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What a rewarding day I had on Monday, accompanying the Reception children on their trip to Cogges Farm as part of their learning based around the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children had an action-packed day, baking, milking Daisy the Cow, planting beans and learning all about the homes and lives of children long ago. It was a delight to see the children's faces beaming with eager enthusiasm, and to hear them chattering excitedly about all they did. As always, of course, the coach journey was a particular highlight too!

Stars of the Week

Reception: **Aria** — for her approach to planning and building a farm vehicle.

Years 1&2: **Rafe**—for being a good role model to younger children and making them feel included—lots of other adults have commented on this too!

Years 3&4: **Poppy S** - for her determination in the Athletics Festival and her fantastic work in class.

Years 5&6: **Morty** — for being an inclusive and supportive member of the class, showing excellent sportsmanship.

Athletics Festival at Chipping Norton School

This week, a team of our Year 4, 5 and 6 children represented the school at the Athletics Festival held at Chipping Norton School. The event was a fantastic celebration of sport and teamwork, with pupils competing in four challenging events: the standing long jump, howler throw, a 300m run, and a 75m sprint.

Our athletes gave it their all, showing brilliant determination and sportsmanship throughout the day. We're thrilled to share that our Year 4 and Year 6 boys and girls teams finished in gold medal positions, while our Year 5 girls and boys narrowly missed out on the top spot, proudly bringing home silver.

More importantly, it was wonderful to see the children cheering each other on, celebrating each other's successes, and offering support and encouragement throughout the event, not just to their team mates from Great Tew but to children from other participating schools as well. A huge well done to all the children who took part - you made us very proud!

New Lunch Menus from Monday 16th June

I am pleased to let you know that we are due to switch to a full menu from Monday 16th June. I know that everyone will be pleased to have a full choice, as much as we all love a baked potato! New menus have not yet been loaded onto ParentPay—we will let you know when this has been done. Until then, please avoid ordering lunches for your children beyond Friday 13th June. Thank you for bearing with us whilst we have been getting the new lunch service up and running—we hope that the wait will have been worthwhile!



ENCON Photography Competition

Well done to our proud winners Mimi and Hannah, who were thrilled to be presented their awards by "Cheerful Charlie" from Clarkson's Farm. Soly was also one of the award winners, but not able to be at the presentation.

Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners Champion is **Sam** in **Reception**. Sam has a really easy-going and cheerful nature and whenever I pop into Reception it's very clear that whatever Sam is doing, there is fun to be had, and other children always want to join him in his play. Mrs Platt told Sam, "You are a thoughtful, friendly, kind and helpful member of our team and you bring so much fun into all that you do. You are an important part of Reception class and I can rely on you to make sensible choices—you are a great gardener too! Thank you Sam." The children went on to add: "You are a really good friend to the other children. You have plenty to say and have a really inclusive nature"..... "On the pitch, Sam includes everyone in his games and in the playground—he is so nice to everyone"..... "At the start of term, I didn't know Sam but then he ran up and hugged me"..... "Sam is always kind to me when I am on the pitch and in the classroom and when I say, 'can I play with you, Sam?', he always says 'Yes!' "..... "When I see you in the playground, you have lots of friends following you".... "Once, Sam cheered up my brother"..... "When I play with Sam, he always plays such fun games like Steal the Stones (?!)".... "When we are in the playground Sam always includes everyone and if someone falls over he cheers them up"..... "Sam plays lots of different games and everyone always plays nicely when they play with him".... "Sam's a really nice person and he's very kind to everyone". Sam, the children have said so many things about you, particularly how kind you are to everyone that you play with. You should be very proud of yourself. Well done!

Farewell to Jake and his family

We were sad to wave farewell today to Jake, who is moving house over half-term and will be moving to a school in Northamptonshire. Jake has kept us on his toes with his perceptive, and challenging, questioning and we will certainly miss him. We wish Jake and his family much happiness in their new home.

Dates Coming Up

Mon 2nd June	Yr 3-6 Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
Mon 2nd June	Yr1&2 Black Country Living Museum
Thurs 5th June	Y56 Fire and Rescue Safety presentation
Mon 16th June	New lunch menu from today
Tuesday 17th June	Sports Day—all morning at the Tew Centre
Weds 18th June	Y2 Cricket Festival at CNS
Weds 18th June	U11 CNPS Cricket Festival
Tuesday 24th June	Sports Day (backup in case of bad weather)
Weds 25th June	Moving Up Morning
Thur 4-Fri 5 July	Chipping Norton School Transition Days
Weds 9th July	Y5 Orienteering competition at CNPS
Tues 15th July	KS2 production—6pm
Weds 16th July	KS2 production—2pm and 6pm
Fri 18th July	End of Year Leavers' Service—9am
Fri 18th July	Term ends at 2pm

Bikeability

We're delighted to share that our Year 6 children have successfully completed their Bikeability training this week! Over the course of their sessions, the children learned vital skills to help them cycle safely and confidently on the roads.

The training covered a range of important skills, including how to carry out basic safety checks on their bikes, how to signal and deal with junctions, and how to ride safely and responsibly in real traffic conditions.

The instructors were full of praise for this year's cohort, commenting on how enthusiastic, capable, and sensible the children were throughout the training. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they mastered new skills and supported one another along the way. A huge well done to all of Year 6—you should be very proud of your achievement!

Working With Money

The children have continued to wow us in maths with their use of different coins to make an amount. Year One have focussed on making amounts up to 20p and Year 2 have made amounts up to £1. We learnt that it helps to order silver and copper coins before we count on. Fantastic work everyone!

Reminder: Please remember it is our Black Country Living Museum trip on Monday 2nd June. Children should bring a packed lunch from home and wear trainers as there'll be lots of walking! Arrive in school at 8:10 am, so we can make a prompt start.



Mechanical Engineers

This week reception designed and then built their own farm vehicles. We looked closely at wheels and axels and thought about how we could use split pins to make the wheels actually turn, rather than gluing them on. There was lots of trial and error and most importantly we learned that we often need to modify plans because they don't always work out the way we hoped!





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