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This week was **Loneliness Awareness Week** and we used that as an opportunity to talk about the wide range of emotions we all feel, including sometimes loneliness. The children quickly grasped that being lonely was not the same as being alone, and that it is possible to feel lonely even when surrounded by lots of people. We had a thought provoking discussion about how to recognise if someone is feeling lonely, in particular by reading facial expressions and body language. We all agreed that we don't want people to feel lonely in our school community and I've challenged the children to be "loneliness detectives", keeping a really beady eye out for others around them who may be feeling disconnected from their peers and in need of scooping up and being included, both in the classroom and in the playground.

Stars of the Week

Reception: **Rourdy** — for being so interested in new words and motivated to find out more about things that interest him.

Years 1&2: — **Olive** for writing an excellent Victorian diary entry with lots of thoughts and feelings. Well done!

Years 3&4: - **All the Year 4 children** —for a fantastically positive attitude towards their multiplication tables check this week.

Years 5&6: **Mimi** — for her excellent English work this week as well as being a fabulous sports ambassador.

Year 5 Shine at Sibford Maths Challenge!

Four of our talented Year 5 pupils represented the school brilliantly at the recent Maths Challenge held at Sibford School and what a day it was! The event saw the children take on three exciting rounds: a tricky problem-solving challenge, a fast-paced "juggling numbers" round, and an energetic maths relay that had the children running to collect questions from stations around the hall. Each round tested not only their maths skills, but also their teamwork, focus, and determination. Our team tackled every challenge with enthusiasm and perseverance, and their hard work paid off! Out of six competing teams, our Year 5s came out on top, winning the challenge overall. We are super proud of their achievement and the way they represented the school with confidence and joy.

Chipping Norton School Maths Festival

Very well done to the six children from Year 4 and Year 6 who represented Great Tew at the first ever Chipping Norton maths festival. They worked very well together in their teams, listening to each other and sharing their ideas to tackle a range of really challenging problems. The children showed great determination and courage, representing their school really well and making us feel very proud of them.

Multiplication Tables Check

It's been a very maths-y week one way and another! A very big well done to all of our Y4 children who took their statutory multiplication tables check this week. The children have been working very hard to develop fluency in their tables and they tackled this challenge with confidence and enthusiasm, secretly enjoying it I think! Six seconds goes very quickly when you're under pressure, and the children were remarkably resilient! Well done to them all.



Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners Champion is **Jesse** in **Year 2**. Jesse has grown up such a lot this year; he treasures his friendships and he is a kind and loyal friend to other children. Mr Grant remarked, "*Jesse thinks of fun games to play with his friends. He asks polite questions if he is unsure about something. Jesse starts his question with 'I was just wondering if?' We have been so impressed with your talk partner and carpet listening skills. Well done, Jesse*". The children went on to add.... "*Jesse always puts a smile on other people's faces and turns their frown upside down!*"..... "*He plays so nicely with his friends*".... "*Jesse loves to play 'Follow the Leader' and we loved playing with him*"..... "*Jesse, you are a very creative and independent. You always give things a try and you don't give up*".... "*Yesterday, we had an extra Sports' Day practice and even when Jesse had a bump, he kept on going without making a fuss*"..... "*We liked playing 'Find the Elephant' but we didn't find it*"..... "*Jesse is so bubbly and nice*"..... "*I really like Jesse and sometimes we colour together*".... "*In Purple Group Jesse is so confident and he is really good to work with.*" Jesse, it is clear that you have lots of friends who really enjoy your company. We are all certainly very proud of you, and I hope you are proud of yourself too! I was very sad to miss our Friday assembly and to miss seeing you standing up at the front holding your shiny trophy.

SUMMER FETE AND COLOUR RUN

Sunday 6th July - 11am to 2pm
at the Tew Centre

The Summer Fete and Colour Run will now take place
on the same day!

Dates Coming Up

Monday 16th June	Class Photographs
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 3-Fri 4 July	Chipping Norton School Transition Days
Sunday 6th July	Colour Run and Summer Fete, 11am-2pm
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

Year 5 & 6 Go Wild in the Garden!

This week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a magical “Little Wild Things” session in the school’s wild garden, and what a fantastic adventure it was! The children were swept up in an exciting role play where they became wildlife rescuers. Faced with the mission to save a variety of poorly woodland creatures, the children got to work building a field hospital using natural materials. They worked together brilliantly, treating the animals with care, compassion, and plenty of imagination. It was simply gorgeous to watch them play so creatively in nature. From foraging for ‘medicine’ to carefully bandaging stick limbs and creating zip lines to transport the patients. The garden was filled with laughter, muddy hands, and heartwarming moments of kindness—all signs of a session well spent. A huge well done to all the young vets, builders, and animal heroes. What a wonderful way to bring learning and play to life!





Wild Garden Fun for Years 3&4

A huge amount of fun was had in the wild garden on Tuesday! The children had been so looking forward to spending time in this magical space hidden away in our school grounds and this week we were really lucky to have an outdoor learning session led for us by Charlotte, from Little Wild Things. The children found the injured animals (teddy bears) who had been swept all over the place after a big storm. They made stretchers and shelters for the animals, attended to their wounds, and gave them medicine. It was wonderful to see them being really creative and working together in their teams. I have no doubt that the children are much looking forward to their next wild garden adventure next week!



Natural Art in the Wild Garden



Despite a bit of rain, Year 1 and 2 donned their waterproofs and headed out to the Wild Garden. They focused on creating Natural Art and learnt how to crush natural materials using a pestle and mortar. We particularly enjoyed crushing charcoal and using hazel stick and large feathers to dip in the ink and create a masterpiece. We loved Amelie's mushroom that she made using shells and pinecones- excellent concentration!



Buddies in the Wild Garden

We have spent time with our friends in year six this week. We shared a session in the Wild Garden and then later, we had some help to organise and record our field events for sports day. The older children showed kindness, demonstrated leadership skills and really encouraged the reception children to be independent. It has been a pleasure to see the children working together and learning from each other.



High Flyers Breakfast and After School Club

We've had another fantastic week, filled with sunshine, smiles, and lots of fun! The great weather meant plenty of time outdoors, and the children made the most of every moment.

It's been a wonderful crafty week! The children made some special surprises for Father's Day- we won't spoil the surprise but they're sure to bring big smiles! We also made some beautiful bracelets, and the creativity on display was just brilliant.

Outdoors, we got active with lots of exciting games. Rounders was a big hit- for some it was their first time playing, and they absolutely loved it! We also had great fun with energetic games of tag, keeping everyone on the move and laughing.

One of the week's highlights was our fantastic talent show! The children really shone, sharing their amazing talents with confidence and enthusiasm. It was so much fun, we were proud of each and every performer.

This week's High Flyer is **Josh**! He's been so helpful and did a fantastic job tidying up- thank you, Josh, for setting such a great example!

Looking ahead! Next Thursday, we're throwing a special Birthday Party for Leah! We'll have a party tea, play lots of fun games, and celebrate in style. We'd love for the children to join us for the festivities- it's going to be a great time!

Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend!

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We also offer 10% off for siblings attending the club!

