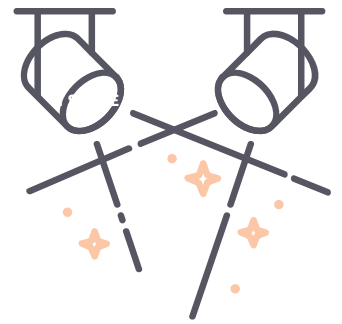


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WELCOME

The Inclusive MAT had the pleasure of sending representatives to the annual BETT education technology show in London last week. Our SENCOs, digital student leaders, and headteachers came back excited about the latest innovations in EdTech that can support personalised learning and accessibility for all students. I'm sure as parents you will notice that tech inspires your children unlike any other resource and whilst technology is not the answer to everything, we must prepare our children for a world where it dominates. With this in mind, we believe smart integration of tech in the classroom can truly enhance student learning and have been trying to find the best solutions. We're exploring new assistive programs, digital tools, and platforms that align with our mission to nurture the whole child.

Online safety continues to be our top priority. With children accessing technology at younger ages, it's crucial that we partner with you, the families, to instill responsible digital citizenship. Safer Internet Day takes place in February of each year to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people. Keep an eye out for what your school is doing to celebrate this. As your child's first teacher, you play a vital role in monitoring device use and modelling empathy and respect online.

Some helpful points:

- Set screen time limits and stick to them. No devices during mealtimes and at least an hour before bed.
- Ask questions about what they're watching and doing online. Stay involved.
- Remind children to be kind, respectful and make positive contributions online.
- Report concerning content to schools so we can address issues quickly.

Technology will only become more embedded in education going forward. As always, thank you for trusting us to do what's best for your child's learning and growth. By working together, we can make the most of the digital age while keeping children safe, healthy and happy.

James Roach
@CEOInclusiveMAT



SAVE the DATE
Safer Internet Day
2024 | Tuesday
6 February
www.saferinternetday.org



Tweet of the Month





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SCHOOL



@BFS_Watford @Headbeechfield

COMPETITION WINNERS!



In December, Y2 entered a nationwide writing competition with their individual stories about 'Super Pets'.

Exciting News! 🏆 Year 2 students clinched victory in the Young Writer Competition for English! 📖 Their creativity and talent shone brightly, and we couldn't be prouder. Congratulations to our budding wordsmiths! Year 2 are now official authors!

Mrs Mohran, Miss Fitzgerald and Mrs Imad

PREFECTS' PERSPECTIVE!

Our newly appointed prefects have been making a really positive impact in our school community since they started at the beginning of term. Here are some of the things they have been doing:

- I've been helping with singing assemblies and greeting at the gate.
- I've checked children have someone to play with.
- Typing on laptops to show parents what we've been doing in the week.
- I've checked computers are plugged in and charged.
- Every Wednesday, I read with the year 3 children and I keep the library nice and clean.
- I've been doing newsletter writing.
- I've been checking recycling bins.
- We've been given challenging responsibilities.

Miss Fuller has also held our first Junior Leadership Team meeting this week with some of our pupils who are collecting ideas to make our school even better!



Y6 VISIT TO PARLIAMENT

Y6 enjoyed an amazing day on Friday 12th January visiting the Houses of Parliament where they had an amazing time debating some very vital issues concerning their lives: should school finish at 12 pm?

Mrs Diwan



**Be Kind, Work Hard,
Love Learning**



CHERRY TREE
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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TRAVELLING BY TRAIN?

We are proud to announce that Cherry Tree has been awarded the 'Bronze Rail Safe Friendly' award as a result of the work our Year 6 children did to prepare for a recent school trip by train. To achieve this our children learnt all about how to use our railway network safely - you can learn about rail safety [by clicking this link](#).

After this trip we also received some heart warming feedback from a family travelling by train to Euston through Watford. They reported that they were alarmed when a group of school children boarded their train; concerned that their nice, quiet journey would turn into 'a nightmare with noisy annoying children'. However, the email ended 'What a lovely class of children they are and how well behaved they were, with such good manners! It was lovely to see and what a credit to the school and their parents they are. Keep up the good work you are clearly helping to develop these boys into lovely young men.' What lovely words to be said about our children!

Well done Year 6!



CHERRY WEEK

Many of us find January a long month and it can sometimes feel a little trying ... so a couple of years ago at Cherry Tree, we invented 'Cherry Week'! Cherry Week is a whole week focused on wellbeing and positivity. Learning looked a little bit different while our children and staff took part in various wellbeing activities linked to our '5 Ways to Wellbeing'.

Year 5 connected with our solar system and universe with a visit from the Wonderdome mobile planetarium! While Miss Massey helped the children to connect with each other by using massage techniques to help them become more aware of their bodies and the signs of stress.



This is just a flavour of some of the activities that helped our staff and children to connect, keep learning, be active, give and take notice. [Look at our X accounts](#) for more information or talk to your children about what they can do to help them feel 'well' and let them share with you some ideas from the week.

COMPUTING AMBASSADORS

Our tech-savvy student Computing Ambassadors hit the jackpot with an epic journey to the BETT Fair at the ExCel Centre in London this week! As the world's hub for education technology, BETT was a dream come true for our team, who got to indulge in mind-blowing demos of the latest and greatest EdTech.



**Learning together, learning
for life!**

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OUR NEW SCHOOL VIDEO

We are delighted to introduce our new school video and can't wait to share it with you. We are incredibly proud of our school and this video really reflects everything that we love about Laurance Haines. Kindly take a moment to watch it by clicking the link below:

[OUR SCHOOL VIDEO](#)



Welcome to Laurance Haines 2023
(captioned)

DIGITAL LEADERS VISIT TO BETT

On Thursday 25th January, a small group of our digital leaders attended the BETT show at the ExCel centre in London. A fantastic day was had by all at the BETT EdTech event learning about how technology can help support our children.



FEELING GOOD WEEK - FUNDING

Feeling Good Week is just around the corner and this year's theme is all about the environment!

We're thrilled to announce that we have received £500 to fund a project focused on birds and wildlife. This money will be used to purchase a birdbox with a camera, as well as bird feeders and tables for school. Each year group will have the opportunity to make bird cakes during the week. Thanks to the funding, we will provide all the necessary ingredients and ensure the cakes are vegetarian, using vegetable suet.

THANK YOU MS MAZIT!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Ms Mazit who volunteered her free time to repaint our cottage in the early years playground. I am sure you will agree, it is looking great and the children are loving playing in it!



"For a better future"