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This week we have been thinking about how important it is to have goals and ambitions, which drive us to succeed. Lots of the children had set themselves goals at the start of the term, such as getting better at art or football (Jake has set his sights on playing for England!) or improving their writing, and they realised that often these goals can be easier to achieve when we work together. What we certainly agreed was that achieving goals takes hard work and commitment—and that we have to be motivated to succeed. The children liked Walt Disney's words, *'All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them'*. They also enjoyed learning about the Wright Brothers, who invented the world's first plane, the Wright Flyer, in 1903. Their success was down to hard work, determination, teamwork and being prepared to try, and fail, over and over again until they achieved their goal.

Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children:

Reception: **Bertie** - for working hard to become a more fluent reader by spotting tricky words and digraphs

Years 1&2: **Helena** - for explaining her thinking in maths very clearly and thoughtfully

Years 3&4: - **Jemima** - for starting the new term with enthusiasm and being full of new ideas. Jemima is showing more self-belief and a real zest for learning!

Years 5&6: **Winter** - for creating great work in English and helping those around you when needed

Ambassadors Working With Governors

On Wednesday, the Governing Body spent a really useful day working together looking at the school vision and thinking about the strategic direction of the school. Our School Ambassadors Amie, Molly and Willow, and our Sports Ambassador, Mimi, came along to take part in the day, sharing their views of the school, reflecting on their journey through the school and the things they had learnt along the way. The girls spoke very eloquently and with great confidence and all of the Governors were impressed with the way they were able to reflect on their personal growth and articulate their ideas. They certainly WERE good ambassadors for their school! A big thank you to Bloxham School for kindly hosting us for the day, and giving us a very good lunch—and some delicious brownies too!

Clubs start this week

All clubs will start again this week. Please remember club finish time is 4:15pm.



Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners' Champion is Alfred in Reception. Alfred is a cheerful little fellow who always greets me with a smile when I pop into Reception; he loves to tell me what he's been doing and makes me feel very welcome. It is clear that he is fun to play with as Alfred is always surrounded by friends. Mrs Platt praised Alfred for never forgetting his 'pleases' and 'thank yous' and for being so friendly, thoughtful and inclusive in his games. We're glad to have him here as a very important part of the Reception team. The children wanted Alfred to know: *"When I see Alfred in the playground, he always likes to stop and chat".... "In the playground, Alfred has good manners and he plays with his friends very nicely" "Alfred is always kind and asks me if I want to play. He also asks if Ugo is OK" "Alfred is my cousin and when I put a film on he's really calm and he always laughs" ... "When Alfred plays in a big group he has fun and so does everyone else" ... "When Alfred plays with his friends it can be a bit rough and tumble—but it's always polite!"* Alfred, from what the children said, we can see that you are very kind and that your friends throughout the school really enjoy playing with you. Well done Alfred, and keep up the great work! You should feel very proud of that shiny cup!

ID-You Workshop—Tuesday at 9am

A reminder that on Tuesday morning ID-You are delivering a workshop for parents. Kate Edgcumbe-Rendle will give advice about supporting your children to safely and healthily navigate the complexities of the online world. Due to the large number attending, we are holding the workshop at the Tew Centre. Please head there after drop off and tea/coffee will be served. We are aiming to start at 9am and it will run for approximately an hour. Please do try to come along to what promises to be an invaluable session. We are planning to record this session, technology permitting! Kate will also be working with the Y5&6 children, later in the morning at the Tew Centre.

To give a rough idea of numbers, please let us know you are coming by following [this link](#) to the original survey sent out. There's no need to do that if you've already responded.

Dates Coming Up

Mon 13th Jan	Y6 children to IMPS at the Horton Hospital
Tues 14th Jan	ID-You Parent Workshop—9am at Tew Centre, followed by a session for Y5&6 children
Wed 15th Jan	Swimming Gala CNPS
Wed 17th Jan	Swimming Cancelled
Wed 29th Jan	U11 Hockey Tournament CNPS
Fri 31st Jan	West Oxfordshire Cross-Country Final
Tues 4th Feb	Chipping Norton Music Festival workshop—Y56
10th-14th Feb	Family Focus Week at CNS—for Years 4-6
Fri 28th Feb	Y34 swimming starts
Mon 10th March	Vision Screening, Heights & Weights—Rec & Y6
Thurs 20th March	Y56 Sing at CN Music Festival

Thanks to the Supporters' Club

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the teaching of reading in Key Stage Two, we moved from Guided Reading to Whole Class Reading at the end of last term. The children are thoroughly enjoying exploring a range of challenging and engaging texts, delving into the language, themes, and deeper meanings. In Years 3 and 4, students read *The Iron Man* last term and are currently enjoying *The Thames and Tide Club*. In Years 5 and 6, pupils explored *Windrush Child* last term and are now reading *The Last Bear*. This initiative, which allows children to share books with a partner, has been made possible by the generous support of the Supporters Club. We are also excited to have recently received a large box of new books linked to our reading scheme, again thanks to the continued fundraising efforts of the Supporters Club.



High Flyers Breakfast and After School Club

We've loved being back with the children this week and hearing all about their Christmas holidays during some lovely conversations.

It's been a brilliant start to the term! Despite the chilly weather, we've made the most of our time outdoors with football competitions, ball games and bubbles - always a favourite with the children.

Indoors, we got creative with arts and crafts, making beautiful bead bracelets. Our Lego creations were out of this world with a "space and flying" theme inspiring some fantastic builds. The children also enjoyed imaginative role play and lots of fun in the tent.

We've had such a great week and are excited about the fun activities we have planned for next week!

High Flyer of the Week

This week's High Flyer certificate is awarded to Gabriel for showing great kindness to everyone, being so friendly, and always having a smiley face. Well done Gabriel!

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

The High Flyers Team

Why not try our club and see for yourself all the fun we have?

Come along for a free trial session and experience it first hand!

Give us a call to book your spot-we'd love to hear from you!

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

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!