

NEWSLETTER

26TH JANUARY 2024

WELCOME

We have had such a lovely time in school this week! 'Cherry Week' is in its third year here now at Cherry Tree and it has given us a chance to stop, reflect and focus on our wellbeing.

Staff and children have been participating in activities relating to our 'Five Ways to Wellbeing'. These include: Learn, Connect, Be Active, Take Notice and Give. Each day we have participated in different activities which focus on the above. Year 2 had a wonderful Forest School session on Wednesday morning, Year 5 ventured to outer space and took part in an impressive indoor planetarium, Ms Massey has taught lots of our children the importance and benefits of massage and many of our classes have completed Daily Miles (and much more of course!). Well done to everyone involved and hopefully, we will all remember to continue with wellbeing at the forefront of our minds.

Remember the importance of our 'Five Ways to Wellbeing' at home too, ask your children to help you enjoy these together!

Cheska Tyler Headteacher

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.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 30th January Individual & Family photos
- Friday 2nd February NSPCC Number Day
- Tuesday 13th February Warner Bros visit to KS2
- Tuesday 13th February 9am NHS Parent Workshop in the Hub Sleeping
- Friday 16th February Last Day of this half term (school closes at usual time of 3.15pm)
- Friday 16th February, 3.15pm in the Outdoor Classroom Year 6 fundraising bake sale
- Monday 26th February INSET day (School Closed)
- Tuesday 27th February First day of Spring 2 term
- · Friday 1st March Deadline for Nursery applications
- Thursday 7th March World Book Day
- Tuesday 12th March NHS Parent Workshop in the Hub - Eating & Behaviour

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 too can learn more 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 praised our children's behaviour and 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.'

Well done Year 6!

We are kind, we aim high, we are brave!

READING CORNER

Hello everyone,

This week has been 'Cherry Week' and children across the school have been thinking about their 5 ways to well being. Your children have been to the library, and enjoyed spending reading time in the classroom to learn, take notice and connect. What a great way to improve our well being!













Over the last few weeks we have been busy updating the reading books we have in school! We have bought lots of new books for our reading schemes this term and know you will look forward to sharing these with your children when they bring them home.





Happy reading!

Jane Sibbit LKS2/Reading Leader/Class Teacher

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Please be aware of our designated safeguarding team here at Cherry Tree.

If you ever have a concern about a child, family or staff member in our school, please contact one of these members of staff: Cheska Tyler (Headteacher), Emma Hibberd (Assistant Headteacher), Vicky Carrack (Inclusion Leader & SENDCo), Debbie Massey (Pastoral Leader), Emma Birdsall (EYFS Lead), Katy Wolstencroft (KS1 Lead), Jane Sibbit (LKS2 Lead) or Emma Penfold (UKS2 Lead).







BEEE CREATIVE

If Cherry Week has inspired you and your children to 'be active' and 'keep learning' then you could consider enrolling onto one of the Dance & Art Workshops in Watford Museum - details below.



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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



NURSERY APPLICATIONS SEPTEMBER 2024

The application window for our September 2024 Nursery intake is now open. Please find more information <u>on our website here</u>.

In line with other local Nursery classes the deadline for applications is 9am on Friday 1st of March.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you think that you are now entitled to free school meals please <u>use this link to check</u>. It takes 5 mins and in most cases they can tell you straightaway if your child meets the criteria.





TOP CHERRIES





Our Top Cherry Award is an award to celebrate exceptional behaviour, learning or manners. These children really are going above and beyond!

Class	Child's Name	Reason
Lunchtime	Kingsley	For coming into school and choosing your lunch calmly.
Red & Ready	Lily C	For settling in so well at Red and Ready.
Fireflies	Dominic	For being brave at Forest School.
Cherry Blossoms	Kingsley	For singing the 'Hello' song independently to everyone in Cherry Blossoms.
Berries	Liam	For answering the register and listening intently to the story in carpet time.
Acorns	Musa	For having a mature and positive attitude to learning.
Conkers	Teddy	For aiming high and working hard with his phonics and writing.
Maple	Rehaan	For trying hard and aiming high in everything they do!
Birch	Andrew	For an amazing "I can do this" attitude. You have aimed high and should be very proud of yourself.
Cedar	Bella-Mae	For aiming high in all of her lessons this week.
Willow	Jhanvi	For always being kind, helping others and aiming high in all your work. We are so proud of you.
Sycamore	Jahliyah	For aiming high and developing a growth mindset with their learning in maths – you've got this!
Hazel	Samreen	For going above and beyond to improve her writing!
Ash	Rosie	For always aiming high and consistently striving to do your best.
Yew	Matthew	For always working hard and consistently producing fantastic class work.
Pine	Leonard	For being brave and aiming high in maths -well done!
Fir	Azaan	For aiming high and working hard independently. We are enormously proud of you!
Oak	Kelsie	For being kind and offering to read one of her own books about Space to Conkers class during her lunch break.
Elm	Javeria	For being brave and speaking out.

Well done, Cherries!



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