### **INCLUSIVE** MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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#### **WELCOME**

We started the new school with our Inclusive MAT training day. This was the first time all staff members across the MAT have been able to come together face to face since pre Covid. Our training was around Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, a subject that we will be focusing on across the year and beyond. One of the terms used in the training was 'No outsiders – All different, all welcome' which I think completely encapsulates what we believe the Inclusive Multi Academy Trust strives to be. We truly want our Trust to be a place where every single person – child, parent, staff member, governor, trustee feels welcome, valued, appreciated, seen and listened to. We will be putting on training and workshops throughout the year to support our development so please keep an eye out for this.



James Roach

@CEOInclusiveMAT



#### Tweet of the Month



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#### **OFSTED**

In the final few weeks of the 21/22 academic year, both Beechfield and Cherry Tree received visits from Ofsted. I am delighted to announce that both schools were graded as good. This is a fantastic achievement and highlights how well the schools operate. Inspectors spoke positively about the pupils, staff, leadership, curriculum, safeguarding and much more. Thank you to the many parents who took the time to fill in the Ofsted questionnaire, this feedback helped to shape and support the good judgements. Thank you also to the staff across all three schools, who gave support to their colleagues throughout the Ofsted inspections. It was a true team effort. Huge congratulations to Mrs Jackson and all of the pupils, staff and governors at Beechfield and to Miss Tyler and the pupils, staff and governors at Cherry Tree. Some highlights from the reports include:



#### **Beechfield School**

- Pupils are enthusiastic about school
- Pupils respond to the high expectations staff have of their learning and of their behaviour
- Pupils value each other's differences and are respectful of different cultures and beliefs
- Feedback from parents is overwhelmingly positive. Parents appreciate the caring ethos and adults' support of their children's social and emotional development, and their academic achievement
- Governors and the Trust coordinate their work well
- Leaders have created a positive culture of safeguarding
- Leaders have put in place a coherent and ambitious curriculum that is supporting all pupils to achieve well
- Pupils with SEND learn well alongside their peers

#### **Cherry Tree Primary School**

- Pupils thrive at Cherry Tree Primary School
- Many pupils take time to talk to the school dog, Bonnie. She helps them feel calm if they are anxious or upset
- Pupils have a strong understanding of environmental issues
- Leaders are ambitious for all pupils to achieve well, including those pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)
- · Leaders take their responsibilities for keeping pupils safe seriously.
- · Pupils are accepting of others and recognise that everyone is different
- Staff are proud to work at Cherry Tree





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# REMEMBERING QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The whole school has been reflecting on Queen Elizabeth's duty and service. She has been a stable and calm presence for the last 70 years of her reign in our ever-changing world. We also talked about celebrating her reign and how much Britain has changed during her time as Queen. We have talked to the children about our new monarch, King Charles III.





#### **WELCOME!**

We are pleased to welcome the following new staff to our Beechfield community this term:
Miss Bethany Spence - Year 1 Teacher
Mrs Seetal Patel - Reception Teacher
Mrs Melissa Cahill - SENCO/Inclusion Leader
Mrs Fiona Prior - SEN 1-1 TA
Ms Esther Lam - SEN 1-1 TA
Mrs Tracey Haley - Administrator, and
Miss Rosie Martin - SEN 1-1 TA

# CHALLENGE SPORT & EDUCATION

The children have been enjoying their PE with George, Max and Harry, some of the sports coaches from Challenge Sports, our new PE and Activity Club providers.

The after school activity clubs they run - Hockey, Multi-skills, Gymnastics and Football have been so popular, that we have had to increase the number of places!

We can see that the children are really benefiting from being so active.

Thank you Challenge Sport & Education

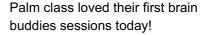
#### **NEW LEARNING!**



In Science this term, Reception are learning all about plants! They went on a walk around the school to identify what plants are on our school grounds!

Maple class showed how focused they were during Maths. We are definitely showing excellence in our learning!







Be Kind, Work Hard, Love Learning





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#### **NEW TERM - NEW BEGINNINGS**

The team at Cherry Tree have been very busy welcoming our families back to school for what looks set to be a wonderfully exciting term.

Our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions have been extremely well attended allowing our families to come into school to find out more about what excitement the upcoming year will hold.

Miss Tyler and Miss Birdsall hosted a welcome coffee morning for our new Reception parents to our school community and the Cherry Tree Friends have sponsored an event welcoming all parents to our new school year to provide our parents with an opportunity to get to know each other, our Friends, our school team and to network with other parents and our wider community. It looks set to be another brilliant year!

#### **ALL ABOUT THE BOOKS**

Following on from the successful relaunch of our library last term Mrs Sibbit has been busy organising a succession of school visits promoting reading to pupils, parents and staff alike.



Our school library is open and the children will be visiting there weekly.



We also have a wonderful selection of books for the children to choose from thanks to our very generous donation of £3,000 from the Foyle Foundation.

## CHALK CHALLENGE COMPETITION



Cherry Tree were lucky enough to win the Teach Outdoors Chalk Challenge competition when pictures of our outdoor learning were shared on social media.

Staff at Cherry Tree will now be the lucky recipients of a live online learning session helping us to support our young writers outdoors.







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#### **QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

Following the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II, we have, as a school, come together to commemorate her long reign. On Friday 9th September, we held a candle-lit assembly for KS1 and KS2 which was incredibly moving.

The children have also had the opportunity to look at newspapers and space was held for reflection, discussion and learning about the most remarkable monarch. Please see <u>HERE</u> for a video from Herts News East about some of the work we have done.





#### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

We are delighted to see even our very youngest children settling into school life so well. Here are some photos of our Nursery children's first day at school.











#### **PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF**

On Monday 12th September, staff at Laurance Haines held a cake sale and charity lunch to raise money for flood victims in Pakistan. Staff baked a variety of cakes, including these delicious cupcakes. In total, we raised a brilliant £300 for this very worthwhile cause.



"You see me, you hear me, I belong"