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This week we have been thinking about the choices we make throughout the day, often without even really thinking about them. The children (and staff!) were amazed to learn that we make around 2,000 choices every hour, so that clocks up over 12,000 every school day! We have reflected on the importance of making good choices, thinking carefully about the impact of our choices not just on ourselves but on other people too.

Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children:

Reception: **Ugo** —for being such a kind and friendly part of the team. Well done Ugo!

Years 1&2: **Cassius** - for having such positive attitude to his learning and for the mature way he works with his stick partner.

Years 3&4: - **Alfie** —for his excellent attitude in Art—your charcoal drawing was fantastic!

Years 5&6: **Olivia** - for her exceptionally hard work in Maths this week. Well done Olivia!

Charcoal Workshops—with “Sculpture at Kingham Lodge”

On Wednesday, children from Reception through to Year 6 enjoyed a creative and inspirational morning thanks to **Sculpture at Kingham Lodge**. Working with local artists, Emma Cox and Abigail Boisot, the children learnt a range of new techniques and drew some striking charcoal drawings of birds. Otilie in Year 3 said *“I really liked it and would like to do much more charcoal drawing because it was such fun. My favourite was drawing the duck on the grass”*. Jasmine from Year 4 said *“I had a great time, it was amazing. I thought it was exciting to be working with charcoal”*. William in Year 5 remarked *“It was really fun because we got to use a material that we don’t usually use!”*. Finally, Willow from Year 6 said: *“It was a really interesting experience and I think I am going to use charcoal more at home”*. Huge thank you to Sculpture at Kingham Lodge who very generously organised and funded this morning for the children.



Good Manners’ Champion

This week’s Good Manners’ Champion is **Poppy** in Year 4. Poppy is positive, cheerful and incredibly friendly, with the ability to make everyone feel valued. She skips through the gate in the morning with a big smile on her face, setting a very good example for other children to follow. Miss Connor remarked: Poppy is such a reliable, helpful and hardworking girl who is determined and focussed. She has exceptional manners and is a delight to teach! The children went on to add: *“In the playground, if anyone falls over, you always help them”.... “When I sit next to Poppy, she always compliments me”.... “When Poppy comes to stay with me at my house, she always laughs and smiles and she really deserves to be Good Manners’ Champion”.... “Poppy always plays so nicely and she is so happy all the time, hopping round”... “When Poppy and Ava were doing handstands, they let me join in with them”... “In Tats’ Club, Poppy tries really hard; even when it’s freezing cold she still tries her hardest”... “during breaktime, Poppy always plays really nicely”.... “In Tats’ club, Poppy supports everyone so well”.... “In football, Poppy is so supportive towards everyone”*. Poppy, you make everyone feel supported and included in all you do. You have so many wonderful qualities we admire and you should feel very proud of yourself.

Year Six Ambassadors

Our Year Six children were recently invited to put themselves forward for the important new role of “ambassador” for their school. We were looking for children who were committed, responsible, approachable and inclusive, with the ability to communicate with their peers, with staff and with visitors to the school. We are very pleased to tell you that **Amaryllis, Molly and Willow L** put themselves forward and were selected as our first ever Year Six Ambassadors. Huge well done to all three of them! We are looking forward to seeing what they can achieve at the top of the school.

Pupil Leadership Team

We were very pleased that all of our Year Six pupils put themselves forward for leadership roles in the school. We’re very proud to announce our new Pupil Leadership Team as follows:

Year Six Ambassadors: **Amaryllis, Molly and Willow L**
Sports Captain—**Mimi**
Assembly Monitor —**Theo**
Librarians —**Olivia & Violet**
Buddy Monitors—**Lily C & Willow C**
Drama and Stage Monitors—**Sabastion & Margaret**
Eco Champion -**Isla**
Music Monitor -**Serena**
Peer Mediators—**Grace & Oliver**

The Year Six children will be supported by the following Year Five children, all of whom were keen to take on positions of responsibility in the school.

Lunch Monitor—**Morty**
Peer Mediators—**Alice, Winter & Liv**
Eco Champions—**Cecily & Lily**
Digital Lead—**Jonah**
Playground Leader—**Lara**

Dates Coming Up

Tues 3rd Dec	AIM Art
Sat 7th Dec	Christmas Fair 11am to 2pm
Sat 7th Dec	Great Tew Village Carol Service 5pm
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 Final

Warwickshire Christmas Tree Farm

Last year, over £200 was raised for the school through the generous sponsorship of Warwickshire Christmas Tree Farm, where 10% of the value of your tree will be donated to the school. Please see below for further information.



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High Flyers Breakfast and After-School Club

We've had a wonderful time over the past few weeks, packed with fun and creativity! Here's what we have been up to:

Arts and Crafts

- Designed and painted festive Christmas tree decorations
- Made colourful paper plate fish
- Created imaginative Play-Doh creatures
- Our budding architects designed and built amazing creations in our Lego challenge

Special Celebrations

- Took part in crafts for Children in Need, supporting a great cause.
- Honoured Remembrance Day with thoughtful poppy-themed activities.

Outdoor Fun

We've enjoyed plenty of fresh air with exciting outdoor games and activities.

High Flyer of the Week

A big round of applause to Liv, who has been a shining star for always being polite, well-behaved, and bringing a big smile to everyone's face. Well done, Liv!

Need Time to Shop?

While you get your holiday shopping done, the children can join us for some festive fun and games!

We're looking forward to seeing you all soon for even more exciting activities

You can book through our website, <https://www.highflyers.org.uk> or on our booking platform <https://highflyersoxfordlimited.ipalbookings.com/>

Childcare Vouchers - for those working over 16 hours, you can take advantage of the 'Government's Choices Scheme', to save 20% on childcare. Also, when booking through our system you can pay by bank payment, so there is no booking fee.

We also offer 10% off for siblings attending the club!

Have a wonderful weekend.