherry Trees Safeguarding



As a school we are trying to run a variety of different workshops across the school academic year, to offer additional support on a variety of topics to parents/carers.

We are mindful that lots of services are being cut or reduced due to lack of funding, we hope that parents/carers will find these workshops useful. To date we have had a sleep, sensory and a continence workshop. Keep a look out for our next workshop to be advertised, this will be on 'online safety'.

A Huge thank you to Sandra and Sarah for giving up their time to support with the continence workshop, its very much appreciated.



## Helpful contacts

- Special needs school nurses [specialschools.staffs@nhs.net](mailto:specialschools.staffs@nhs.net)
- ERIC The childrens Bowel and Bladder Charity 0808 169 9949 [www.eric.org.uk](http://www.eric.org.uk)
- Bladder and Bowel UK (supporting people with bladder and bowel problems) 0161 214 4591 [www.bbuk.org.uk](http://www.bbuk.org.uk)

If there are any topics in particular that you would like workshops on, please get in touch via email, dojo or the main office number and we will do our very best as always to try and accommodate.

Have a great Easter and stay safe, Nicola



# EASTER FUN!



**FREE**

## Holiday Activities and Food



for children and young people aged  
5-16 who get free school meals\*



Registration opens: 4pm, 17th March 2023

**[staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities](https://staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities)**

\*Eligible children and young people will be sent a code from school to register



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