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This week, following the children's success in the football festival, we've been talking about how being competitive can drive us to greater achievement and help us to become our best, both as a team and individually. The children reflected on what can happen if we are overly competitive, which can lead to frustration with oneself or one's team-mates, or outbursts of anger. The children wisely told me that doing one's best is what counts—and that losing a match, or not coming first in a test is not the end of the world and it's certainly not going to define you. The children were very honest about themselves and had lots to say on this important subject, so please do continue the discussion at home!

Stars of the Week

Reception: **Rafe**—for being a kind, gentle and thoughtful friend to us all.

Years 1&2: **Lily** - for answering lots of questions on the carpet and for asking very thoughtful 'how' and 'why' questions!

Years 3&4: **Mimi** - for being such a positive role model. You try your hardest in everything you do, and are thoughtful and kind.

Years 5&6: **Sabastion** - for working very hard in maths and science and for attending your first CNPS festival this week.

U11 Football Champions—Boys and Girls!

On Wednesday, eighteen very excited footballers from Years 5 and 6 travelled with Miss Northcote and Miss Tompkins to take part in the CNPS U11 football tournament. The children had been practising their skills in their PE lessons and, as ever, on the pitch. Both teams overcame injury and player absences but remained positive and determined to do their best. It was a joy to hear how both the boys' and girls' teams supported one another. A very pleased Winter reported that he kept a 'clean sheet' throughout the entire tournament and Grace was as pleased as punch that only one ball managed to get past her in the girls' team. I am very pleased to tell you that the girls won every single match apart from a 'friendly', which they drew, and the boys won all bar one which they drew. After such fabulous team performances we are delighted to tell you that both our boys and girls teams came away as champions! Well done to each and every single one of you!

Hedgehog Rescue

On a wet drizzly Tuesday morning playtime, several eagle-eyed children spotted a hedgehog in distress as they tidied away their toys. The hedgehog had got himself rather caught up in some netting and was completely stuck. Miss Clark quickly got some scissors to cut him free but as soon he could, he put himself into a very tight ball constricting himself further. Leona then took him to Chipping Norton vets who immediately sedated him and cut the remaining net from him. The vet was very grateful to the children and told us if the hedgehog had remained tangled, the rope was so tight around his neck it would have caused a laceration. After a short while our healthy friend came back to Great Tew in a fluffy, cosy towel and was then released into the wild garden ready to prepare for Winter. The children were very relieved to see him and hear of the very happy ending.



Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners' Champion is **Hannah** in **Year 4**. Hannah is upbeat and friendly all the time and she has a very positive outlook. Hannah is very much an individual and she often has differing opinions to others but is always respectful and thoughtful in her debates. Miss Connor told Hannah, "Hannah is independent, fun and full of curiosity. A great asset is that Hannah has the ability to make her own choices and does what she believes is right. Hannah is a lovely girl and we are all very proud of her!" Hannah's friends went on to add; "*You are kind and generous*".. "*You put your all in to everything and were great in The Three Little Pigs*".. "*When you started I was nervous, but you came right up to me and we have been best friends ever since*".. "*You are a good, kind friend who always has a question to ask*".. "*You are very funny*" ... "*You said to me "I love you for who you are."*".. "*You never run out of things to say, have good ideas and are so much fun!*" Hannah, it is very clear to see how much you are valued here by everyone around you. We are very proud of you!



Dates Coming Up

Mon 7th Oct	AIM D&T selected children
Mon 7th Oct	School Photos
Wed 9th Oct	Year 1/2 History Workshop
Tues 15th Oct	Parents' Evening Yr 1—6 4-7pm
Wed 16th Oct	Parents' Evening Yr 1—6 3:30-6:30pm
Thurs 17th Oct	Flu Vaccine Clinic in School
Wed 23rd Oct	U9 + U11 Cross Country Competition CNPS
Fri 25th Oct	INSET Day
28th Oct—1st Nov	HALF TERM
Mon 4th Nov	Back to school
Wed 20th Nov	U11 Netball Tournament CNPS
Fri 22nd Nov	Year 5/6 Street Dance Workshop
Tues 3rd Dec	AIM Art
Sat 7th Dec	Great Tew Church Carol Service 5-6pm
Thurs 12th Dec	Christmas Nativity Play—Reception, Year 1&2 Performances at 2pm and 6pm.
Tues 17th Dec	The Christmas Feast
Fri 20th Dec	End of term Christmas Service, Great Tew Church 9am End of term at 12 noon
Mon 6th Jan	Inset Day
Tues 7th Jan	Back to school—Spring Term begins
Fri 10th Jan	Year 5 and 6 Swimming Lessons Commence
Wed 15th Jan	Swimming Gala CNPS
Wed 29th Jan	U11 Hockey Tournament CNPS



School Photos on MONDAY

A reminder that school photos will be taking place on Monday. Please ensure that all children arrive to school in clean, full school uniform with hair brushed and tidy.

