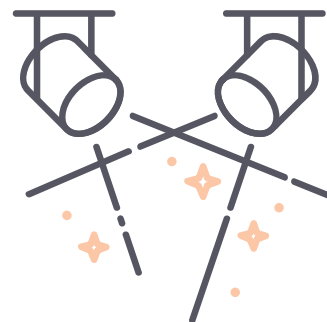


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WELCOME

As another busy fortnight passes, I am proud that this edition of 'In the Spotlight' features so many examples of the fun, creative and community minded activities being run across our three schools. When the Trust was set up, one of our driving aims was that we would foster life opportunities for our children. I think the way in which our schools have collaborated together and more broadly with multiple schools across the country, to take part in the Mini London Marathon this year is tremendous. Our children are each running 2.6 miles between 28th September and 9th October. Well done for your efforts so far and good luck to everyone taking part over the next week.

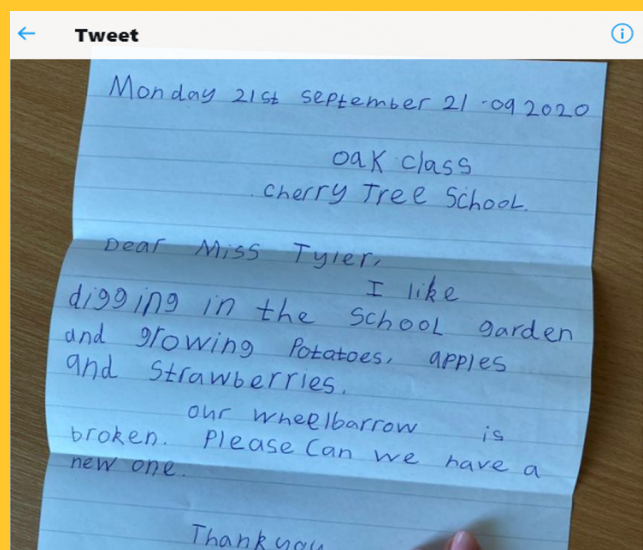
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TWEET OF THE WEEK

This lovely letter was tweeted by @HeadCherryTree. The letter from one of Miss Tyler's pupils, politely asks for a wheelbarrow for the school garden.

The response to this tweet from the local community and businesses was fantastic.

We would like to thank www.berryworld.com for kindly donating not only a wheelbarrow, but strawberry plants and garden tools too!



VIRGIN MINI LONDON MARATHON

A huge response from primary schools across the UK means more than 150,000 children from more than 500 schools are signed up to become part of the world's greatest marathon in the first virtual Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon.

Children will be completing 2.6 miles between Monday 28 September and Friday 9 October. The 2020 Virgin Money London Marathon takes place on Sunday 4 October with elite races in St James's Park and 45,000 people in the UK and around the world running the 26.2 mile distance on the course of their choice.

"One of the first things I did here at Cherry Tree was sign up for the Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon. I'll be running the virtual Virgin Money London Marathon this year so really want to inspire the children to be active." said Miss Tyler.

Beechfield and Laurance Haines have also signed up to take part. We have really enjoyed seeing all of your videos on Twitter this week.

Every participating school will be sent a special memento to celebrate the involvement of their children in the first virtual Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon.

Good luck to Miss Tyler running the 26.2 miles. If you would like to make a donation please visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cheskarunslondon



2 comments

Watford MP Dean Russell has launched his project to train 1,000 mental health first aiders and transform mental wellbeing in the town.

WATFORD MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDERS

Last week Watford MP, Dean Russell, launched his campaign to train 1000 mental health first aiders in Watford.

This campaign was launched with the support of the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, whilst visiting Beechfield School.

The video, filmed showing some great shots of Beechfield School, featured in the Watford Observer article.

Across the Trust we have many staff that are trained mental health first aiders. There are currently 10 staff trained at Laurance Haines alone. Jennie Raynard, Pastoral Support Lead at Cherry Tree, is an MHFA Trainer, this means we are able to train any new staff should we need to.

SOCIAL MEDIA

To keep up to date with the latest news and information from your school and the Trust, please follow us on [Twitter](#) and on [Facebook](#).
[@InclusiveMAT](#), [@BFS_Watford](#), [@CTS_Watford](#), [@LHS_Watford](#)
[@HeadLHS](#), [@HeadBeechfield](#), [@Headcherrytree](#)
 You can also find out more about what's happening in your child's classroom by following the class teacher on Twitter.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD FOR CHERRY TREE

Cherry Tree has been awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom.

Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life work in today's world.

Feedback received from the application reported "The assessor has looked at many applications over the years and cannot remember another school which has made such wide ranging use of a modern foreign language in the activities. He was particularly struck by the breadth and depth of the Spanish partnership in which Cherry Tree has extended within and beyond the staple collaborative activities such as cookery and the weather and a culture in a box, to embrace a marvellous range of innovative and inspiring projects."

"It was fantastic to receive such a glowing report and I thank everyone at Cherry Tree for their hard work in achieving this award, led by the efforts of our Modern Foreign Languages Curriculum Leader, Gina Cocks. I look forward to the school exploring more opportunities and developing further in this area." Miss Tyler, Headteacher.



NURSERY PLACES

There are still 15/30 hour nursery places available across our schools. If you would like to apply for one of these places, please contact your school office.

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