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WELCOME

I hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for another exciting half term of learning! As we settle back into our school routines, I wanted to share some exciting news about one of our key Trust priorities - Inclusion.

I'm delighted to announce that Nicola Furey from Laurance Haines School has been awarded the Public Service Award at this year's Watford Audentior Awards! These special awards celebrate people who go above and beyond to make Watford a better place, with nominations coming directly from our local community. The ceremony took place at Watford Palace Theatre earlier this month, and we couldn't be prouder of Nicola's achievement.

Nicola's award is a wonderful recognition of her outstanding work but I also want to acknowledge all of the incredible staff across our three schools who work alongside her. At Beechfield, Cherry Tree and Laurance Haines, we have dedicated teams of pastoral experts, SEN specialists, teaching assistants, administrators, site staff and teachers who contribute to our inclusive approach and make a real difference to our children's lives every day. They create safe spaces for children to express themselves, build positive relationships with families and ensure that every child feels valued and understood.

This week, I had the privilege of speaking at Portcullis House, addressing the All Party Parliamentary Group on Inclusion and Nurture in Education. It was a wonderful opportunity to share our approach and learn from others who are passionate about making education work for everyone. Inclusion can mean many different things to different people, but for us, it's about making sure everyone belongs and can thrive with dignity. I'm so proud that this value sits right at the heart of our Trust name.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our amazing staff and community across the Trust. Your dedication, care and hard work make our schools the warm, welcoming places they are. We believe that happy children learn, happy staff thrive and happy people build a community and it's thanks to our wonderful staff and community that we continue to make our schools places where everyone feels valued and supported.

James Roach
@CEOInclusiveMAT

Tweet of the Month

PST @PSTLHS · Feb 13

Thank you for all your support @CEOInclusiveMAT @HeadLHS @WatfordSa Absolutely thrilled & humbled to receive this award from @WatfordMayor. Watford's community spirit makes our town special. I'm genuinely grateful to play a small part in its story for @LHS_Watford & @inclusiveMAT

James Roach @CEOInclusiveMAT · Feb 13

We couldn't be more proud of @PSTLHS Nicola Furey. The most deserved winner of the 'Public Service Award' at the Watford Audentior Awards. Nicola is truly amazing in what she gives to our community. Well done! watford.gov.uk/news/article/7...






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SAFER INTERNET DAY

Online safety is part of our safeguarding at school. We continue to talk to the children about being safe online. Tuesday 11th February was Safer Internet Day. The theme was "Too good to be true?" Protecting yourself and others from scams online."

After a day of learning through various activities, it was lovely to take part in the Trust Assembly online and share our findings.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



SUSTAINABILITY



The ecological company, Veolia came in to deliver a whole school assembly about recycling and food waste.

IMAT TAG RUGBY

Year 5 took part in the IMAT tournament against Laurance Haines and Cherry Tree before half term. Every single Y5 student that took part played their part in some brilliant and memorable performances. Loads of tries were scored and even more tags collected, as the children showed brilliant attack, defence and teamwork throughout.

When the results were collected at the end we saw that Beechfield came in second place just 2 points off a deserved win, finishing just behind Laurance Haines. Their performance, but also their exceptional sportsmanship and behaviour throughout left myself, Miss Deacy and Miss Webb very proud of Y5!

Mr Jarvis, Sports Coach

STONEAGE WORKSHOP

The Stone Age workshop was unforgettable! Year 3 built Stonehenge, dressed up as cavemen, and dug deep into history. We had the best time stepping back in time! Here are what some of the children thought:

Akithya: "The workshop was amazing. I even loved it when Yasaman, Jason and Sagun started building the Stone Henge." Ashleigh: "I loved the Stone Age workshop because he taught us a lot of things like pre-history which is what happened in the past like yesterday is history. He also let me be the lady in the workshop and I acted. It really inspired me." Yasaman: "The workshop was really funny. He taught us well. I loved how he let everyone take part in it. We really enjoyed it. I loved how he brought artefacts to explain it all to us if we did not understand something. He was really kind."



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Love Learning**



CHERRY TREE
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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OPAL PLAY - TRANSFORMING LUNCHTIMES AT CHERRY TREE

We are thrilled to announce that Cherry Tree Primary School is embarking on an exciting journey with OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning), a programme designed to enrich and enhance children's play experiences during lunchtime. We truly believe that OPAL will bring positive and lasting changes, making playtimes more engaging, inclusive, and imaginative for our pupils.

As we prepare to launch OPAL at Cherry Tree, we encourage families and the school community to get involved to help shape the programme to best meet the needs of the children.

To support OPAL, we will soon be collecting a variety of resources to enhance outdoor play. If you're planning a clear-out, please consider setting aside items that could be repurposed for play. We are looking for donations such as dressing-up clothes, small world toys, scooters, small wheeled vehicles, tyres, tubes, and much more! Every contribution helps to create a richer play environment for our pupils. Additionally, we have set up an Amazon Wish List for those who would like to support OPAL with specific items. Any donations, big or small, are greatly appreciated and will make a real difference to the quality of play experiences we can offer.

Thank you for your continued support – together, we can transform lunchtimes and create fantastic play opportunities for the children of Cherry Tree Primary School!



READERS ARE LEADERS!

A big well done to one of our Year 1 superstars who has earned a Blue Peter badge by writing about her favourite book - and you can too!



The Blue Peter Book Badge is awarded to children who share their love of reading. Simply write a short letter about a book you love and send it to Blue Peter.

☀ Why apply?

- Receive a real Blue Peter badge
- Enjoy free entry to 200+ attractions
- Celebrate your love of books!

You can find out more and apply by [clicking this link](#).

CONGRATULATIONS MRS SHAH

A huge congratulations to Mrs. Shah, who has achieved her Eklan Level 3 in Speech and Language! We are very proud of you and grateful for your commitment to our school and our children.



This qualification reflects Mrs. Shah's dedication to supporting children's communication and language development. Her new skills will help ensure that children have the opportunity to thrive in their learning. We know how much hard work has gone into this achievement, and it is truly well deserved! Thank you, Mrs. Shah, for your passion and dedication - we are lucky to have you as part of our team.

**Learning together, learning
for life!**



LAURANCE HAINES
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YEAR 2 - RAF Museum Trip

On Friday, 7th February, Year 2 visited the RAF Museum, where they explored a range of planes and learned about aviation history. They also enjoyed a thrilling experience in the 4D theatres, which made them feel like as if they were flying through the skies!



WORLD HIJAB DAY

On Wednesday, 5th February, we were so proud to celebrate World Hijab Day as a school community for children, parents and staff to learn more about the hijab, what it represents, and why it is worn by many Muslim women around the world.



LHS TAG RUGBY WINNERS

Congratulations to our Year 5 Champions for their incredible victory over Cherry Tree Primary School and Beechfield School in a thrilling game of Tag Rugby!



HAMPTON COURT

On Wednesday, February 12th, Year 5 took a trip to Hampton Court Palace to explore the historic residence of King Henry VIII.



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