

The Tree That


Winked



The 5th grade class was learning all about trees.

“Trees give us oxygen, shade, and homes for animals!” he explained as they walked through the school yard on a sunny Thursday.





Everyone had clipboards. Everyone was focused. Except Jordan... who was staring wide-eyed at a tall oak tree.

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He blinked. The branches definitely swayed — but there was no wind.



A large, ancient tree with a thick, gnarled trunk and a dense canopy of green and yellow leaves. In the lower-left foreground, a single yellow leaf is attached to the tree trunk, featuring a large, brown, almond-shaped eye with long, dark eyelashes. In the lower-right foreground, a young boy with dark hair, wearing a blue t-shirt, jeans, and red sneakers, points his right index finger towards the eye in the tree. He has a surprised expression. Behind him, a group of other children, also in school clothes, are standing and watching. The scene is set outdoors on a grassy area under a clear blue sky.

Jordan gasped. “GUYS! I think that tree winked at me!”

The whole class burst out laughing. “Did it say ‘hello,’ too?” joked Mia.



Jordan chuckled along,
but kept his eyes on the
tree... just in case.

The rest of the day, the oak didn't move again.

But Jordan had a million questions swirling in his head:

Can trees move? Do they react to people? What if they're secretly awesome and alive in ways we don't understand?



By the end of the week, he'd checked out three library books about trees, joined the Nature Club, and even started naming the oaks behind the school.



Mr. Daniels smiled and said, “Jordan, I think you just became a tree expert.” Jordan grinned.

“Yeah, just keeping an eye out in case they wave again.”



Keep learning and stay curious — you never know what might spark your next passion. Even trees have a story... if you're paying attention. And hey, don't forget to have fun! 🌳👁️📚

