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This week we have been thinking about kindness and why it is that sometimes people can be unkind to one another. We had such a grown-up discussion about the reasons for someone behaving unkindly towards someone else, such as when we are feeling sad or stressed or when someone has treated us unkindly. We agreed that the most important thing is to recognise when we have been unkind and then we can try to put it right.

Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children:

Reception: **Aria** —for working hard to be a beautiful angel in our Nativity play and for being such an important part of our team!

Years 1&2: **Everyone!** - for learning your lines confidently and being fantastic role models in our Nativity. You all absolutely smashed your last Nativity!

Years 3&4: - **Louis** —for taking great care to improve the presentation and quality of his written work!

Years 5&6: **Willow L**— for excellent, high quality work in English this week

Nativity—Christmas Counts for Everyone!

Tickets were in hot demand for the Reception and Key Stage One production of 'Christmas Counts for Everyone!' The children put on a very uplifting performance, as I think we all agreed. They sang, danced and said their lines with such confidence and enthusiasm and there's no doubt they responded well to their audience! It always fills me with such joy to watch the children shine on the stage, delivering their lines with confidence and looking so proud. These special memories, created in Primary School, will last a lifetime. Well done to all of the children, who truly shone on the stage, and thank you to all the staff who worked incredibly hard to put it all together. It's a huge amount of work, and even more so with a very depleted staff team, as we had this year.



Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners' Champion is **Oliver** in Year 6. Oliver is a friend to children throughout the school and he is very quick to offer help to both children and staff. On several occasions recently, Oliver has popped up beside me when I am struggling with a door, or something heavy, saying "Mrs Miles, can I help you with that?!" Miss Northcote told Oliver: You have already matured such a lot this year. You are not only a kind and thoughtful friend but you also bring joy to those around you with your quirky sense of humour. The children went on to add: "Oliver really values his friends and is a role model.".... "When we are playing, he is so funny and we can't stop laughing."... "He is very kind to his sister, Freya.".... "When we are out on the pitch, Oliver is such a good goal keeper.".... "He's there when you need help or when someone is sad, he comforts them.".... "At the Netball tournament he asked me if I wanted to practise with him." "When Oliver was on the pitch and he was in goal he was hilarious and always kind." ... "He's a good brother and I don't know what the school would be without you!".... "In Maths, I didn't understand and Oliver helped me."... "When someone is down, Oliver sings Who Stole the Cookie from the Cookie Jar and it cheers everyone up!" "Oliver makes people feel good about themselves." Oliver, you have grown up such a lot this year and are a really good role model at the top of the school. You are recognised for your kindness to others, which is a very special quality to have. Well done, you should feel very proud.



Dates Coming Up

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

Christmas Fair

Saturday's Christmas Fair was a huge success and a very big thank you goes to all those of you involved. The wind blew outside but the school was full of Christmas cheer and I know how much everyone enjoyed themselves on a less than delightful day!

A very impressive £4,124.25 was raised for the school, money which, with tight school budgets, is completely invaluable to us. Recent spending, all thanks to Supporters' Club fundraising, have been the developments in the Wild Garden, lots of construction and art equipment for Reception, maths equipment for the whole school and whole school curricular resources for PE. New tables and chairs are high on our shopping list at the moment as ours (which were donated to us by another school many years ago!) really are on their last legs!

Thank you to you all for supporting our Christmas Fair by baking and cooking, creating, running stalls and by coming along with friends and family to spend money and have fun. The Christmas Fair is a much-loved annual event, enjoyed by young and old alike, and it is always very special to me to see the school community coming together to have fun whilst raising money for the school.

A big thank you, of course, goes to the team of Class Reps who put themselves forward to run the Christmas Fair and galvanise the support of others. The idea was to share the load of running a fundraising event so that all the organisation doesn't fall onto just one or two people. The class reps did an amazing job and hopefully this is a more manageable way of running events in the future.

Please do let us know if you have ideas for fundraising events – it is always good to hear your suggestions and feedback.

