Cherry Trees School News

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Diary Dates

Half Term:

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Back to School:

Monday 5th June

'The Great Cherry Trees Bake Off' PTA Event:

Friday 9th June

Father's Day Breakfast:

Friday 16th June

Transition Mornings:

Wednesday 21st June & Monday 26th June

Sports Day:

Friday 23rd June

26th May 2023: Issue 9

Headteacher's message: Alison Higgs

Hello and welcome to our May Newsletter!

What a month we have had! We are always so busy at Cherry Trees School, and this month we had an Ofsted Monitoring Inspection thrown into the mix! We are awaiting the report with baited breath, and I will of course share it with you as soon as it comes in. The inspection felt positive and fair, staff and pupils all gave it their very best. This inspection wont change our grade but hopefully will be more evidence that we are making progress in the right direction.

We are still awaiting the final bit of planning permission for our extension of Blue, Red and Orange Classrooms. I am hoping that this will be able to start in the last couple of weeks of summer term and continue through the summer holidays but it isn't 100% certain yet. As soon as I know more information then I will make sure I communicate with parents. We will ensure that with careful planning and using other spaces in the school that the impact to our pupils will be minimal. It is going to make a huge difference having these new modern and spacious rooms!

Thank you to the PTA for planning our first event "The Great Cherry Trees Bake Off" on Friday 9th June at 2pm. I have forwarded an email today from Zoe our parent governor asking for help at the event. We have also sent home raffle tickets to sell for the meat hamper raffle, which would be great for anyone's freezer! All proceeds are going towards our children's summer party.

After the half term I will be sending home transition packs with details of your child's class and teacher for next year. There will also be more information about transition mornings which are planned for Wednesday 21st and Monday 26th June. During these mornings pupils will get to experience their new class if they are moving and take part in fun activities.

Save the date: Sports Day Friday 23rd June—Parents invited more information to follow.

As always thank you so much for your support. Have a restful and hopefully sunny half term break and we will welcome your children back on Monday 5th June.

Enjoy the Newsletter!

Ms Alison Higgs—Headteacher

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Blue Class News

Blue Class have had another busy month continuing with our class topic, "We're Going on an Adventure!" Through this topic, we have learnt about all kinds of transport and different journeys. We've thought about travelling on land, sea and in the air. During the last two weeks our topic story has been, "Whatever Next!" which has led us to explore journeying into Space! We have built rockets and made play dough aliens. We have also learnt number rhymes about astronauts and spacemen, and counted rockets, astronauts and aliens in our Maths lessons. We have also all enjoyed creating glittery stars and planet pictures.

We started the month with our own adventure as a class, travelling on the minibus to Himley Park which everyone enjoyed. Our more recent adventure has taken us to PlayTropolis, where we all had a fantastic time exploring all the different play areas.

Of course this month has also included our lovely Coronation celebrations. We were so proud of all our children joining in and enjoying our whole school party, which was a very special afternoon for us all to remember.

Well done Blue Class, another super half term!

Have a lovely and well-deserved half term break everyone!

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Red Class News

What a great start to the Summer Term Red Class have had.

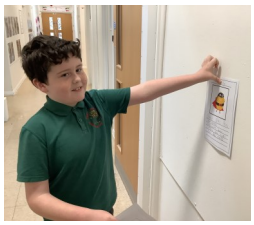
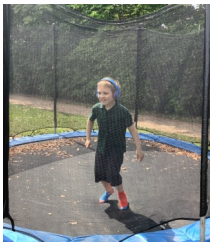
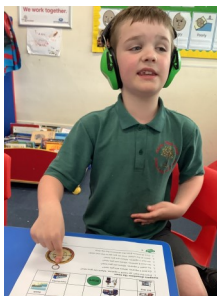
We have been on the search for Supertato in our English lessons, as he was stolen by the Evil Pea. The children wrote missing posters, freed the frozen vegetables and then finally found Supertato on the school field.

We have started up our swimming sessions again, and all of the children were amazing and earned extra swimming Dojo's as a reward. It was lovely to be back in the pool and the children showed us the swimming skills they had remembered.

In Maths, we have been working hard on money, time and capacity.

We have been finally enjoying some time in the sunshine and our outdoor areas.

Well done Red Class, have a great half-term holiday and we will see you for Summer 2.

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Orange Class News

Orange Class have worked really hard this month. The pupils have been focusing on communication, using our communication and PEC's books to make requests and to communicate needs. We have enjoyed our Topic, 'Starry Starry Night' and have been exploring light sources, space, and our class story, 'How To Catch a Star'.

We have had fantastic horse riding sessions this term- a big thanks to Hannah for supporting the children with this. It has been a pleasure to see the childrens' confidence grow around the horses and to see them build their skills each week. Orange Class also had a great time celebrating the King's Coronation!

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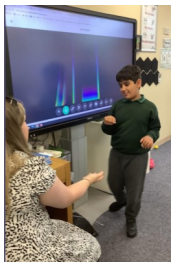
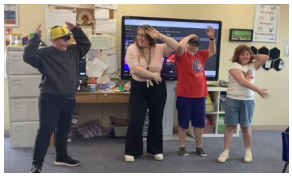
Green Class News

In Green Class, this half term we have covered a lot of learning and made fantastic progress in our understanding. Our topic this half term was The Romans, and we have thoroughly enjoyed our history lessons learning all about how the Romans came about. We have learnt about the story of Romulus and Remus, and the vast army the Romans conquered Europe with and why they wanted to invade Britain. We have explored Roman life including the homes and lifestyle the rich and the poor had. We will be putting our knowledge to the test when we visit Wroxeter Roman City at the end of the half term, to see the building that once stood. In our Art, we have explored and made our own Mosaics, used clay to make Roman pottery and designed and made Roman shields. Finally, we are so delighted to have the swimming pool back open - Green Class did so well on the first session, remembering the skills and safety tips Dawn had previously taught them. Our last half term is jam packed and an amazing topic focus: Colour, Shimmer and Shine. We will be exploring the country of Brazil and it's capital Rio de Janeiro, as well as being able to go horse riding every Thursday.





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Yellow Class News

Yellow Class have had a lovely start to the Summer Term.

We started the term being really busy and celebrating the King's Coronation. We are all so proud of Yellow Class as they all joined the rest of the school in the busy hall for the tea party.

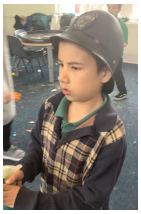
Our topic this half term has been "Who do you think you are?".

Linking to our topic we have focused on ourselves, our families and people who help us. The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as Police Officers and engaging in imaginative play by putting out the fire numerals.

In English, we have adapted the Talk4Writing approach and have used elements of it to help us develop our story recognition and knowledge. Our story focus has been 'Handas Surprise'.

In Maths, we have continued to develop number knowledge, shape knowledge and applying. The children have been using their exploration skills to engage in Numicon to support their development.

In outdoor learning, the children have loved exploring the environment and making their own habitats for worms! The wormeries were fabulous and children loved getting messy in the mud.



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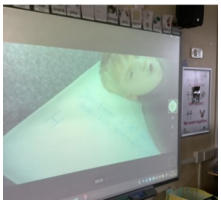
Purple Class News

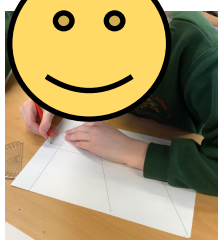
Fantastic week back at swimming! We all loved it and had so much fun. In Maths, we have concentrated on repeating patterns and making it challenging for children. I bought a new visualiser for class and it proved to be a big hit for class story and seeing ourselves on the TV!

During the month, we have looked at our own mental health and how to keep that healthy. We talked about our feelings and emotions, taking time for ourselves and talking to others.

Once again, we enjoyed our time at Outdoor Learning, making emotion faces, bird feeders, and chalk drawings. We have done so much and had so much fun it's hard to showcase everything so keep checking Dojo!

Have a lovely half term!





Cherry Trees Communicating

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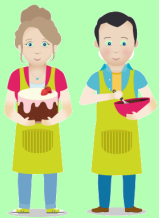
'The Great Cherry Trees Bake Off'

We would like to invite all parents to 'The Great Cherry Trees Bake Off' PTA Event that we will be holding on Friday 9th June at 2pm.

There will also be a Meat Hamper on the Raffle, so please check your child's bag for the letter and raffle tickets!



Father's Day Breakfast

We look forward to welcoming all Dads to Cherry Trees School on Friday 16th June for a Father's Day Breakfast! This will be held from 8:50am to 9:50am.

We had a wonderful party for the King's Coronation on Friday 5th June. The whole school got together in the hall, and had such a fun time celebrating with their crowns, party food and music!

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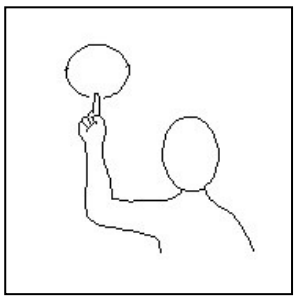
Sign of the Month



Sun

Draw an imaginary sun in the sky. You can see how to do the sign here:

https//www.youtube.com/watch?v=yA2UgyAB7_k

Whole Class Monthly Attendance

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	93.1%
Red Class	87.9%
Orange Class	95.6%
Green Class	93.8%
Yellow Class	96.7%
Purple Class	95.6%

Congratulations to:

Yellow Class

You have the best Attendance for the Month

Well done to all of you.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Cherry Trees Safeguarding

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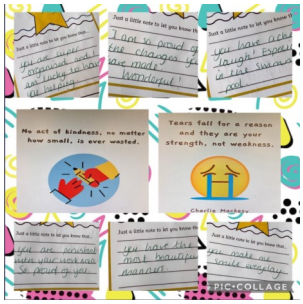
Mental Health Awareness week 15-19th

During the 15th-19th of May the children have been busy participating in a range of activities for **"Mental Health Awareness."** Mental Health awareness week happens every year and it's the biggest opportunity for the whole of the UK to come together to focus on getting good mental health. The week aims to tackle stigma and help people understand and prioritise theirs and other's mental health.

The children have been busy completing lots of different activities: sorting emotions, mindfulness colouring/activities, sensory play, making bird feeders, crafting, playing games, creating feeling monsters and much more. I am super proud of the great work that has been produced and the activities the children have participated in, to promote this very important topic.

I hope all parent/carers enjoyed reading the children's special Message's that they brought home with them to finish off an incredible week on a high. This was a really important topic that the children embraced, well done to all our children at Cherry Trees, I am really proud of you, Nicola :-)



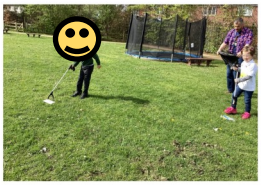
https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/

Cherry Trees School Council

The School Council have met to discuss how the school can achieve Bronze for the RRSA AWARD. We looked at the 42 articles from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and how adults are duty bearers of these rights.

The School Council then gave out questionnaires to staff to see what they know and understand about the UNCRC.

Now that our School Council is fully established, we want to involve even more pupils from all classes. Watch this space!



The Eco Warriors have been busy this month! Together, they planted a herb garden outside Yellow class and conducted a litter pick around school. They have a passion for looking after our environment, and will be using this to get the whole school involved!