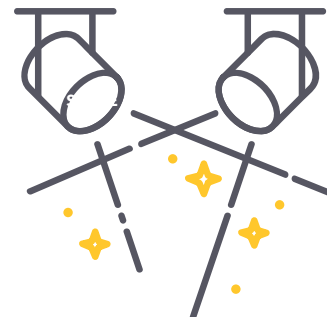


# INCLUSIVE | MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



#Happychildrenlearn

#Happystaffthrive

#happyparentsbuildacomunity

MAR 2024

## WELCOME

As you all know by now, the Inclusive MAT promise is that "Happy children learn, happy staff thrive, and happy parents build a community" - our Inclusive MAT sunflower competition is the perfect way to bring those words to life!

The goal is to grow the tallest sunflower possible. Children will have the opportunity to plant and care for sunflower seeds in their classrooms. But we also encourage parents to join in the fun by growing sunflowers at home. If you don't have a garden, don't worry, you can send the small plants in after the Easter holidays and the children can plant them around the school! It's a great hands-on learning experience about plants, nurturing, and patience.

Once summer rolls around, we'll ask for pictures of your prizewinning sunflowers with height measurements. The tallest child-grown and family-grown sunflowers will earn a special prize!

While your sunflowers are sprouting, share your progress using #InclusiveMATSunflowers and tag @InclusiveMAT on Twitter. We'll be retweeting all your sunflowery updates to spread the joy. Have a great and hopefully sun filled holiday! Let's get growing!

### Sunflower Competition

1. Take your sheet of newspaper and fold it around in half lengthwise, leaving a strip about 3cm in width at the top. Fold that strip down, the holding down the top of an envelope.
2. Place your jar on the bottom of your newspaper with the hole facing up. Make sure the jar is hanging over the paper a bit at the bottom as this will help you to remove it later.
3. Roll your paper nice and snugly around the jar.
4. When you have finished rolling, tuck the paper into the hole at the top of your jar.
5. Flip your jar upside down and press down onto it to create a nice seal for the bottom of your pot. Remove the jar and unfold.
6. Make as many pots as you need and fill them up! Put your pots into a tray before adding compost. The newspaper can get a bit soggy so this will make them easier to move.

1. Make sustainable paper plant pots with your class.
2. Plant your class sunflower seeds.
3. Water them regularly.
4. Plant outside in a chosen spot with a stick support once the plants are big enough. Continue to water the plants.

**Who is going to have the tallest sunflower across the Trust?**



### Tweet of the Month

**Miss Penfold @MissPenfoldCTS · Mar 15**

Today we had an amazing opportunity to visit 10 Downing Street and have a 'Lesson at 10' with Mrs Murty herself! We worked with @WavesMT and @comicrelief, had a tour and even met Larry the @10DowningStreet cat! Thank you for having us 🍒 @headcherrytree @CTS\_Watford

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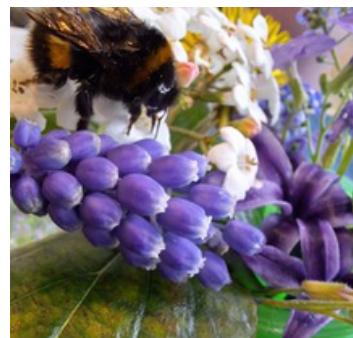
**BEECHFIELD  
SCHOOL**



@BFS\_Watford @Headbeechfield

## FIRST SIGNS OF SPRING

We have been seeing the first signs of Spring around school this week.



## Y2 VISIT TO THE SYNAGOGUE

Y2 went to the synagogue last week. They learnt lots of things about Judaism and got to look at lots of different items that are important in Judaism. The man leading the trip said that he has lots of schools who come to visit the synagogue and our school had some of the best behaviour he has seen, especially from children as young as Year 2.

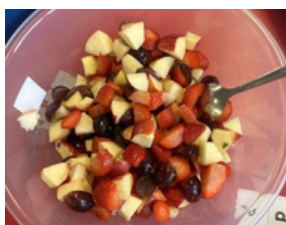
The children enjoyed their visit: "I enjoyed it when we had a chance to play the instrument".

"I learnt that Muslims and Jews are cousins, and we have a lot of similarities."

"I loved the painted windows and that they all were linked to a story."

## FOOD FUN!

Ending our DT topic on a tasty note! Our young chefs whipped up a delicious fruit salad, showing off their handwashing skills, careful knife handling, and serving etiquette. A perfect blend of learning and fun!



## SPORTS STARS!

Beechfield Y6 boys took on Cherry Tree's Y6 football team. Looking to showcase their hard work after a loss earlier in the year, the boys showed a huge improvement as they came out 3-2 winners with an exceptional performance from every player!! Goals from Ayaan and a double from 'Player of the Match', Reggie, was the least the side deserved for a 10/10 display. We are very proud of the boys' hard work and brilliant win!

Congratulations also to Ubeydullah (Y5 Elder) who showed fantastic quarterback passing in flag football club.

Both Palm and Pine class took part in the Y4 Rounders tournament at Laurance Haines school last week. Pupils from Laurance Haines, Cherry Tree, Beechfield and Chater took part.

Beechfield finished second out of the 4 schools; a fantastic achievement! Great skill and understanding of rounders were shown throughout the afternoon. Well done year 4!

Mr Jarvis, Challenge Sport Coach

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





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PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## BOOKS AND WRITING

Last week we had a great time at Cherry Tree celebrating World Book Day! A huge thank you to everyone for their enthusiasm and support in making this such a wonderful event. The school was filled with laughter, mystery and drama thanks to all the book characters that came to school. If you look at the [Cherry Tree X account](#) you can see more of the fun - we even caught Harry Potter hiding from the dementors under his invisibility cloak!

Congratulations also go to all the budding authors in Years 4, 5 and 6 who responded, in high numbers, to our story writing competition. The standard of narrative was very high so a huge well done to everyone! Miss Penfold and Mrs Sibbit had the very difficult task of selecting a winner from each year group and after much deliberation the winners were... Daisy in 4 Ash, André in 5 Pine and Vanisha in 6 Oak - bravo!



## MISS TYLER VISITS NUMBER 10

This week Miss Tyler represented Cherry Tree at a reception for 'Community Education Champions' hosted by the Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP (who is the Minister of State for Schools) at Number 10 Downing Street.

Miss Tyler was nominated to attend by Dean Russell, the MP for Watford, along with Michael Jones the Headmaster of Parmiter's School.



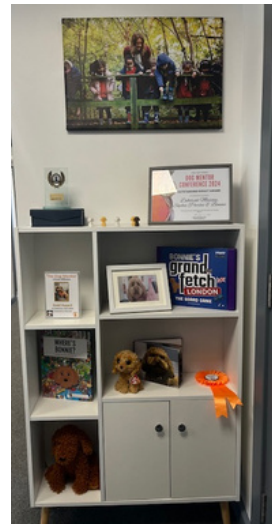
We are so grateful to have the opportunity to work with our local partners, to support our community, and to see this work recognised nationally.

What an experience!

## BONNIE IS OFFICIALLY OUTSTANDING

Ms Massey and Ms Parles were fortunate to be invited to the first ever National Dog Mentor Conference. This gave them the opportunity to learn about the latest educational strategies and new concepts for getting the best out of our lovely dog mentor, Bonnie.

They were also thrilled to accept an 'Outstanding Impact Award' which recognises the work that Bonnie and the team do in our Cherry Tree Community. We love having Bonnie as part of our Cherry Tree team!



**Learning together, learning  
for life!**

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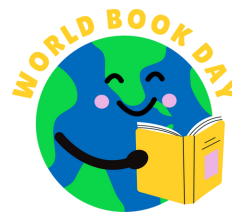
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## WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day started with another great reading breakfast. With books and toast having been devoured, it was then time for a guessing game in assembly, where children across the school were able to investigate what this year's chosen text might be. Children unveiled mystery clues before unwrapping their book back in the classroom to explore. We had a special book-themed lunch with menu items such as Stickman Fries and Buried Jelly Treasure! No child went home empty handed on the day, as alongside their World Book Day voucher, each child was able to visit our book swap station and choose a new book to bring home to keep.



## BRITISH MUSEUM TRIP

This month, Year 3 went on a school trip into London to the British Museum. This term, they have been learning about the Egyptians and the visit supported this learning as they got to explore the Egyptian gallery to see the Rosetta stone, the statue of Rameses and even got to learn all about the process of mummification!



## DUCKLINGS IN EARLY YEARS



We will once again be having ducklings to hatch in Early Years. We are all very excited for the eggs to arrive on 15th April. For photos and videos of the ducklings, please check out Nursery's page on X (formerly twitter) by clicking the link - [@NurseryLHS](https://twitter.com/NurseryLHS)

## SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Year 5 had a great time last week at Watford Football Club for the Show Racism the Red Card workshop. What an informative, insightful session with many interesting discussions around stereotypes and the meaning of racism. They were even lucky enough to ask some of the footballers questions!



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THE RED CARD**  
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**"You see me, you hear  
me, I belong"**