



NEWSLETTER



**National Nurturing
School Award
2024**

28TH JUNE 2024

WELCOME

I mentioned this briefly in our last newsletter but I would like to share with you some of the brilliant things said about Cherry Tree following our National Nurturing Schools Award reaccreditation. The school was judged as 'ENHANCING' in all areas.

"At Cherry Tree happiness and celebration was the golden thread that ran throughout the assessment visit. "

"This is a school that is constantly pushing boundaries and looking for opportunities to grow and develop. For example they work in collaboration with the community to utilise an allotment next door to the school which has received 5* RHS garden status and have been asked to be ambassadors for this programme."

"Cherry Tree provides a harmonious balance of nurture and academia. Through the forward thinking, sheer hard work and boundless creativity of their staff, they seize every precious opportunity that comes their way. Always remaining true to their core beliefs which are at one with the Six Principles of Nurture. Both are used as compass points, to explore new territory in their desire to create the ultimate nurturing experience for the children and their families and a brighter future for all. It was truly a pleasurable, humbling experience and one which will remain with me for a very long time."

We are opening a pupil survey from next week which will be completed in school. Children will be asked questions about their experiences at Cherry Tree to help us make it better than ever. The children will have two weeks to complete this.

Lastly, I would like to introduce to you our new teachers starting with us here at Cherry Tree. Firstly, we have Mersey Roberts. Mersey has just graduated from Hertfordshire University. Some of you may remember Miss Roberts from two years ago, when she supported Miss Khan in Year 2 whilst completing her placement here. Miss Roberts will be starting with us next week so she can begin to prepare for the next academic year. Next, we have Amina Butt. Amina is currently studying in Bath and will be joining us here at Cherry Tree on the 8th of July. Lastly, we have Abbey Marshall who will be joining us in September. Abbey is currently teaching elsewhere in Hertfordshire and is very much looking forward to joining the team. Class lists will be sent to parents next week.

Cheska Tyler
Headteacher

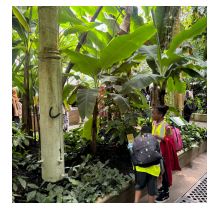
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 01/07/24 - Year 6 St Michael's Church Trip
- 01/07/24 - Year 2 Knebworth House Trip
- 02/07/24 - Reception Paradise Wildlife park
- 04/07/24 - Deadline to order class photos
- 04/07/24 - Year 4 Whipsnade Zoo
- 04/07/24 - Nursery Mead Open Farm
- 04/07/24 - Year 1 The Ark Synagogue Visit
- 05/07/24 - Governor Day
- 06/07/24 - Friends Summer Fair
- 11/07/24 - Move Up Day/Secondary Transition
- 15/07/24 - Proms in the Playground (Year 5)
- 16/07/24 - Friends School Disco
- 19/07/24 - Last Day of School - finish 1.30pm
- 04/09/24 - Start of new school year

YEAR 3 TRIP TO KEW GARDENS

On Wednesday 19th June, Year 3 set off for sunny Kew Gardens.

There were so many interesting and unique plants to explore, and we were particularly excited to spot a cocoa tree and a banana tree in the Palm House. We were even lucky enough to see a Titan Arum flower which only blooms every seven years!



We enjoyed our workshop all about pollination, where we got to try our hand at pollinating some flowers. Thank you to all the adults who made this amazing day out possible.

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

BOOK CORNER

Welcome to Book Corner!

Why is the Summer Reading Challenge so important to your child? National statistics tell us that 1 in 4 children cannot read well by the age of 11. This hugely limits their life choices and skills. The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the summer holidays, ensuring they are ready for a great start to the new term in the autumn. Children set a reading goal and collect rewards for reading anything they enjoy. Children can sign up at their local library or online, and it's FREE to take part. In 2023, 75% of children who took part said they now enjoy reading more.



This year's Challenge is called Marvellous Makers and it's all about creativity! From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone. This year's theme has been developed in partnership with a leading arts charity, Create.

The Challenge starts on Saturday 6 July. The children have an assembly to launch this on Monday 15th July.

Happy reading everyone.

Jane Sibbit

LKS2/Reading Leader/Class Teacher

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: 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).



PLEASE STOP



SPEAK OUT



DON'T TOUCH

WRITERS OF THE MONTH

Well done to all of our terrific writers of the month. Please ask your child's teacher if you'd like to come and see the display!

Berries	Sia & Fletcher	Sycamore	Samuel
Conkers	Selwa	Yew	Shaynan
Acorns	Musa	Ash	Eva
Birch	Thamizh	Pine	Abigail
Maple	Rakshitha	Fir	Arini
Willow	Chloe	Oak	Stella
Cedar	Kian	Elm	Katie
Hazel	Joone		

PARKING SAFETY

Congratulations to Millie, in Year 5, who won first place in a competition to design a poster to remind motorists to park carefully. The competition, organised by our Police Community Support Officers, sought creative entries to promote safe and considerate parking.

Millie's vibrant and clear design impressed the judges and will be displayed in key locations around the local area.



HOLIDAY CAMP

This summer, LPS Coaching are back to run their very popular holiday camp here at Cherry Tree. Their course is sports and activities based with football running all day and a choice of activities such as dodgeball, gymnastics or cricket on demand. You can find more information by [clicking this link](#).



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

PROMOTING PHYSICAL WELLBEING

Physical activity isn't only beneficial for our bodies; it also plays a role in promoting mental wellbeing. With both the Euros and the Olympics this summer, it's an opportunity to engage young people in regular exercise which can reduce stress, improve mood and boost self-esteem. Despite these benefits, many children face barriers to participating in physical activity.

1 MAKE IT FUN



Incorporate activities that children enjoy, such as playing games or dancing. Encourage participation in team sports or group activities to foster social connections and a sense of belonging.

2 MIX MOVEMENT WITH LEARNING



Educational settings can incorporate movement breaks and physical activities to enhance focus, concentration and cognitive function. Embedding exercise into the curriculum can also reinforce learning and stimulate creativity. 'Revision walks' with podcasts and flashcards can benefit older learners.

3 CREATE OPPORTUNITIES

Provide clear chances for physical activity throughout the day, both indoors and outdoors. Schools can encourage active play during breaks and at lunchtimes, while limiting screen time at home can help keep children up and about.

4 PROVIDE POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT



Praise and encourage children for their efforts and achievements in physical activity. Recognise their progress and celebrate their successes to reinforce positive behaviours. Educators could do this in several ways, such as applauding their efforts at assemblies or celebrating their accomplishments in newsletters.

5 VARIETY IS KEY



Introduce a selection of physical activities to keep children engaged and prevent boredom. From swimming and cycling to yoga and martial arts, trying different types of exercise can help children to discover what they enjoy most.

6 ENJOYMENT OVER COMPETITION



Encourage children to focus on the enjoyment of physical activity rather than winning or achieving perfection. Emphasise effort, improvement and having fun rather than outcomes, to minimise the amount of stress that children can sometimes associate with sports and other competitions.

7 SET REALISTIC GOALS



Help children set achievable physical activity targets based on their interests, abilities and preferences. Celebrate their progress and successes to maintain motivation and enthusiasm.

8 MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE



Ensure that children have access to safe, suitable spaces for exercise at home, at school and in the community. Advocate for inclusive environments which accommodate diverse needs and abilities. Be a change maker in your community if facilities aren't already available.

9 LEAD BY EXAMPLE



Parents and carers can be positive role models by prioritising their own exercise and involving children in their fitness routines. Gentle walks, bike rides or sports activities can be wonderful opportunities for bonding and staying active together.

10 ENCOURAGE PERSISTENCE



Help children develop resilience and perseverance by encouraging them to overcome challenges and setbacks in physical activity. Teach them the importance of perseverance and the value of effort in achieving their goals.

Meet Our Expert

Adam Gillett is a learning and development specialist who, as well as working for Minds Ahead, is associate vice principal for personal development at a large secondary school in Barnsley. He was asked to be part of an expert research group for the Department for Education, one of only three school leaders to be asked to do so.



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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
Red & Ready	Leo H (2W)	For always being happy and friendly towards your peers.
Fireflies	Krithik (6O)	For always aiming high and being creative whilst at Forest Schools.
Cherry Blossoms	Dominic	For excellent writing of his name.
Berries	Amelia	For always being kind, being brave and aiming high in everything she does.
Acorns	Yohanan	For always being kind to others and listening to all advice given.
Conkers	Kayon	For aiming high in his writing, remembering his finger spaces, well done!
Maple	Alyssia-River	For always aiming high during phonics lessons and trying hard to use this in her work.
Birch	Holly	For always challenging yourself by aiming high and trying to make your work even better. You have a super growth mindset.
Cedar	Mehdi	For aiming high with our creative projects this week.
Willow	Amreen	For taking notice and being a fantastic listener in class.
Sycamore	Omar	For always positively engaging with their learning.
Hazel	Samreen	For always having a positive attitude and working hard on her handwriting.
Ash	Megudhan	For always being kind and showing respect to others.
Yew	Abdul Hakeem	For always setting a great example to others and being a good role model.
Pine	Naomi	For always being a wonderful role model and consistently displaying our Cherry Tree Values!
Fir	Jaydrien	For remembering the values and keeping yourself focused. Well done you!
Oak	Krithik	For being a positive role model for his peers, always aiming high, being kind and being brave.
Elm	Kyle	For always starting the day with a warm welcome to others.

Well done, Cherries!



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