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PRESS RELEASE

ECO SCHOOLS GREEN FLAG SUCCESS AT LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Laurance Haines School in Watford have recently been reaccredited with the Eco Schools Green Flag Award, an internationally recognised award for excellence in environmental action and learning.

On Monday 30th November Watford Mayor, Peter Taylor, visited Laurance Haines to present the school with its 'Green Flag' – the highest Eco Schools award available. "It's fantastic to see the work that Laurance Haines are doing to support the environment. This reaccreditation is a well-deserved recognition of the school's and community's efforts. It has been exciting to support their journey over the past few years." said Peter Taylor.

The school was first accredited the award in 2018 and Laurance Haines Eco Warriors have worked extremely hard in their efforts to achieve reaccreditation. Over the past few years, our children, inspired by the tenacity and efforts of Monika Delginova, Higher Level Teaching Assistant, have started to implement real change within and outside the school community. Most notably, our curriculum, which is child-led, has provided opportunities for children to learn about a range of topics, from the impact of the meat industry and deforestation to the journeys of recycled waste and the roles we have to play. Their efforts continue to encourage real change across our adult community with parents and staff changing routines and behaviour to lead a greener lifestyle.

"Our children believe Laurance Haines to be the eco-friendliest school in the country: a perception we of course want them to have. We are keen to continue to provide them with opportunities to inspire each other and everyone across and beyond our school community to lead an eco-friendly life. As a school, we strive for a better future, and it is imperative that our children know how central this is to them being the citizens of tomorrow." Mr Gray, Headteacher.

The efforts of the children at Laurance Haines are now influencing children and adults across the Inclusive Multi Academy Trust, with Beechfield and Cherry Tree schools keen to follow in Laurance Haines footsteps with their pursuits of the silver and gold awards. This work is encapsulated in the commitments set out in the new Trust Sustainability Policy, which includes a range of ambitious targets around the carbon footprint of our schools, further curriculum developments and energy usage, to name but a few.

The Inclusive Multi Academy Trust was established in 2016 as a group of primary schools working in collaboration as one charitable entity, to improve and maintain high educational standards and offer life opportunities for our children and the community as a whole. Our schools all share the belief that a nurturing approach is at the heart of success. Happy children learn, happy staff thrive, happy parents build a community and that is what we strive to achieve.

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