### **INCLUSIVE** MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

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#### **WELCOME**

Last week saw children in Year 6 complete their Key Stage 2 SATs assessments. I'd like to congratulate each and every child and staff member for their dedication, hard work, and determination throughout the process.

The SATs are designed to evaluate specific academic skills in English and mathematics. However, we firmly believe that they only measure one element of our children's overall development and education. They do not define our children's worth or limit the breadth of their abilities. Across the Inclusive Multi Academy Trust, at Beechfield, Cherry Tree and Laurance Haines, we celebrate the diversity of talents, interests, and achievements that each child brings. We recognise and value the importance of nurturing their individual strengths, whether it be in art, music, sports, critical thinking, leadership, or kindness towards others. We firmly believe that these accomplishments are equally vital in shaping well-rounded individuals who are ready to embrace the challenges of the future.

This is evident in our Year 6 children, who in addition to their SATs, have continued to flourish in numerous other areas within our school communities. During their time at school, they have engaged in exciting projects, explored new subjects, participated in enriching extracurricular activities and demonstrated remarkable progress in their personal and social development. It is through their creative thinking, problem-solving skills, empathy, and collaboration that they contribute to the vibrant and inclusive atmosphere that makes the Inclusive Multi Academy Trust so special.

James Roach

@CEOInclusiveMAT









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#### THE CORONATION

We had many activities taking part to celebrate the Coronation around school. Apple class learned all about King Charles III and what happens at a Coronation and painted their own portraits of him (see right).

Miss Fitzgerald organised the Portrait of the King competition with prizes given out for each Key Stage (see below right).

Peach class made jam sandwiches and cucumber sandwiches for their Coronation Picnic and had fun decorating their own crowns.





#### **ROCK GARDEN**

A big thank you to Mrs Davies who has created a wonderful rock garden in the Bungalow. It looks wonderful. At around 1m<sup>2</sup>, it just goes to show you don't need a big space in which to garden.



# PORTRAIT OF THE KING COMPETITION

We have a new display in the dining area showcasing some of the fantastic portraits of King Charles III that the children have created.

Congratulations to all our wonderful winners and runners up in the Portrait of the King competition and well done to everyone who entered. I was blown away with the level of artistic talent!

Miss Fitzgerald



#### **POST- SATS TREAT!**

The Year 6s (and their teachers!) enjoyed a visit from the ice cream van after their SATS had finished! A well-earned reward!



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#### CHERRY TREE PLAY THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

On Sunday 30th April our Year 5 & 6 Choir took part in a gala performance arranged by Hertfordshire Music Service at the Royal Albert Hall. We were so excited to visit such a beautiful and historic venue that has hosted some huge names - now they can add Cherry Tree to their list! We were led by a wonderful conductor, Rufus Frowde, and inspired by other performers on an amazing line-up.

The children did the school and themselves proud. They were brave to perform in such an enormous venue, kind to all the children and staff that they met and aimed high to learn such challenging music!

Thank you to the children, staff and parents who helped to make this day so successful.



#### **ROYAL CORONATION**

Thank you to everybody who sent in snacks and treats for our Coronation celebrations last Friday. The weather did not dampen our spirits and the children enjoyed a range of fun activities with their classmates. Some classes made their own crowns and became Kings and Queens. Some classes learnt about the life of King Charles and shared food while listening to royal music.





Other classes used the opportunity to develop their artistic skills and followed, Rob Biddulph's, step-by-step instructions to draw crowns. What a memorable day!





## RUNAWAY CHILDREN OF CHENNAI

Congratulations to our dear friend and Cherry Tree volunteer, Caroline Boxall, whose book 'The Runaway Children of



Chennai' is due to be released on June the 1st. Caroline was inspired to write her book after meeting the founder of <u>Railway Children</u>, a charity supporting street children overseas and in the UK.

Caroline collaborated with some of our previous Year 6 children to write a book about the plight of Indian street children. Caroline explained, "I was asked to run a lunchtime book club (at Cherry Tree). The children were thrilled to bits when I asked if they'd like to help me write the book I was working on. From my point of view, it was a gift. How many authors get to write alongside their key audience? I'm not sure it has ever been done before."

We wish Caroline the best of luck with her book raising awareness of this important issue. To find out more please <u>click this link</u>.

Learning together, learning for life!





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#### THANK YOU PTA

As you will already know, our PTA hold many events and sales across the school year to help raise funds for our school community. A recent purchase was these fantastic parasols in our KS2 picnic area, providing some much needed shade for those sunnier days. We are so grateful for their purchase and we look forward to some brighter weather to fully utilise them!



### DUCKLINGS IN EARLY YEARS

On Monday 24th April, Early Years had a delivery of Duck Eggs. They were able to watch them hatch and care for them before they went back to live on the farm. The children were so excited! For more pictures and videos of the ducklings, please check out Nursery's Twitter page by clicking the link below:

#### **NURSERY**







#### A MAGICAL SCHOOL TRIP

Year 4 enjoyed an incredible day at the Warner Brothers studios tour last month. As one pupil described it, his "best day ever!" The children got to experience a costume characterisation workshop where they were able to see original costumes from the movies and explore how costume designers create these costumes. They explored the studios where they saw props, settings, got to go on the Hogwarts express, did a green screen experience and saw the live animatronic animals as they wandered the forbidden forest! This will all link to their English learning, where they will be writing a persuasive piece encouraging others to visit the studios.



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