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This week we've been considering the question: "Should we be able to travel anywhere we like?" This was prompted by the news story of the Nepalese government increasing the price to summit Everest by almost a third, to reduce over-crowding and litter. Lots of lively debate on this one, with the children encouraged to either agree with each other, disagree, or build on what someone had said. This led to a discussion of litter in the school playground and we have had a team of very enthusiastic volunteers out in the playground every day picking up every last speck of litter. Whoever knew litter-pickers could be so compelling?! Thank you in particular to Isla, our Eco-Captain, and her very keen helpers Sabastian and Leo.

Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children: who have impressed us this week with their attitudes towards their learning:

Reception: **Adelaide** - for her hard work towards fluency in her reading. You are such a motivated and reflective learner. Well done!

Years 1&2: **Gabriel** - for working really hard in writing and being proud of his work! What a fantastic diary of the Great Fire of London he wrote. Well done!

Years 3&4: **Willow T** - for showing such an improvement in your handwriting and for sharing your ideas more in lessons.

Years 5&6: **Alfie H** - showing such kindness and care for others and notably the younger children

Bring History to life in English

This week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils stepped into the incredible world of Ernest Shackleton through drama! In their English lesson, they used freeze frames to depict key moments from his legendary Antarctic expedition, capturing the bravery, hard-ship, and determination of his crew.

The children absolutely loved immersing themselves in Shackleton's story, using movement and expression to bring history to life. This engaging activity not only deepened their understanding of his journey but will also inspire their upcoming journalistic writing, where they will take on the role of reporters covering his daring adventure.

We can't wait to see their news reports—watch this space!

Reception—Dancing Rainbows

In our dance lesson this week, Reception were creating sequences with weather movements. Everyone found ways to show rain, wind, rainbows and sunshine. The challenge, then, was to remember and repeat these moves in a sequence to the music.



Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners' Champion is **Morty** in Year 5. We all appreciate your cheeky enthusiasm and how you always give 100% in everything you turn your hand to. You are a tremendous team player and a very kind friend to everyone, with an acute sense of fairness. Miss Northcote told us: "*Morty, you are always polite and respectful to adults and peers alike. Your kindness and caring nature make you a valued friend to those around you. You show a great sense of fairness, always looking out for others and staying loyal to your friends. With your sharp sense of humour and smile that can get you out of any trouble. You bring joy wherever you go!*" The children wanted Morty to know: "*You are really kind and when someone is hurt, you always ask if they are okay*".... "*when you talk, you are so funny and when someone falls over you cheer them up*".... "*On the pitch you are really enthusiastic and you always come over to me when I fall over to check I'm alright*" "*You are funny and kind and you give 100% to everything and you are always kind to me*".... "*If anyone falls over Morty helps them up and he never pushes them and he lets friends choose what they want to do*".....Morty's brother, Wilfred remarked, "*He's my brother and he's a great brother, but he is a bit loud!*"...."*Morty always makes me laugh when I'm sad and always make me laugh*"... "*You're so genuine. Since our first year at Pre-School together you haven't changed at all, except your facial expressions*". Morty, you are true to yourself and your cheeky enthusiasm brightens up everyone's day. We are lucky to have you here at Great Tew.



Dates Coming Up

Fri 28th Feb	West Oxfordshire Cross-Country Final
Tues 4th March	Y4 Pottery Workshop at CNS— (<i>Cotswold Arts Through Schools</i>)
Tues 4th March	Parents' Evenings
Wednesday 5th March	Parents' Evenings
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Mon 10th March	Rec & Y6 Vision Screening, Heights & Weights
Thurs 20th March	Y56 Singing at Chipping Norton Music Festival
Mon 31st March	2.30-5pm—Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Years 5 & 6 Dance Performance on Prejudice and Discrimination

Year 5 and 6 children explored the themes of prejudice and discrimination through dance, using movement to express division, struggle and unity. Their thoughtful choreography highlighted the impact of unfair treatment and the power of kindness. The project culminated in a powerful performance that left a lasting impression, reminding everyone of the importance of empathy and inclusion.



High Flyers Breakfast and After School Club

We've had a busy, fun, and creative week filled with exciting activities, laughter, and lots of imagination!

This week, we got into the Valentine's Day spirit with plenty of arts and crafts. The children created beautiful Valentine's cards with some amazing designs and fantastic artwork - it was lovely to see their creativity shine!

We explored creative modelling, which the children absolutely loved. They painted bright, colourful flowers, made wonderful beaded designs using pipe cleaners, and had a fantastic time crafting brilliant paper plate bugs - a fun and imaginative activity that brought lots of smiles!

The fun didn't stop there! We played exciting games like musical chairs and musical statues, with prizes for the winners. The children showed great sportsmanship, making the games even more enjoyable. We also had some fantastic dance sessions, where everyone got moving and grooving!

We made the most of outdoor time with some great football matches, where the children showed off their teamwork and skills. We also had lots of fun with skipping games, keeping active and enjoying the fresh air.

High Flyer of the Week

This week's High Flyer Certificate is awarded to **Gabriel** for his kindness in playing and sharing with others, as well as his excellent table manners. Well done, Gabriel- we are so proud of you!

We hope you all have a wonderful holiday and enjoy some well-earned rest. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for more fun, creativity and exciting activities when we return!

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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.





I have had so many magical encounters with the children this week that have made me feel so very proud of them: the ambassadors talking to prospective parents, impressing these visitors to the school with the way they answered their questions; the Reception children showing me their fabulous maths skills; the three House Captains working so hard together in their own time to come up with a fabulous idea for fundraising for their newly chosen House Charities; the Year 3&4 children showing me their fabulous writing on Winter's Child and the Selfish Giant—they were so proud of their improved handwriting and confidence with writing; the Y1&2 children telling me all about their afternoon in the wild garden, and the things they had learnt; the older boys on the pitch playing football so kindly with the younger children, really encouraging and supporting them; two Y6 ambassadors spending an entire lunchtime talking to me about their passions for the environment and the things they would like to change at Great Tew (check out our new recycling bin in KS2)... the list goes on. I have been in and out of the classrooms a great deal and the overriding atmosphere is a purposeful one, with children enthusiastic and keen to learn, and proud of what they are achieving. They have certainly deserved a break at Half-Term!

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 is the 55th anniversary of Earth Day. We invite everyone to support Earth Day's 2025 theme: **OUR POWER, OUR PLANET™**.

We are hosting our pre loved school uniform sale on **Monday 31st March, 14.30 - 17hrs** in the school playground. Cash & Card accepted. If you would like to donate any pre loved uniform, you can do so by hanging in bags on the school gates or handing into the school office.

There are many ways you can get involved and make a difference for our planet on Earth Day and every day. **Join millions worldwide** in Earth Day 2025 activities. If you would like to get involved and help out with our pre-loved uniform sale please join our team & contact the school office.

This is OUR POWER, OUR PLANET™

Thank you, from your planet, your little school, Bridget & the pre loved team xxx