# INCLUSIVE MAT

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT



# **12 FEBRUARY 2021**

# **WELCOME**

As we approach the half way point of what has been the strangest of academic years, I wanted to say again a huge thank you and well done to the Inclusive Multi Academy Trust community. Whether you are a child, staff member, parent, governor or trustee at Beechfield, Cherry Tree, Laurance Haines or the central team, you have been unbelievably supportive in amazingly tricky times. Over the last few weeks, all three schools have taken part in whole school and Early Years reviews. The outcomes of these have highlighted what a fantastic job our staff have been doing both prior to and during the most recent lockdown. Thank you to the parents who spoke at these reviews and a massive well done to the staff teams for their ongoing work! Speaking to staff, children and parents, I know how tired and fed up everyone is and how much people are looking forward to a return to normal. As we await further information about a full re-opening of schools, I hope that the February half term is a stress free and happy family time for you all and that you get some well-deserved rest and relaxation.

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### SAFER INTERNET DAY

Cherry Tree teacher, Mr Saddler, hosted a Safer Internet Day, virtual assembly for years five and six. The assembly was attended by nearly 100 people. Cherry Tree also held a parent workshop via zoom on 'keeping children safe online'. All three schools in the Inclusive Multi Academy Trust helped to raise awareness, sharing their e-safety tips, guidance and much more.



# **FEELING GOOD WEEK**

Last week our schools took part in Children's Mental Health Matters Week. Schools took part in virtual assemblies, dressing to express themselves and lots of great resources were shared to help with children's mental health issues by our pastoral teams.

This week we are continuing our wellbeing theme with Feeling Good Week.

As part of feel good week our colleagues over at Electric Umbrella held a forty-five minute free online music session for primary school children to help them feel good!

Laurance Haines also kicked off the week with the addition of a wellbeing wall for staff to help themselves to a small treat. Which we're sure will have brightened up their days. They have also posted treats to staff working remotely.







# **TT ROCKSTARS**

Congratulations to Beechfield who were the winners of the latest Inclusive Multi Academy Trust, TT Rockstars competition. Well done to everyone that contributed to your schools scores. You're all going to be times tables superstars when you return to school!

# **NEW HOPE FOOD DONATIONS**

This week Laurance Haines donated left over fruit to Watford based charity New Hope. The charity works with people in the town experiencing homelessness, so these donations really do help those in our community who are most in need. They help to feed those in temporary accommodation and currently this week they have a shortage of soft snacks. If you have cakes, cereal bars or fruit bars that you can donate, please take donations to The Haven, 4 Whippendell Rd, Watford, WD18 7LU between 11-2.30pm on weekdays.

# THANK YOU!

# WATFORD SALVATION ARMY URGENT HOMESCHOOLING APPEAL

Watford Salvation Army needs your help to ensure disadvantaged children in our community have the equipment they need to learn at home during lockdown. Many local families simply cannot provide the extra equipment their children need for homeschooling.

This means that already vulnerable children are falling further behind their peers. It's is also an extra stress on already stressed parents. Please help them to give all children the best possible start in life.

Watford Salvation Army with their partner schools are working hard to close the attainment gap, support family relationships, and improve children's life chances - but they can't do this without you.

Click here and you can safely and conveniently support a child

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

We have launched a new staff spotlight page on our website. Each term we will shine the spotlight on a member of staff within the Trust to get an insight into their role and career development.

We hope this will be a really useful tool for existing staff, parents and future colleagues to get to know other members of staff from across the Trust.

Our first staff spotlight is from Natalie Milner, Newly Qualified Teacher (NQT) at Cherry Tree School. Her spotlight focus is on her role as a NQT and her career development since joining the Trust.

Read Natalie's story here...

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