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We were all very sad to say farewell to Leona, who is leaving her very busy job in the office to concentrate on her equally busy family life! Leona hasn't been with us for that long, but she has played a significant part in the life of the school, keeping things running smoothly and supporting us all. I know I speak on behalf of children, staff and parents when I say a huge thank you to Leona for all she has done; she has left a large pair of shoes to fill and I am certainly going to miss Leona, as I think we all are. Luckily she won't be too far away, just the other side of the gate!

Stars of the Week

Reception: **Cassius** —for being so engaged in his learning and for continuing this enthusiasm at home too!

Years 1&2: **Paddy**- for being a superstar and starting to consistently give answers on the carpet!

Years 3&4: **Ottillie** - for always trying her best and setting an excellent example to others.

Years 5&6: **Mimi** - for her spectacular performance yesterday and for always being so encouraging to others.

Comedy Night

Our Comedy Night tickets are on sale now! Top London comedians helping to raise vital funds for our little school. The event will be very kindly hosted by Bloxham School. Get your tickets now to avoid disappointment! A brilliant way to kick off the festive season. With enormous thanks to Ness (ex-parent) for very kindly organising such a fab event for us all. Poster on page 2.

U9 & U11 Cross-Country Competition

On Wednesday a record number of KS2 children from Great Tew attended the U9 and U11 cross-country competition held at Chipping Norton School. 39 children volunteered to take part (so many that we needed a bus upgrade!) and we were delighted to be taking so many children that were keen to put themselves out of their comfort zones despite many coughs, colds and nerves! First up were our Year 3/4 girls in the U9 category; a phenomenal performance From Poppy S saw her coming in second place. U9 boys also had success with Jamie coming in 14th place. U11 girls again followed suit with Mimi coming 1st, Olivia 2nd and Grace 10th. Finally, the U11 boys raced which saw Inigo and Hudson managing 9th and 10th places. We also thrilled to hear that Mimi had beaten her own CNPS record, shaving 15seconds off and completing her 2k in 8mins and 15 seconds! It would be impossible to mention every child but it must be said that every single one did their very best. They represented themselves and their school impeccably and we could not have been more proud of their individual efforts. The team results were as follows: U9 Girls and Boys both first. U11 Girls second and the U11 boys first. Fabulous results I am sure you will agree! Next step is the West Oxfordshire Finals in January. A huge thank you to Tats who has encouraged the children to love fitness and to improve their running and passion for exercise. We are very lucky to have her help and dedication.

Yr 5/6 diffusion science experiment



Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners' Champion is **Elliot in Reception**.

Elliot plays with all sorts of different children and is always busy, immersed in an activity with other children when I pop into the classroom. He is incredibly polite, often the first through the gate with a bight cheery smile to brighten my morning. Despite being only four years old it is noticeable how grown up he is already. Mrs Platt told Elliot, "Elliot has exceptionally good manners at lunch time and throughout the day. He puts his hand up at carpet time and listens carefully to what his friends and adults are saying. You are a GREAT role model Elliot!"

Elliot's friends went on to add; "If anyone is alone, Elliot always asks them to join in and play.".. "Elliot always asks me if I would like to play.".. "You are very funny and kind".."I see you playing with your friends and it is always nicely and kindly ..."I hear you laughing and having fun".."You are very kind!"..."When you are playing near the grass, you are always playing with lots of friends." .. "I see you playing nicely with my brothers." ... "You are a nice cheerful friend."... "You are the definition of inclusive, you play with everyone; fish, animal or person, you include us all." Wow! Elliot! What a wonderful impression you have made on all of your friends across the school for being so kind and inclusive. We are VERY proud of you!

Food Bank Collection

Thank you for all of your donations to the North Oxfordshire Food Bank. Some of our Year 5 and 6 girls enjoyed date-checking the haul, which will be picked up today and put into food parcels for

local families in need of support over the winter period.



Dates Coming Up

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
Wed 27th Nov	Charcoal Workshop All Years
Tues 3rd Dec	AIM Art
Sat 7th Dec	Great Tew Church Carol Service 5-6pm
Thurs 12th Dec 1&2	Christmas Nativity Play—Reception, Year 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
Fri 31st Jan	West Oxfordshire Cross-Country Finals



STAND UP COMEDY SHOW
IN SUPPORT OF GREAT TEW SCHOOL

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Our Wonderful Wild Garden—Watch This Space!

We are really excited to be developing our much loved wild garden into a space that can be used by children throughout the school for outdoor learning. Thanks to funds raised by the Supporters Club, as well as generous help from Heath Farm and Heythrop Park, we are clearing the wilderness so that the space is more usable. We are working with the support of **'Little Wild Things'** to zone the wild garden, making better use of a space that has a great deal of potential but that is a little overgrown and wild. If you have some time on Tuesday of half-term (between 10 and 4) and would like to come along and help clear, we would love to see you. No children or dogs please! Please bring gloves and secateurs.

