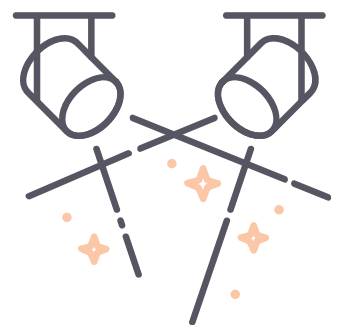


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WELCOME

I hope you have enjoyed the amazing weather that we have had over the last couple of weeks. I do hope that the recent rain does not disrupt everyone's 'Wellbeing Weekend' plans. This long weekend is arranged so that parents, children and staff can enjoy some time together. Hopefully for those who are going on day trips or for a weekend away, this will be a slightly cheaper and less busy time to do it. Whatever you chose to do with this time, please enjoy yourself, we look forward to seeing you and your children refreshed and ready to finish what will no doubt be a very busy end to the term.

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VOTE FOR BEECHFIELD



Beechfield School have been chosen as part of the Asda Green Token scheme, to be in with a chance of winning £500 for the school.

Please share this link with family and friends and get voting for Beechfield!

[Green Tokens - Vote | Asda](#)

Peace Poster Winners



WATFORD PEACE POSTER WINNERS

Winners of a peace poster competition at Laurance Haines, have been presented with their prizes by Watford's Chief Inspector, Ian Grout. The winning design was created by year 6 pupil Elsie, and fellow pupil Iman was chosen as the runner up.

On Tuesday 25 May, Elsie and Iman were presented with certificates and prizes by Watford Chief Inspector, Ian Grout, during a school assembly. He was joined by Sergeant Andy Blackwood and PCSO Sarah Thomas. Adrit, also a year 6 pupil, accepted a certificate of participation on behalf of the entire year group.

Year 6 pupils at Laurance Haines School were tasked with designing a poster after Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) delivered a Peace Week engagement session last November, where they discussed topics including grooming, peer pressure, knife crime and county lines.

PCSOs Daisy Jenkins, Keith Sayers and Sarah Thomas did this by engaging the children in role play and a 'thoughts and feelings' writing exercise, as well as question and answer sessions. At the end of the two-day input, the PCSOs went back to the school to present all the children with certificates for taking part. In addition PCSO Thomas set up the competition for the children to give them the opportunity to build on their learning.

Chief Inspector Grout said: "The standard of submissions was absolutely fantastic and it's clear that the children had really taken on board the key messages that Daisy, Keith and Sarah had been sharing. I've been told they are very enthusiastic learners and they certainly posed some very thought-provoking questions to me during our assembly. It was great to finally be able to visit the pupils in person and congratulate the winners, as sadly our first ceremony date had to be postponed due to lockdown."

[You can read a full article about the competition here](#)

ELECTRIC UMBRELLA EXPRESS

On Thursday 10 June, Laurance Haines School was visited by the Electric Umbrella Express Show.

Here is how Mrs Makinson, year 5 class teacher, described the event.

"How can I begin to describe the incredible morning we had. Utterly, utterly wonderful on so many levels! Firstly, the pure joy of having live music and entertainment - such energy, such quality and such a lot of fun. It was brilliant looking around at the faces of our staff and children and seeing their complete joy.

Secondly, what a wonderful way to show how powerful music is. To watch our wonderfully diverse community united together in a way that only music can - no barriers just pure enjoyment. I expected some children to feel a little shy and be hesitant to join in but I needn't have worried. The energy and enthusiasm was contagious and we couldn't help but be swept up in the tremendous fun of it all.

Furthermore it was wonderful for the children and staff to have our perceptions challenged. For so many of our children to see first hand that no one is normal and that there are no limits to what each, unique one of us can achieve was so powerful.

Some of our children (and adults) have expressed that they often don't know how to talk to someone with a disability. Tom and the performers didn't shy away from this but used it as a fabulous opportunity to educate us all through the wonderful relationships between all the performers and brilliant songs like 'Just Smile'.

We have all been blown away! A truly memory making day."

Quotes from the children:

"I feel on top of the world!"

"I didn't expect that to be so good!"

"I loved Jamie's dancing!"

"I feel like they have stolen my heart and I need to ask for it back!"

"Can they come again? They were brilliant!"



CHERRY TREE - ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC

In case you missed it we have shared below an article featured in the Independent newspaper on Saturday 19 June, featuring pupils from Cherry Tree Primary playing their brass instruments.

The Independent featured the article about the Brass Band England Foundations project, Proms In The Playground event taking next month. Between 5 and 23 July, a series of school-based concerts will take place. Dubbed "Proms in the Playground", community brass bands and other local musicians will visit schools to captivate young people with a festival of music.

Cherry Tree will be taking part in the event with the help of brass band teacher Paul Fisher.

[Read the full article here.](#)



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