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WELCOME

Welcome back to school! Although the holidays may seem like a distant memory now, I hope you all had a fantastic break. Our children and staff have returned with renewed energy and enthusiasm, eager to take on new challenges and make the most of the final term of the school year. It's been wonderful to see everyone working so hard since our return.

I hope that you have managed to get going with our exciting Trust-wide Sunflower Growing Competition! Each child has been given sunflower seeds, which they can choose to grow at home or bring to school for planting (if you haven't planted them yet, it's not too late!). We chose sunflowers as they proudly display our Inclusive MAT colours. The tallest sunflower will be crowned the winner in July, so nurture your plants and watch them reach for the sky!

We also wanted to celebrate World Earth Day and the importance of protecting our planet. A big congratulations to all the children who participated in the plastic reuse competition. The entries were absolutely phenomenal, showcasing the creativity and environmental awareness of our youngsters. Be sure to check out the individual school newsletters to see the well-deserved winners!

Finally, we want to give a massive shout-out to the incredible children from Cherry Tree who represented their school and their Trust at the London Mini Marathon. I was lucky enough to go to see them run and it was an honour to witness their determination and sportsmanship as they ran their hearts out. These young athletes are such an inspiration to us all, demonstrating the power of hard work and dedication. Well done, Cherry Tree runners!

James Roach
@CEOInclusiveMAT



Tweet of the Month

Beechfield School reposted

Sharon Carlyon @COOInclusiveMAT · Apr 8

Popped into @BFS_Watford today to look at progress on electrical rewiring. £723k funded by CIF. Thank to @BarkerAssoc for helping with the bid and to David our site manager! Will be an amazing transformation!

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IMPROVEMENT WORKS

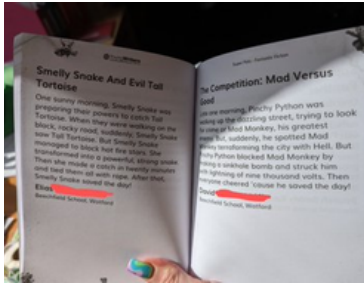
The electrical upgrade in the main building at Beechfield has been progressing at a rapid pace. The work includes new ceilings, LED lights, more electrical sockets and improved internet access.

The difference has been amazing - just look at the Nursery before and after photos.



Y2 IN PRINT

The children were very excited to see their stories in print when they received their published books, with their stories in, from the national writing competition they won last December.



RECEPTION VISIT THE FARM

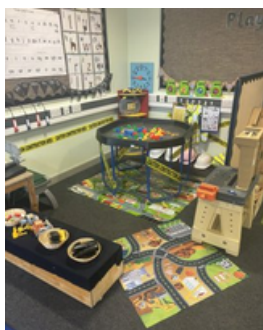
What an incredible day at @OddsFarmPark this week for the Reception children.

We were very lucky with the weather and saw lots of different animals!



CONSTRUCTION PLAY FOR EARLY YEARS

Thank you to JSM for these construction donations for our early years garden! We can't wait to get them into our garden and use them!



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Love Learning**



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PRIMARY SCHOOL



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YOUTH CHAMPS 2024

'Cherry Tree you're going to make a difference, you're the trailblazers!' This was the high praise our Year 5 children received from the adjudicators in their Brass Band England competition in Cheltenham. We put on an 'upbeat show of bluesy brilliance that had everyone in the hall 'Feelin' Good!' Showcasing, not only our confident brass playing, but also choreography, show stopping smiles and our Cherry Tree values in abundance.

Thank you to everyone who made this wonderful day happen especially Mr Fisher, Miss Byrne, Miss McCafferty and Miss Watrasiewicz who dedicated their Saturday to providing this fabulous opportunity for our pupils.



TRIP TO NUMBER 10 DOWNING STREET

Sixteen very lucky Year 5 & 6 children had the amazing opportunity to visit Number 10 for a special 'Lesson at 10', hosted by Mrs Murty, the Prime Minister's wife. This incredible opportunity allowed the pupils to see what goes on behind the scenes of the famous black door of 10 Downing Street.



In celebration of Red Nose Day, the theme for this session revolved around supporting charitable causes. Waves Music Therapy, supported by Comic Relief, delivered a session from their rapper in residence project. The children were wowed by his freestyle rapping and then had a go at creating a rap themselves! This project helps children to express themselves through music and to build confidence and enjoyment. You can read the Government's press article [at this link](#).

Thank you to all involved including local MP, Dean Russell who met our children there.

WATFORD FC COMMUNITY TRUST

We would like to thank the Watford FC Community Trust team who continue to have a significant, positive impact on our local school community through a series of engaging initiatives. Last term, Year 5 classes benefited from sportsmanship sessions - fostering teamwork and fair play. Then the Trust's free sports club during the February half-term provided some of our students with a chance to enhance their skills while building a sense of unity.



Looking ahead, we eagerly await their return later in the summer term for healthy lifestyles sessions with our Year 5 students. This collaborative effort showcases the positive influence sports and community engagement can have on our pupils. As the partnership continues to grow, it promises a brighter and healthier future for the students at Cherry Tree.

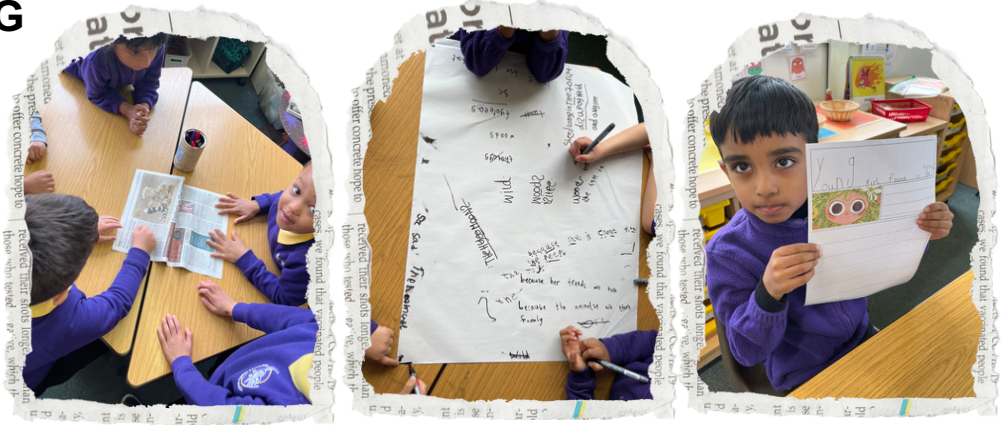
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for life!**



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NEWSPAPER WRITING

Miss McNamara and Miss Dunworth would like to celebrate Year 1 for their hard work at the end of last term writing their own newspaper articles about a little girl called Wild who wanted to live in the forest. They explored the reasons she wanted to live there and why she felt happiest there. Well done Year 1 - I think we definitely have some budding journalists amongst you!



EARTH DAY

As part of celebrating Earth Day on Monday 22nd April, we asked children to think about how sustainable they can make their packed lunch by reducing packaging and thinking about food sources. Children took part in sustainable activities on this day, planting sunflowers. Please have a look at some of the wonderful ways our children have reimagined and repurposed plastic bottles for the Reuse Plastic competition which was held across the Trust. A huge congratulations to our winning entries from Dhriti and Yasmin.



CELEBRATING HOLI

Our Holi celebration on March 28th marked a special end to the spring term at our school, where children immersed themselves in the joyous spirit of the Hindu festival. With laughter and colourful enthusiasm, students delighted in throwing vibrant powder paint, while also gaining valuable insights into the significance and traditions of Holi.



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