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WELCOME

As we come to the end of a terrifically busy term, there has been a huge deal to celebrate as you will see from the wonderful work going on in each of the three schools in the Trust. Pleasingly Beechfield, Cherry Tree and Laurance Haines have continued to work closely together over the Spring Term, with regular collaborative sessions for pupils, supportive development activities for staff and group training opportunities for governors and trustees.

With collaboration in mind, it was a fitting end to term for children, governors and staff from across the Trust to join Mark and Grace Scoulding at the Watford Salvation Army's 140th birthday celebrations. Mark and Grace work tirelessly to support the Watford community and work very closely with leaders, staff, children and families across the Inclusive Multi Academy Trust. Happy birthday to The Watford Salvation Army have a look at some of the celebrations here - https://twitter.com/watfordsa.

I trust that you will all have a restful break and that we will all get a bit of sun over the coming two weeks.

James Roach
@CEOInclusiveMAT









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WORLD BOOK DAY

A big thank you to Miss Mortlock and all the staff for making World Book Day a lot of fun. The children enjoyed assembly and listening to the favourite stories of the adults in their classes whilst Y5 and Y6 visited Y1 and Y2 classes to read to them.

There is nothing better than starting the day with a good book!





BE KIND

The Nurture Group covers zones of regulation, friendships, social skills, teamwork, learning about community and charity. We have a lot of outdoor practical lessons and create an open platform for discussion such as KS1 creating an ideal friendship potion pot and KS2 having a discussion on friendship scenarios. All used teamwork to build bird feeders to hang in woods.



LOVE LEARNING

Palm class winners and top scorers. Well done to Palm for winning this week's attendance award as well!



WORK HARD

We are very proud of the work Pear class have completed for their new display The children explored different shapes to make their house and had to think about what number they live at.

Well done Pear Class!



Lots of certificates were handed out for the children in Reception who have completed all of their maths mastery home learning +—



Be Kind, Work Hard, Love Learning





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BONNIE GETS GOLD

We are very proud to announce that Bonnie, our school dog, has been awarded the GOLD award through her Dog Mentor UK training. The Dog Mentor Programme has built upon the benefits of the human-animal bond by providing children positive experiences with dogs that can help them educationally, developmentally, emotionally and socially.

Bonnie makes such a difference to the adults and children that she works with and we are very lucky to have her!



WATFORD COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD GRANT

Thanks to a nomination from our Friends, Cherry Tree Primary School have been awarded £4,500 in funding from the council's Neighbourhood Grant to create a biodiversity garden.



This new outdoor learning area will be used by all students and will include sensory equipment with a nature theme, so that children can learn all about the environment, even in the colder months. The sensory element will give an opportunity for peace and reflection time, decreasing stress and anxiety and promoting happiness.

The new green project will also enhance the local biodiversity at Cherry Tree by attracting birds and bee pollinators to the wildflowers and bug city homes. It will also provide many benefits of outdoor learning, including opportunities for children to work together, develop their communication and language, social, problem-solving, and team-building skills.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A FRIEND

We are happy to announce that our fabulous PTA, the Friends of Cherry Tree Primary School, have a new and bigger committee.



The Friends have also established a team of class representatives that will be making sure our parents don't miss out on events and activities by ensuring they are publicised through the class WhatsApp groups.

The Friends have already raised a whopping £6,400 for 2022/23 and we look forward to seeing what they can achieve with the exciting new 'Friday Tuck Shop' and Coronation tea towel projects already under way.

If you are interested in joining in the fun please contact the friends at friends@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk. They need a Grants Officer and help with the Friday afterschool tuck shop.

Learning together, learning for life!





@LHS_Watford @HeadLHS

NATIONAL RACE EQUITY CONFERENCE

On Wednesday 15th March, Mr Gray led a workshop at the National Race Equity conference to highlight the important work we are doing at Laurance Haines regarding creating a safe space to talk about race. Since May 2020, the school team have held a monthly forum dedicated to conversations around racism, discrimination and inclusive initiatives to improve the provision in school and across the Trust. The daylong conference was thought provoking and centred around celebrating cultures, recognising marginalised narratives and addressing histories of oppression and resistance. Education colleagues from across the country attended the workshop led by Mr Gray and Dr Mike Catchpool. Being inclusive is at the heart of what we do as a school and a trust, and the words 'You see me. You hear me. I belong' continue to guide the school's developments.

"The time is always right to do what is right."

Martin Luther King, Jr

INTERNATIONAL DAY

On Friday 17th March, we celebrated International Day. Children were encouraged to wear clothes representing their home countries and cultures and African Dance Workshops were held in the afternoon. We also held a fair after school with food for sale from around the world.









WORLD BOOK DAY

On Friday 3rd March, we celebrated World Book Day! Throughout the day, the children learnt all about the poetry and books of Joseph Coelho, the current Children's Laureate for 2022 - 2024. It has been a thrill to share his works with the children. It goes without saying, but the children and staff looked brilliant dressed as their favourite book characters across the day. All children went home, clutching their £1 book tokens, happy, content and well-read. A book day very well spent at Laurance Haines!









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