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This week being book week, we explored the expression “You can’t judge a book by its cover”. We started by looking at a range of books where the children felt the cover was misleading: a tatty old ‘learn to draw’ book of mine which has been used so much the cover has fallen off; books which the children had loved reading, but which had very uninspiring covers and, on the contrary, books where the cover made you want to pick them up but where the story itself was not particularly interesting. That led us on to talking about how we can sometimes be the same when it comes to people, and make a snap decision about someone based on what they look like or how they dress, without taking time to get to know them. The children were able to give very reflective examples of where they recognised they had done this – and we talked about how important it is to look “beyond the cover” and get to know the person inside!

Stars of the Week

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

Reception: **Raffy** - for working very hard on reading and hearing sounds for writing this week.

Years 1&2: **Lily** - for showing good improvement in Guided Reading and working hard to self-correct any alternative sounds. Well done, Lily!

Years 3&4: **Willow H** - for being an excellent role model. You are a delight to teach and you have a heart of gold!

Years 5&6: **Oliver** - for showing such focus and maturity as a House Captain this week and last week!

WANTED—OLD NEWSPAPERS

We are after old newspapers, especially broadsheets, for art projects in school. Please drop them in to the office if you can help—and ask friends and family too!



Good Manners’ Champion

This week’s Good Manners’ Champion is **Grace** in Year 6. Grace has grown up such a lot and she is a kind and supportive role model to children throughout the school, valued and respected by everyone. Miss Northcote told us: “Grace, you have grown into such a kind, caring, selfless person during your time at Great Tew. Your willingness to help others even when it means sacrificing your own time, shows true generosity and compassion. You lead by example, demonstrating that perseverance and effort can achieve great things—both in the classroom and in your incredible swimming journey. As House Captain you have shown outstanding dedication, proving that your house made the perfect choice in selecting you. We are so proud of the respectful, kind and thoughtful person you have become”. The children wanted Grace to know: “You are always so kind to everyone”.... “You always make the House Captain jobs we help with fun”.... “Grace cheers me up when I am feeling down and you make me laugh”... “Last week at lunchtime, you were very accommodating and let me help”... “I have known you since Pre-School and you’ve always been kind and you have grown up a lot”.... “At Tats’ Club Grace is always so funny and kind” “You are a great House Captain and you make the house meetings really fun”... “Grace, you make me laugh and when I am sad, you help me”.... “I can’t be sad, I love being around Grace, and I can always be myself when I’m with her”.... “You are really kind to your friends and you are always kind in the playground”. Grace, what a fantastic friend you are to everyone. Your thoughtfulness and regard for others is exemplary. Thank you for being such a supportive, considerate and kind House Captain and Year Six role model! I hope you feel proud of yourself!

Dates Coming Up

Mon 10th March	Rec & Y6 Vision Screening, Heights & Weights
Wed 12th March	Yr 1 Dance Festival, Chipping Norton School
Fri 14th March	Y34 Swimming
Thurs 20th March	Y56 Singing at Chipping Norton Music Festival
Wed 26th March	U11 West Oxon Cross Country Finals—Radley
Mon 31st March	2.30-5pm—Pre-loved Uniform Sale
Fri 4th April	9am Easter Service Great Tew Church
Fri 4th April	2pm End of Term

Great Tew Runners Shine at Cross Country

The Under-9 and Under-11 girls' cross-country teams put on a fantastic display of determination and teamwork at Bicester Sports Ground. Competing against tough opposition, the Under-9s tackled a challenging 1.5km course, while the Under-11s took on an even tougher 2km route.

Every runner gave their all, showing true Great Tew spirit. A special congratulations to Mimi, who stormed to victory with an outstanding first-place finish! Poppy and Olivia also delivered brilliant performances, each securing an impressive fourth place in their respective races.

Well done to all the girls for their hard work, perseverance, and fantastic sportsmanship—you did Great Tew proud!



High Flyers Breakfast and After School Club

What a wonderful week we've had- full of fun, laughter, and plenty of energy! The children have had an amazing time making the most of the beautiful weather and enjoying a variety of activities both indoors and outdoors.

We've spent lots of time outside, soaking up the sunshine and staying active. The children played some fantastic football matches showing great teamwork and enthusiasm as they passed, scored goals and cheered each other on. There were also plenty of lively games of tag with lots of running, giggling and burning off energy!

The children got creative outdoors building tents and turning them into hideouts for imaginative play. It was wonderful to see their creativity and teamwork come to life as they worked together to build their own little spaces. They also made the most of the play equipment, climbing, swinging, and having endless fun with their friends.

Indoors we held an exciting art competition where the children created some truly impressive masterpieces. The children also enjoyed building incredible Lego constructions showing off their design skills and working together to create some brilliant structures.

We also had a fantastic time celebrating Pancake Day! The children loved decorating their pancakes with a variety of delicious toppings. It was a messy, tasty, and joyful activity that everyone enjoyed- the best part was, of course, eating their creations!

High Flyer of the Week

This week's High Flyer Certificate is awarded to Lily for always showing such lovely manners and being a positive influence on her peers. Lily is consistently polite, kind and thoughtful, setting a wonderful example for others. Well done, Lily!

Holiday Club: 7th & 8th April 9:00am - 4:00pm, Christopher Rawlins School, Adderbury

Our Easter - Themed Holiday Club will be packed with fun activities, and we'd love to see as many children there as possible!

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!

We wish you all a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes,

The High Flyers Team.



WORLD BOOK DAY

The school was filled with the magic of stories yesterday and the children (and staff!) brought the stories we love to life with their wonderful costumes.

World Book Day brought great excitement in Year 5 and 6 with the pupils taking on the challenge of recreating traditional tales through drama.

Throughout the morning, the students worked in small groups to bring well-loved stories to life. From the mischievous adventures of the three little pigs to the thrilling tale of Little red riding hood, each group put their own unique spin on a classic. These wonderful performances will be shared with the younger year groups later.

A special highlight of the celebrations came in the afternoon assembly, where Mimi and Theo wowed the audience with an unforgettable rap version of *The Gruffalo*. Their rhythm, energy, and confidence had everyone engaged, making it a performance to remember!

Well done to everyone for their enthusiasm and creativity, and a huge thank you to the teachers for making it all happen. World Book Day truly reminded us of the joy of stories—whether read, acted, or rapped!



A BUSY WEEK IN RECEPTION

We've enjoyed another busy week in Reception! On Tuesday we made pancakes and rolled them up with fruit to eat them—they were very tasty! We learnt how to crack the eggs and what the word 'batter' means and later we sang a new song all about pancakes. In the afternoon we enjoyed the sunshine in the Wild Garden with our 'pets'; we explored all the ways that we have to care for pets, grooming them, going for walkies, taking them to the vet and asking them to fetch sticks. We treated them to some tasty treats that were carefully prepared in the mud kitchen. Delicious!

