



NEWSLETTER

1ST MARCH 2024

WELCOME

I would like to begin with a warm welcome to Mrs Shams Ali and Mrs Petra Moga who will be joining our SEND TA team and Miss Lily Dobson who is joining us as a Class TA in Year 1. We are very much looking forward to having you as part of our Cherry Tree team.

Sadly, I must also inform you that Miss Nicola Moss will be leaving us after the Easter holidays. Nicola took the exciting leap to buy a house last year, but this house is in Northampton. Whilst Nicola has diligently commuted this distance for many months now, she has found an exciting opportunity closer to home as a Nursery teacher. We wish her well and will be informing parents soon of her replacement.

There has been a lot in the press lately about children with nut allergies. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all that we are an entirely NUT FREE school due to having some children and staff with critical nut allergies. Please remember this when making packed lunches or snacks for school. Thank you.

Cheska Tyler
Headteacher

WATER CONSERVATION

We were fortunate to have a visit from Adem Baysal, one of our parent governors, who is also a Manager with Affinity Water. Adem conducted an assembly for our Year 2 to 6 children about water conservation. This was a wonderful opportunity to tap into a parent's areas of expertise and help our children gain a greater understanding about the importance of saving water. Our newly relaunched Eco-council will be following up on this important issue through monitoring our water usage, learning more about endangered chalk streams in our local area and supporting our school community to improve our sustainable practices.

If anyone has a particular interest or area of expertise in sustainability or conservation that you would like to share with our children, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Emma Hill
Year 2 Class Teacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 1st March - Deadline for Nursery applications
- Thursday 7th March - Year 4 Science Festival in St Albans Cathedral
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day Fun Lunch
- Friday 8th March - World Book Day Dress Up Day
- WB Monday 11th March - British Science Week
- Tuesday 12th March - NHS Parent Workshop in the Hub - Eating & Behaviour
- Thursday 14th March - Year 3 Trip to the British Museum in London
- Wednesday 20th March - Year 4 PE Competition at Laurance Haines School
- Friday 22nd March - EYFS, Year 1 & 2 Easter Bonnet Parade
- Tuesday 2nd July 2024 - Reception Paradise Wildlife Park Trip
- Thursday 4th July 2024 - Nursery Mead Open Farm Trip

M2 CLUB

We're thrilled to share the latest achievements from our cherished M2 Club, a special initiative dedicated to movement and mindfulness for the well-being of our KS2 girls.

Welcoming a new cohort of Year 3 girls, alongside our dedicated Year 6 participants, the club tailors its curriculum for emotional, physical, and mental well-being. Our Year 6 girls spread positivity by creating uplifting messages to enhance the well-being of our school staff. While the Year 3 girls completed their curriculum with a triumphant 5km challenge.



We take pride in the M2 Club's positive impact, fostering growth, teamwork, and joy in our school community. Here's to the well-being and success of our amazing girls!

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

READING CORNER

Welcome to Book Corner!

We have had some very exciting visitors to Cherry Tree...

The team from Warner Bros came to work with Years 4, 5 and 6 helping our budding authors develop their 'PITCHING' skills for when they are ready to submit their ideas to the studios - following in the footsteps of J.K. Rowling. A fun and exciting visit, enjoyed by all.



In preparation for World Book week the fabulous Benjamin Dean visited Cherry Tree and shared his experiences as an author and his latest fabulous book. There are just two signed copies left to buy through the school office for £7.99.



World Book week is such a special event so to celebrate we are inviting all the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Friday 8th March. I cannot wait to see Cherry Tree filled with amazing characters!

Happy reading!

Jane Sibbit

LKS2/Reading Leader/Class Teacher

EASTER BONNET PARADE

As an end to our learning about the Christian celebration of Easter, EYFS and Year 1 & 2 children are invited to create an Easter bonnet, at home, to bring into school for a parade we will be having at school on Friday 22nd March.



You can be as creative as you like and we look forward to seeing all the different designs.



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).

AUTISM IN SCHOOLS PROJECT

The Herts Parent Carer Involvement team are hosting a webinar on Wednesday 13th March 10am-12.30pm. Presenters from Herts County Council, the NHS, Hertfordshire Local Offer, ISL and many charities will be joining together to provide a valuable source of information for parent carers. Please [click here](#) to register.

AND THE WINNER ISSTELLA

Congratulations go to Stella from Year 6 who was the deserving winner of the YESSS Electrical poster competition.

The poster she created will be displayed in the YESSS Electrical window in Imperial Way and shared nationwide.

Stella won a £50 gift voucher for herself, and for the school, she has won a free classroom lighting upgrade for a room of our choice. All the children who took part also received a tote bag by way of thanks for taking part. Congratulations to Stella.



CHARTWELLS

This term Chartwells - our school meal provider – ran a fantastic poster competition encouraging the children to 'Bee Ready' to support the bumblebees when they emerge from hibernation in the spring.

The children have highly engaged and designed lots of amazing posters illustrating the ideal flowers the hungry bees might like to feed on. We're delighted to say that two lucky winners, Ayah from Reception Acorns and Imaan from Year 5 Pine, will be awarded with certificates and win wildflower growing kits for their classrooms.


CONGRATULATIONS MRS WICKHAM

We would like to extend a massive congratulations to Mrs Wickham who recently completed her Level 3 Elklan Course in Speech and Language Support for 5-11s. This course will allow Mrs Wickham to better support children with communication difficulties and is a fabulous achievement.

Looking After Your WELLBEING ONLINE

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.



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LOOK FOR POSITIVE COMMUNITIES



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	Lilly (5F)	For always being kind and helping with the little ones at lunchtime.
Red & Ready	Maya	You always come to Red & Ready with a big smile on your face and brighten our mornings.
Fireflies	Nora (6E)	For always being kind to others whilst at Forest School.
Cherry Blossoms	Dominic	For joining in with story time in Cherry Blossoms, counting and colour sorting. Great work Dominic!
Berries	Timur	For settling into his new class.
Acorns	Ivaan	For always contributing to class discussions and aiming high with your writing.
Conkers	Mishka	For aiming high when reading tricky words.
Maple	Chloe	For being the amazingly kind, clever and enthusiastic girl that you are!
Birch	Elicia	For always aiming high and having a fantastic attitude to writing. It is a pleasure to read what you have written.
Cedar	Kaden	For always being an active member of the class, helping others and aiming high.
Willow	Frankie	For demonstrating fantastic perseverance and growing independence in Maths.
Sycamore	Aleena	For taking ownership of their own learning and persevering through challenging tasks – keep this up! 😊
Hazel	Sanuka	For aiming high in all his learning, especially in writing and maths.
Ash	Kabir	For aiming high with your writing- well done.
Yew	Aizah	For always being kind and thoughtful, she sets a great example for the rest of Yew class.
Pine	Arnika	For a fantastic start to your Cherry Tree journey!
Fir	Michael	For aiming high and working well independently this year, keep up the amazing work!
Oak	Patrick	For aiming high and writing a very impressive diary entry this week full of great ideas and exciting vocabulary.
Elm	Illythia	For excellent behaviour and input in lessons.

Well done, Cherries!



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