



NEWSLETTER

19TH NOVEMBER 2021

WELCOME

There has been a real buzz for learning this week at Cherry Tree.

Our new Year 1 and Year 2 reading groups are well and truly settled and the children adore working with adults from across the school. All children in Year 1 are reading in a small group with an adult between 9:00-9:30 (whilst the rest of the school are reading too...even Bonnie!), and all Year 2 children have their turn in the afternoon. We are committed to ensuring that all our children can confidently read before they reach Key Stage 2 and they are making great progress so far.

Our children have also been spending lots of time learning outdoors. It's been a pleasure seeing their creations and how our Forest School area has evolved. Mrs Hill has spent a long time with her fellow helpers, transforming our log cabin in to an outdoor classroom for our children to enjoy.

We are shortly launching our new Children's Parliament. The children have been busily writing speeches and presenting these to their classes. Class representatives have been chosen and we are now in the process of selecting a Head Boy and Head Girl from Year 6 to lead these meetings. We had 15 children putting themselves forward for this important role and WOW, we wish we could choose them all! We are so proud of how passionate, thoughtful and prepared they were for their speeches. Well done, Year 6!

Our Eco Council have met this term and have created an action plan for the year. This council is led by Miss Phillips and are already making changes at Cherry Tree - well done! Please see their priorities from their action plan here:

Eco-Schools Topic: Energy

Aim:
To reduce the energy waste around school and share our knowledge about why reducing our energy usage is important.

Eco-Schools Topic: Litter

Aim:
To reduce the litter in our school grounds and surrounding local area. Raise an awareness of the harmful effects of litter.

Eco-Schools Topic: School Grounds

Aim:
To introduce more plants and diversity to the school grounds and make them an enjoyable place to play and learn.

NURTURE CORNER

This week is Anti-Bullying week and we chose to raise awareness at Cherry Tree with two special days. We began the week by taking part in Odd Socks Day, which encourages children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality, and have ended with Pyjama Day in recognition of Children In Need. Thank you to all our children for joining together to support these important causes. Please see pictures below.

FUN LUNCH

We are having a fun lunch next Thursday 25th November. This is open to all children from Reception to year 6. If you child normally has a packed lunch and would like a school meal, please register [here](#).



PARENT SEND SUPPORT



A Complete Guide to Parenting Children with ALL Special Educational Need

This course is free for all parents living in Hertfordshire and caring for a primary aged child inclusive of those awaiting diagnosis or with a diagnosis of Special Education Needs, Autism, ADHD & associated needs. Lesley and Francine are parents, experienced and qualified trainers too.



Topics include:

- ✔ Gain greater understanding and answer the question 'Why does my child do that?'
- ✔ Learn a range of strategies and solutions, to better manage behaviours that challenge
- ✔ Gain more understanding of anger triggers and strategies to reduce angry meltdowns
- ✔ Learn how to support siblings living with a sister/brother with additional needs / challenging behaviours
- ✔ Learn communication techniques to reduce 'emotional traffic jams' and improve your child's emotional regulation
- ✔ Learn techniques to manage stress, conflict and so much more



Where: Online via Zoom

When: Tuesday mornings 9.30-11.30pm
January 2022 11th, 18th, 25th
February 2022 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd
March 2022 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd



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Places are limited and must be booked by emailing bookings@familiesinfofocus.co.uk

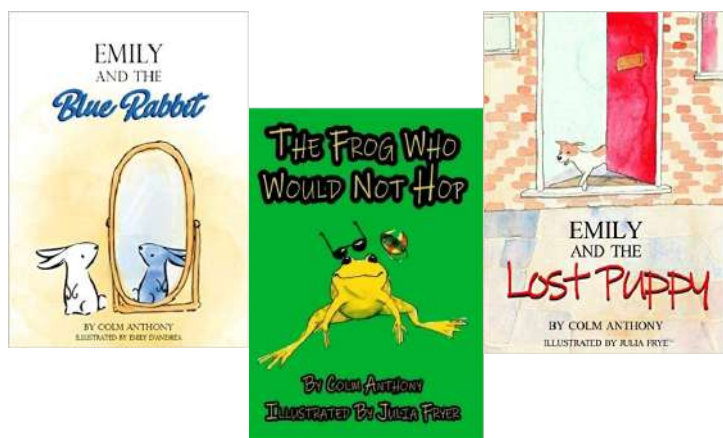
We are kind, we aim high, we are brave!

READING CORNER

Next Thursday we are delighted to welcome the author, Colm Anthony, to our school. He will be reading his books and sharing his experiences of being an author with the children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Here is a bit of information about Colm:

'I was born in County Mayo, Ireland and grew up in a small village by the sea. I found my way to the UK as a teenager and have lived in Kingsbury for the last forty years, working as a builder before recently retiring. I had no TV or iPad growing up, so I would always make up stories to pass the time. I kept up this tradition by imagining bedtime stories for my four year old granddaughter and she loved them so much that I decided to put them into a series of books. I hope you enjoy my stories as much as my family do!'

You will have the opportunity to buy his signed books. A flyer with all the information will be sent to you before the event.



We are continuing to make progress with updating our school library. A huge thank you to Mrs Ali for coming in to help us sort the library books. We are in the process of purchasing some lovely new furniture and would welcome any offer of help with fixing shelves and making up flat pack units to make this a great space for our children to build on their love of reading. Contact myself through the school office if you can help in any way.

Happy reading.....

Jane Sibbit
LKS2/ Reading leader/ Class teacher



HEALTHY SNACKS

Please could we remind you that if you are sending your child in to school with a snack to enjoy at break time that you are sending them in with healthy options, such as fruit or vegetables. We are seeing an increase in crisps, chocolate and biscuits on the playground. Thank you.

RECEPTION PLACES

Nursery parents:

The online system to apply for your child's Reception place is now open. Your child's nursery place does not guarantee a Reception place. Click [here](#) to make an application for September 2022. Please do not hesitate to see Mrs Brown in the School Office if you have any queries or need help completing your application.

Prospective parents:

We are currently holding tours of our school for prospective parents applying for Reception and Nursery places. If you know anyone who would like to join our wonderful school please ask them to register for a tour on our website.

CHILDREN IN NEED!



RESIDENTIAL TRIP YEAR 6

Please look out for an email soon from Miss Penfold about deposits and payment plans for our Y6 Residential. Miss Penfold is happy to meet with anyone that would like to discuss this further or to offer support.



PEDESTRIAN GATES

For safeguarding purposes, can we please ask parents/carers not to leave the pedestrian gate open when you enter the school grounds during the day.

UPCOMING FRIENDS EVENTS

The Friends of Cherry Tree will be holding our very own, magical Winter Wonderland, after school on the 10th December. Please follow our Facebook page 'Friends of Cherry Tree PTA,' where we will be announcing further details about the plans for the day.



If anyone would like to hold their own stall or volunteer with the preparations, please email friends@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk.

We are also in need of wrapping paper donations or small Christmas trees. Our next activity will be the Jazzy Jar competition. Keep an eye out for our flyer on this.



SCHOOL MILK

Please see the email that was sent this week. If you wish to order school milk for Spring 2022 term, log into your Arbor Parent Portal [here](#). The deadline for orders is Friday 10th December

NURSERY RHYME WEEK

Nursery have really enjoyed taking part in world nursery rhyme week and are looking forward to receiving their certificates. We have had a great time singing, playing instruments and completing lots of fun activities including pouring spiders down the drain pipes and drawing pictures of ourselves.



CHRISTMAS!

Christmas Jumper Day is Friday 10th December, the same day as our school Christmas Market. Children encouraged to wear their most festive outfit for a small donation to Save the Children charity.



We will be holding our whole school Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 15th December. More info to follow on this.



The Apex breakfast clubs are no longer running now that we have opened our brand-new Red & Ready morning club. Sessions are £6. If you need to book your child into the club you can register via your Arbor Parent Portal and choose from daily or half-termly sessions, subject to availability. Click here for more information and to view the booking guide. You will find our Red & Ready club in the Mulberry building.



Thurs 25th Nov	- FUN lunch!
Fri Dec 10th	- Christmas Jumper Day
	- Christmas Market (3pm-6pm)
Wed Dec 15th	- Christmas Lunch
Thurs Dec 16th	- Nursery end of term
Fri Dec 17th	- Autumn 2 Term ends 1.30pm
Thurs 14th July 22	- Year 6 Transition Day



TOP CHERRIES!



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

Berries - Musa - For building a relationship with the adults in the classroom.

- Dinal - For listening to a story on the carpet.

R Conkers - Ghezal - For working really hard in her activities, following her new routine and interactions with peers.

R Acorns - Huzaifa - For trying hard to use his phonics when writing and for being a great friend and role model during Anti-Bullying Week.

Y1 Birch - John - For confidence at using phonics for reading and spelling.

Y1 Maple - Conan - For brilliant engagement in Maths.

Y2 Cedar - Shaynan - For working hard to improve his handwriting.

Y2 Willow - Tansyi - For working very hard to improve her work and becoming more independent.

- Stefan - For his determination to be an excellent writer and for aiming high to improve his maths.

Y3 Sycamore - Dani - For her determination to improve her writing and the presentation of her work.

Y3 Hazel - Fiona - For aiming high in Maths this week, showing determination and supporting others as we continue to solve addition and subtraction problems.

Y4 Ash - Hafsa - For showing fantastic commitment to her learning and striving to read more challenging books.

Y4 Yew - Khadijah - For a massive improvement in her attitude to learning and confidence especially in Maths.

Y5 Pine - Hisham - For his determination and resilience when learning how to subtract using a formal column method. He can now solve subtraction calculations and regroup, where needed, with super confidence.

Y5 Fir - Alin - For being a good friend and always taking time to help his peers when they are in need. Alin is a pleasure to teach.

Y6 Oak - Ethan C - for aiming high in his learning. He has been focused, committed and has really challenged himself this week to prepare a discussion text whilst working towards his writing targets.

Y6 Elm - Bailey - For always trying her best and striving to be the best she can be. Her handwriting has come on leaps and bounds!

Well done, Cherries!



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