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This week it has been Anti-Bullying Week, with the theme of "Choose Respect". The children know that bullying is repetitive and intentional, that it involves an imbalance of power, that it can be physical, verbal or psychological, and that it may happen face to face or online. We explored the meaning of the word respect, thinking about what "choosing respect" would look like, in the classrooms, in the playground and of course outside school. The children had lots of ideas, such as: "you think of other people"; "you help other people, showing you care for them and respecting who and what they are"; "you're careful with your words"; "you think about the tone you talk in, the way you talk to people and the words you're using"; "we all deserve to be respected in the same way". The older children spent time thinking about the difference between a respectful conflict and a disrespectful conflict, showing a good understanding of the importance of staying calm, using kind language, trying to understand the other person's point of view and trying to reach a compromise. These things are all much harder in the heat of the moment, but the children agreed that if we all choose respect, it helps to create a positive school environment for everyone.

Stars of the Week

Reception: **Benny** —for being such a kind and friendly member of our class.

Years 1&2: **Elsie** - for taking pride in her work and putting 100% into everything she does

Years 3&4: **Winnie** - for the way she has looked out for others and for growing in confidence and maturity. It has been lovely to see Winnie smiling and laughing so much with her friends.

Years 5&6: **Willow C** - for showing great determination in hockey

Comedy Night—Cancelled

Very sadly this event has been cancelled due to not enough tickets being sold. A huge thank you to Ness (ex-parent) who worked very hard planning and organising this event, which would have been great fun. The staff were certainly looking forward to it!

Leaf Clearers

Thank you to the team of Year 4 boys who have been doing a fabulous job in the playground sweeping and clearing leaves. Some slight frustrations for them to start with as no matter how fast they worked the leaves just blew back all over the playground! But the boys were not to be put off and just swept them all up again! Huge thank you to Laura Snell who came to the rescue and equipped the boys with gloves and sacks and who is taking the leaves away every day. The boys have been working at it every single playtime, filling bag after bag of leaves to be composted. Whoever knew leaf clearing could be such fun?! Well done and thank you to you all—keep up the great work boys!



Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners' Champion is **Alfred** in Year 2. Alfred has really grown up this year and we have all noticed what a good role model he is being to the younger children in his class. He is always very good at stopping and looking at me when he says good morning..... Mr Grant told Alfred what a mature Y2 learning attitude he shows. He always helps his stick partner and is a very supportive PE partner. It has been lovely watching Alfred mature and take pride in the way he talks to others. The children went on to add: *"On the pitch, Alfred's on my team. He's always giving it a go and if someone's hurt, Alfred tells other children, picks up the ball and stops the game" ... "When someone asks to play with him, he always says yes." ... "Once on the pitch I saw Alfred get hit in the face by a ball but he just got on with it and kept on trying." ... He's always kind, funny and happy.* Some later additions were made by the Y56 children and these are just a few.... *"Alfred never has arguments with his friends." ... "He always apologises if he accidentally bumps into you." ... "When Joshua fell over, Alfred stopped straight away to check on him—he's very caring." ... "Alfred stands up for himself and for others and tries to make things fair." ... "He never has arguments with his friends."* Alfred, you really do have lovely manners and the children have noticed how grown up you are and how good you are at sorting out problems and looking out for other children. You should feel very proud of yourself.

TT Rockstars—Great Tew Rocks!

All the children in Years 5 and 6, as well as a few from Y4, took part this week in an international Times Tables competition on TT Rockstars. It would be fair to say the children excelled!!

The children's very strong tables recall ranked them first out of all participating schools in Oxfordshire, first out of all 628 participating schools in the South East and seventh out of the 4,164 schools in the country that took part!

Well done to all of the children—they are incredibly quick, not just at recalling the facts, but also at keying in their answers!

Dates Coming Up

Mon 18th Nov	Y5/6 Street Dance Workshop-DATE CHANGE
Wed 20th Nov	U11 Netball Tournament CNPS
Fri 22nd Nov	Non-Uniform Day—for the tombola
Wed 27th Nov	Charcoal Workshop All Years
Fri 29th Nov	Non-Uniform Day—for the tombola
Tues 3rd Dec	AIM Art
Saf 7th Dec	Christmas Fair 11am to 2pm
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
Thurs 19th Dec	Fresh Start Christmas Lunch
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
Fri 31st Jan	West Oxfordshire Cross-Country Finals

