



NEWSLETTER

11TH OCTOBER 2024

WELCOME

Firstly, I would like to Welcome Mrs. Ammen Myudeen who is joining our SEND team this term. You will see Mrs. Myudeen working with many of our children across the school.

Over the last few weeks, we have had a flurry of 'Learning Outside of the Classroom' events. Our children thoroughly enjoyed their trips to places such as Watford North Train Station, Hampton Court Palace, the RAF Museum, Leavesdon Green Country Park and St Albans Cathedral to name but a few! At Cherry Tree, we prioritise outdoor learning and are proud of the opportunities our children get to learn beyond the walls of their classrooms. You can follow our adventures on our ['X' page](#), but please note that each class teacher also has their own class account.

We are excited to share the learning from these trips with you in our upcoming, brand-new Open Classroom event on Tuesday 22nd October. This event has been created in response to the Parent Survey we conducted last year and will replace our traditional October 'Parent's Evening'. The Open Classroom will give you the opportunity to:

- Visit your child's classroom and see their learning environment
- Talk to your child's teacher about how your child has settled in this year
- Look through your child's books and discuss their learning with them
- Meet other parents from the same class

We very much look forward to seeing you all there, so please mark the date in your diaries!

Lastly, we have noticed a concerning number of unhealthy items being brought in packed lunches and snacks for the playground. Please take a moment to read the article overleaf and refer to the guidance on our website regarding healthy food choices. Additionally, as a 'NO-NUT' school, any items containing nuts will be confiscated to ensure the safety of our staff and children. Please refrain from sending nut-containing products due to the life-threatening risks they pose. Thank you for your cooperation.

Cheska Tyler
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 22/10/24 - 3:30 - 18:30 Open Classroom Evening for Parents
- 23/10/24 - Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools project meeting (2 - 3pm)
- 25/10/24 - SEND Coffee Morning
- 25/10/24 - Last Day of Term - 3.15pm
- 04/11/24 - First Day of Autumn 2 Term

VOTE FOR OUR PLAYGROUND

We need your support!

Cherry Tree has been nominated for the final round of a £15,000 grant from Watford Council to enhance our playground. Now it's time for public voting, and you can assist us by [clicking here](#) to vote for Cherry Tree and by sharing this link with your friends and family.

Voting is open until 5pm on Friday 18th October 2024. The funding will enable us to purchase outdoor mini gym equipment, resurface the tarmac, and expand the trim trail with a climbing frame. Together, let's improve our playground!

CONSIDERATE PARKING

We have recently received a significant number of complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking during school drop-off and pick-up times, blocking driveways and causing delays for urgent appointments. This disruptive behaviour is unacceptable.

We urge parents to:

- Avoid parking in front of driveways.
- Allow space for emergency vehicles.
- Use designated parking areas responsibly.

Maintaining good relationships with the local community is crucial. Please consider the impact of your actions and park responsibly to demonstrate the respect and courtesy that we expect from our students.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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

BOOK CORNER - 500 WORDS

The 500 words competition is now open for entries. Why not encourage a child or young person you know to tap into their creativity and enter?



The competition closes at 9pm on Friday 8th November 2024. For more details, [click this link](#).

HELLO YELLOW

On 10th October 2024, our school celebrated Hello Yellow Day for World Mental Health Day 2024, emphasising that students are not alone in their mental health journeys. Students wore yellow or bright colours, promoting hope and positivity. The morning included regular lessons, while the afternoon featured special activities focused on mental health.



A highlight was creating yellow bunting with positive affirmations, fostering creativity and important discussions to build emotional resilience.

STEM HERO OF THE MONTH - ALAN EMTAGE

Alan Emtage, born in 1964 in Barbados, grew increasingly frustrated with the tedious task of manually sorting files at McGill University in Montreal. To address this issue, he developed a computer program named Archie which could automatically search through files overnight.



Regrettably, he did not patent his invention. Despite Archie being considered the great-grandfather of Google and other contemporary search engines, Emtage remains largely unknown and did not profit from his groundbreaking creation.

FAMILIES IN FOCUS

Families in Focus is a Hertfordshire-based community interest company that provides online evidence-based, award-winning therapeutic parenting courses. They have several upcoming free courses - for more information, [click this link](#).

PARENT/CARER MEETING

Herts Parent Carer Involvement
www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk



PARENT CARER MEETING

Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity In schools (PINS) project

We would like to hear your views and experiences of how all children (especially those with additional needs) are supported and included in your school and your ideas of how parent carers can work in partnership with the school to make sure it is truly inclusive.

Location: Cherry Tree Primary School **Sign up using the QR code or link below**

Date: Wednesday 23rd October 24

Time: 2.00-3.00

You may also drop in on the day but this helps with our planning for teas, coffees and biscuits

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PINSMeetingSignup>

contact@hertsparentcarers.org.uk

CONTACT US

Website:
www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

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), Katy Wolstencroft (Deputy Safeguarding Lead) Vicky Carrack (Inclusion Leader & SENDCo), Emma Birdsall (EYFS & KS1 Lead) or Emma Penfold (KS2 Lead).

HEALTHY NUT-FREE PACKED LUNCHES

We prioritise the health and well-being of our students through nutritious food, which is vital for energy, focus, and learning. Parents are encouraged to provide healthy snacks and packed lunches, and our website offers healthy lunchbox ideas [here](#).

Additionally, to ensure the safety of students and staff with severe nut allergies, please do not send any nut-containing items (including nut-based spreads like Nutella) into school. Even trace amounts can be harmful, so please check labels for nut-free alternatives.

Thank you for supporting a healthy and safe environment for all students.

What we are learning.....

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

Year 1

Writing - we are writing descriptive sentences based on the poetry book "Out and About" by Shirley Hughes. We will learn to recite and perform a poem.

Phonics - we are learning the new vowel digraphs oy (boy), ay (day), ou (cloud) and ea (sea).

Maths - learning to count in 10s forwards and backwards to 100.

Science - we will be labelling parts of the body.

Wider Curriculum - we will be exploring the signs of Autumn.

Year 2

Writing - we are learning about rhyming poetry through our new book Kicking a Ball by Sebastien Braun.

Phonics - we are continuing to review phase 5 sounds.

Maths - doubles within 10 and using near doubles within 10 to help solve addition and subtraction problems.

Science - why exercise is important and the effect it can have on your body.

Wider Curriculum - we are looking at primary evidence in history and creating time-lines about change in Watford.

Year 3

Writing - we are writing poetry based on our local area.

Maths - we will be looking at the measurement of units (e.g. cm) and starting to add 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers using mental methods.

Science - we will be learning about how to have a healthy diet.

Wider Curriculum - exploring two historical figures of aviation: the Wright Brothers and Amelia Earhart.

Guided Reading - 'The Queen's Nose' by Dick King Smith.

Year 4

Writing - we are writing poetry and recounts based on St Albans.

Maths - counting in multiples, factors and multiplication and division facts.

Science - the relationship between the volume of sound and strength of vibrations and how distance affects this.

Wider Curriculum - The importance of the Abbey and reflecting on our St Albans topic.

Guided Reading - 'The Butterfly Lion'.

Year 5

Writing - biographies about Henry VIII and publishing into small books to share.

Maths - strategies to multiply and divide and solving word problems involving place value.

Science - recapping our learning of Human Life Cycles.

Wider Curriculum - how the Tudors are linked to Hertfordshire?

Guided Reading - 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.'

Year 6

Writing - we are writing explanation texts on the human digestive system.

Maths - we will be looking at equivalent fractions and comparing and ordering fractions.

Science - we will be evaluating the effects of diet, exercise, drugs and alcohol on the human body.

Wider Curriculum - we will be consolidating our learning about the canals and creating a canal lock.

Guided Reading - 'The London Eye Mystery' by Siobhan Dowd.

Reminders

- Don't forget our 'Open Classroom' event on Tuesday 22nd of October between 3.30pm - 6.30pm where parents are invited to visit classrooms to chat informally to the teacher and look at children's work. This in place of our 'traditional' Parent's Evening usually held in October.
- On Wednesday 23rd October at 2pm Cherry Tree will host a parent meeting held by PINS - the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS).



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	Dominic	For aiming high and setting a good example at lunchtime.
Sunrise/Sunset	Kaden	For being so kind and helpful.
Fireflies	Yuvan (3H)	For aiming high and persevering whilst using a new tool whilst at forest schools.
Cherry Blossoms	Ghezal	For joining in with group activities with her friends.
Berries	Dua	For developing her confidence to leave her mum and join in with Berries activities.
Acorns	Laila	For consistently following our rules and being a good role model.
Conkers	Kian	For being a fantastic role model by always aiming high, being brave and being kind!
Maple	Teddy	For aiming high; using his imagination when writing, remembering capital letters and full stops.
Birch	Humaira	For aiming high - well done for working hard in reading and phonics lessons.
Cedar	Yahya	For always being ready to learn and share ideas.
Willow	Rakshitha	For aiming high with her writing and being a fantastic role model.
Sycamore	Ava	For always being a great model to their peers in Sycamore Class.
Hazel	Matin	For working hard on making sure he is listening well.
Ash	Aashiha	For making fantastic contributions in all lessons this week.
Yew	Samuel	For consistently demonstrating the school values and being a good role model.
Pine	Psycho	For always aiming high and showing enthusiasm to your learning!
Fir	Rayan	For always following the school values and aiming high in all of his work.
Oak	Pary	For aiming high, focusing and challenging herself in maths to prove that she can do it!
Elm	Leonard	For working hard independently and having the confidence to ask for support if needed.

Well done, Cherries!



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