



# NEWSLETTER

15TH NOVEMBER 2024

## WELCOME

We are entering the last couple of weeks of our Asda Cashpot for Schools initiative. So far, we have raised an astonishing £548.02! Thank you so much for supporting our school. This initiative ends on the 30th November, so there is still time to raise even more when you shop at Asda.

We have MANY Christmas, winter and festive events coming up over the next few weeks, and we would like to invite parents to join us for several of these. Please keep an eye on our school communications for updates on dates. We have a new event this year that we'd like to highlight: on Wednesday, 18th December, our children from Year 2 to Year 6, will be walking from school to Christchurch (WD24 5BD) to attend a special Christmas service. The children will be singing songs and will also have the opportunity to meet a real-life donkey! We would love to invite family members to join us at Christchurch or to walk with us from school. More information will follow but please do save the date.

I have been particularly impressed by our Eco Council this week, led by Mrs Hill, who organised and took part in the inaugural 'Inclusive MAT Sustainability Summit' held at the Watford Salvation Army. Children from all three Inclusive MAT schools gathered to learn, share ideas and discuss issues that impact them now, and will shape our futures. We are so proud of these young change-makers and we thank Mrs Hill for continuing to inspire these young minds. Please see the piece written by Mrs Hill.

We love reading at Cherry Tree Primary School and provide many opportunities for our children to enjoy books. Unfortunately, some of our books go missing from time to time. As with our phonics books, we kindly request a £5 replacement fee for any lost books (a secondhand replacement in good condition is also welcome). Going forward, we will also ask for this payment or replacement for lost library books. Last year, £400 worth of library books went missing, and our school budget cannot cover this amount each year. Thank you in advance for your support, as always.

Cheska Tyler  
Headteacher

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 18/11/24 - Year 6 SATs Parent Information Evening
- 26/11/24 - 3:15 - 26/11/24 - Flu Immunisation Reception to Year 6
- 05/12/24 - Year 2 London Monument & Tower Bridge
- 09/12/24 - EYFS Panto - Beauty & The Beast
- 11/12/24 - Friends Winter Discos (3:15pm - 4:30pm Year 1, 2 & 3 and 4:45pm - 6:00pm Year 4, 5 & 6, EYFS in the day time)
- 12/12/24 - Christmas Jumper Day
- 12/12/24 - Year 1 Windsor Castle
- 18/12/24 - Year 2 - 6 Christchurch Service, parents welcome to join
- 18/12/24 - Year 6 to London to see The Nutcracker Ballet
- 19/12/24 - Festive Lunch
- 18/12/24 - SEND Coffee Afternoon
- 20/12/24 - Last Day of Term (School closes at 1.30pm)
- 06/01/25 - INSET DAY (School Closed for Children)
- 07/01/25 - First Day of Spring 1 Term

## INCLUSIVE TRUST ECO SUMMIT 2024

This week, our fantastic Eco-Council, The Green Cherries, attended the Trust Eco-Summit at The Salvation Army, Watford.

They joined with pupils from Laurance Haines and Beechfield to learn about Water Conservation.



They spent a productive morning identifying

important water related issues at school and created a pledge for action. They were also lucky to hear from Governor, Adem Baysal, about rare chalk streams and ways to protect our precious water.

They developed a slogan 'Only take what you need' and pledged to:

- Use water butts to collect rainwater
- Report leaky loos (around 400 million litres of water leaks from UK toilets every day!)
- Be ambassadors and share the message with family and friends about water conservation.

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

## BOOK CORNER

How powerful is a book?

At the recent Trust Eco-Summit, we discussed how images and illustrations influence our attention and thoughts. This reflection led me to consider the impactful books written by conservationists that share messages through storytelling, particularly on water conservation.



Please share any 'powerful books' that have inspired you to change your attitudes or actions regarding the planet.

Emma Hill  
Class Teacher / English Lead

## FLU VACCINATION FOR RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

This winter, the School Immunisation Team will be visiting our school on Tuesday, 26th November, to offer the annual flu vaccination to all children in Reception through Year 6. The vaccination, which can help prevent flu and reduce its spread to vulnerable people, is offered as a quick, painless nasal spray. For those preferring a gelatine-free option, an injectable vaccine is also available.

To give consent for your child, please complete the e-consent form online at [this link](#) as soon as possible. Please note that the consent portal will close 48 hours before the school session.

Flu can cause serious health issues in children, such as pneumonia. Vaccination helps protect your child, family, and friends from this illness. Please ensure you complete the form to help keep our community safe this winter.

## KEEPING 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: Emma Hibberd (Assistant Headteacher), Katy Wolstencroft (Deputy Safeguarding Lead) Cheska Tyler (Headteacher), Vicky Carrack (Inclusion Leader & SENDCo), Emma Birdsall (EYFS & KS1 Lead) or Emma Penfold (KS2 Lead).



PLEASE STOP



SPEAK OUT



DON'T TOUCH

## HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

**How can you help children with their body confidence?**

We've asked that question a lot during our free healthy lifestyle programme, Beezee Families. And because we work with so many families like yours, we understand the challenges of body positivity. So, as a parent or carer, what can you do to help?

- **Become a role model** – look in the mirror with your child and say three positive things about your bodies.
- **Health matters** – promote nutrition, exercise and good sleep.
- **Celebrate diversity** – teach your children about different body types, abilities and cultures.
- **Personal qualities** – value kindness, intelligence and creativity.
- **Express themselves** – encourage your children to use art, music, sport or play for self-expression.
- **Misleading media** – help your children see beyond unrealistic images of body and beauty.

**Want more free health and wellbeing tips?**  
Check out our website to find out more:

Scan the code or click here to find out more

Sign up today!

Beezee FAMILIES Hertfordshire

## IS IT TOO EARLY TO MENTION CHRISTMAS TREES?

This year, our Year 3 and 4 students got into the holiday spirit early with an art competition to design festive decorations. Several talented students had their work chosen to be displayed on the Christmas Tree in Atria in Watford - a fantastic achievement!



For the grand opening of the Atria Christmas Tree, a few lucky students were even invited to cut the ribbon alongside the Mayor and members of the public. We're so proud of their creativity and hard work.

Next time you're at Atria, be sure to check out their festive artwork lighting up the tree!

## STEM HERO OF THE MONTH - CELEBRATING MARIE CURIE

This month, we celebrate Marie Curie not only because this month marks her birthday, but also for her invention of the portable X-ray machine.

Known as the "Mother of Modern Physics," she led groundbreaking research in radiation that led to significant medical advancements. During World War I, she saw the need for portable X-ray machines on the battlefield and created "Little Curies" to help surgeons locate injuries.



Her legacy continues to inspire the life-saving potential of science.



# What we are learning.....

For EYFS, please see updates on your weekly letters and Tapestry.

## Year 1

Writing - writing letters to important people.

Phonics - learning some new phase 5 sounds; a-e in shake, i-e in time, o-e in home, u-e in rude and cute e-e in these, ew in chew and new. ie in shield, aw in claw.

Maths - looking at parts and wholes.

Science - exploring properties of materials.

Wider Curriculum - learning about some famous castles in the UK and exploring their features.

## Year 2

Writing - writing and publishing our recounts of The Great Fire of London.

Maths - to add and subtract ones and tens to and from 2-digit numbers.

Science - explore how materials can change shape and investigate the suitability of everyday materials.

Wider Curriculum - investigating how London has changed since The Great Fire of London.

Guided Reading - 'The Green Ship' by Quentin Blake.

## Year 3

Writing - exploring the features of an explanation text and writing an explanation text about "How Rocks Are Formed".

Maths - learning how to subtract using column subtraction.

Science - identifying and conducting a scientific investigation based on the properties of different types of rocks.

Wider Curriculum - learning about Stone Age houses and settlements.

Guided Reading - 'Journey to Jo'Burg' by Beverly Naidoo.

## Year 4

Writing - writing narratives with characters, settings and plot.

Maths - multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 including decimal numbers and units of measure for mass, capacity and length.

Science - the functions of the digestive system and about the different types of teeth and their functions.

Wider Curriculum - why the Romans invaded Britain and what life was like for a Roman soldier.

Guided Reading - 'The Firework Makers Daughter' by Phillip Pullman.

## Year 5

Writing - exploring the features of narratives including character and setting descriptions and creating atmosphere.

Maths - problem solving involving the 4 operations.

Science - investigating friction force on different surfaces and carrying out scientific enquiries.

Wider Curriculum - exploring where the Vikings came from and why they invaded.

Guided Reading - 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Micheal Morpurgo.

## Year 6

Writing - writing discussion texts exploring whether workhouses were a good idea in Victorian Britain.

Maths - how to use the formal method to multiply by 2 and 3-digit numbers.

Science - investigating the effects of adding additional electrical components to an electrical circuit

Wider Curriculum - researching the Victorian Era and the rise and fall of the British Empire

Guided Reading - 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo.

## Reminders

The Year 6 SATs Information Evening on Monday, 18th November will be held via Zoom. Please find the link in the email sent to your registered account.

The Friends Winter Discos will be held on Wednesday, 11th December.

- Year 1, 2 and 3 will go straight to the disco after class from 3:15pm - 4:30pm.
- Year 4, 5 & 6 will be able to come back to school for their celebration from 4:45pm - 6:00pm.

This is a cashless event so please purchase tickets for £5 [through the Friends portal here](#).



# 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	Ali (Maple)	For aiming high and being a good role model.
Sunrise/Sunset	Rachel	For always being kind and helping other children.
Fireflies	Musa (Willow)	For being fully engaged in his poppy painting whilst at forest school.
Cherry Blossoms	Dominic	For always aiming high and being a good example to others.
Berries	Liya	For writing her name.
Acorns	Riley	For always being a super role model and a kind friend. You are certainly an Amazing Acorn!
Conkers	Diya	For being kind, respectful and aiming high in everything you do!
Maple	Ivy	For aiming high in all areas of her learning!
Birch	Abdullah	For aiming high in phonics and writing lessons.
Cedar	Ayman	For having a great attitude to learning and settling into Cedar class so well.
Willow	Lily	For always aiming high and being a caring and kind member of the class.
Sycamore	Eisa	For always aiming high, but especially for being kind by helping around the classroom.
Hazel	Lacey-May	For working hard to develop her organisation and listening skills.
Ash	Maja	For having a fantastic attitude and always aiming high, even when things are tricky.
Yew	Tamina	For always providing brilliant contributions to class discussions.
Pine	Tommy	For his fantastic attitude and enthusiasm to learning and always wanting to help his peers! Keep it up!
Fir	Logan	For aiming high in his work, especially in Music and Brass Band, and for putting his best effort in improving his presentation.
Oak	Thavaneiya	For consistently aiming high and doing her best in every piece of work she undertakes, both in class and in her home learning.
Elm	Abigail	For aiming high, being brave and acknowledging her mistakes.

Well done, Cherries!



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