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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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WELCOME

Last Friday, Laurance Haines School hosted a beautiful Iftar celebration that truly embodied our 'Happy people build a community' Trust ethos. Iftar is the evening meal with which Muslims end their daily Ramadan fast at sunset and the LHS event created a wonderful opportunity for families, staff, and community members to come together in fellowship. I was personally honoured to join friends and families, some of whom I've known for 25 years. Special thanks to Mrs Shan and Miss Chaudry for organising such a meaningful celebration that welcomed everyone, regardless of faith or background. As part of Ramadan LHS are raising money to build hand pumps to provide life-changing access to clean water in less developed countries. If you would like to donate please follow this link to the [Just Giving page](#).

Congratulations to our Year 4 pupils who participated in the Inclusive MAT Rounders Tournament. While Beechfield emerged as the overall winners, what truly stood out was the exceptional sportsmanship displayed by all participants. Children from across our schools demonstrated brilliant batting, fantastic fielding and endless enthusiasm in supporting their teammates. Thank you to LHS for hosting and to Mr Jarvis and the Challenge Sport team for organising this wonderful event.

I'm especially proud to congratulate Emma Hill, Susanne Sulaman and the entire team at Cherry Tree Primary School on the publication of their groundbreaking research project "Let's Go Outside: Forest School for SEND Pupils and Children with Autism." This toolkit represents a significant contribution to inclusive education practices and showcases the innovative work happening within our Trust.

The research was a joint endeavour with Hertfordshire University and shows how forest school environments can support children with SEND and autism, giving them much-needed freedom from classroom constraints. The toolkit, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), was developed through close work with staff across our schools and offers practical guidance for supporting transitions between outdoor learning and classroom environments. This work fits perfectly with our trust's commitment to making sure every child feels included and can learn in ways that work best for them. Huge thanks to Dr Frances Harris and the team from Hertfordshire University.

For those interested in exploring this research, you can access the full toolkit at: https://www.research.herts.ac.uk/ws/portalfiles/portal/70448150/Let_s_go_outside_Forest_School_for_pupils_with_SEND_and_Children_with_Autism.pdf



Celebrating World Book Day across the trust





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GARDENING CLUB BEGINS

Our Gardening Club is in full bloom! Every lunchtime, our young gardeners roll up their sleeves and get stuck into tending our school allotment. From sowing seeds to nurturing fruits and vegetables, the children are learning first-hand about the magic of growing their own produce. A huge thank you to Miss Goldsmith for her dedication and hard work in inspiring our budding horticulturists – their enthusiasm is truly blossoming!



Y4 ROUNDERS

What an afternoon! So very proud of Year 4 who won the Trust Rounders Tournament. Our children played a great game, cheered each other on, and showed great sportsmanship. They were fantastic representatives of Beechfield. Thank you to LHS for hosting and Mr Jarvis for arranging.
Mrs Ahmed, Y4



Y6 FOOTBALL

On a lovely sunny March afternoon, the Year 6 football team played Cherry Tree. The team played excellently, showing off their skills, hard work and team spirit throughout the game. We took the lead through a great goal made by Oliver and scored by Jayden. In the second half we scored with a brilliant finish from Silviu to make it 2-0. Cherry Tree made their pressure count and scored two late goals to finish the game at 2-2. Shout-outs to Shulav and Pedro for their amazing saves throughout the game. A brilliant performance from the whole team. We are looking forward to our next match.
Mr Jarvis, Sports Coach



Y5 MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

Year 5 had a sports mental health workshop this month. We held discussions about perseverance, positive mindsets, leadership, the behaviour when being a good winner and a good loser. All the children engaged really well and managed to learn and explain how our approach to situations, and the emotions we feel, can impact our success at tasks and growth as a person if dealt with using a positive mindset.

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



CHERRY TREE
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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🍒🎵 CHERRY FEST - SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 🎵🍒

We are thrilled to introduce Cherry Fest. This is no ordinary festival - it's an afternoon packed with musical performances, performance workshops, local businesses, arts and crafts, games, ice cream and so much more!

 **Date: Saturday, 14th June 2025, 1 - 3pm**
 **Location: Cherry Tree Primary School**

Join us for a fun-filled day of music, performances, and creative activities. Bring a picnic, soak up the sunshine, and enjoy fantastic performances from our children and (fingers crossed!) some amazing local musicians and artists.

If you, or someone you know, would like to get involved, whether by performing or running a performance/music workshop, please come and have a chat with Miss McCafferty (Year 5 Pine) or send an email to the admin team at admin@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk Cherry Fest will replace our summer fayre, so don't miss your chance to be part of our very first Cherry Fest – let's make it one to remember! 🎵🌟

HAPPY HOLI!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in our Holi festivities. Your enthusiasm made the event truly memorable - filling the day with smiles, collaboration, and laughter.



It was wonderful to see our community come together to learn more about this vibrant celebration.

Thank you once again to our KS2 teachers and Mrs Chauhan for making this event so special.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Ms. Parles and Miss Adams for completing the Youth Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) 2-Day Course, becoming certified Youth Mental Health First Aiders.

This training enables them to support young people with mental health challenges, reduce stigma, and promote open conversations. They can identify early signs of mental health issues and direct students to professional help, fostering a healthier school environment.



Join us in celebrating their achievement! 🌟

WORLD BOOK DAY

We enjoyed celebrating World Book Day with a book-filled week of exciting activities!

A highlight of the week was a visit from the inspirational author, F1 driver and commentator Karun Chandhok, who shared his amazing book 'Drive to Victory' with KS2 pupils.



Thursday was a day of imagination as children and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters. The morning began with The Masked Reader, and we enjoyed Book Buddy sessions to encourage shared reading. After school, families had the chance pick up a new story at our Book Give Away outside the Mulberry Building.



World Book Week was a fantastic opportunity to spark a love of reading so thank you to everyone who joined in.



**Learning together, learning
for life!**

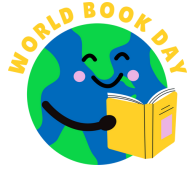
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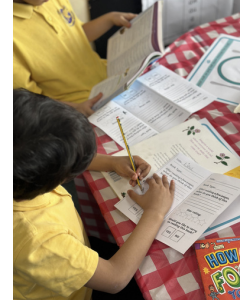


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WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a wonderful time at school celebrating World Book Day. All the children came dressed up in comfy clothes, favourite book characters and their PJs. Year 2 also hosted a book tasting, complete with gingham tablecloths, candles and vases of fresh foliage. They were able to read and discuss books with their peers and choose what they would like to read next!



We plan on all the children having the opportunity to participate in book tastings throughout the school over the coming weeks.



WHOLE SCHOOL IFTAR OFSTED

On Friday 21st of March Laurance Haines School hosted a whole school Iftar. It was a beautiful way to connect and enjoy the diverse flavours within our community. We enjoyed welcoming families from all religions and cultures, it was wonderful evening of connection.

This month we had the pleasure of welcoming Mark Sim from Ofsted to our school. Both staff and students had the opportunity to highlight the amazing work happening within our school community.



FOOTBALL MATCH

On March the 10th Laurance Haines had a football match against Beechfield School.

Unfortunately Laurance Haines just fell short losing the game 2-1. We couldn't be more proud of the team for the effort they put into the game.



RAMADAN
KAREEM

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