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This week, a really delicious red, crispy apple was the focus of our assembly! Lots of excited discussion about the different sorts of apples we preferred was followed by learning how, at this time of year, apples on a tree release a gas called ethylene, which enables the apples around them to ripen. The effect is mutual – all of the apples help to ripen all of the other apples. If we put a ripe apple in a box of apples, it helps all the other apples to ripen. We used this as an illustration of the way in which we affect each other, with most of the things that we say and do affecting those around us in some way. We thought about the expression '*being a good apple*' and how we can make people feel good about themselves by being friendly and encouraging towards them. The opposite can sometimes be true. If we put a bad apple in a box of good apples, all of the good apples go off slowly and turn bad too. Lots to think about here about the way our words and actions influence other people and how we should strive to be 'good apples' and influence people in a positive way.

Stars of the Week

Assembly this week felt a little bit different in the old hall, but how lovely it was to hear the children's chorus of "*It's star of the week time*". This week, we were pleased to celebrate the following children, who have impressed us with their attitudes towards their learning and their peers.

Years 1&2 : **Alfred E**—for working so hard on his reading, both at home and in his guided reading lessons. Mr Grant told Alfred "I liked your focus this week Alfred—you are making excellent progress."

Years 3&4: **Joshua**—for being a ray of sunshine in the classroom. He is full of energy and enthusiasm and he looks out for others! Mrs Miles added "You notice someone who needs a cheerful smile".

Years 5&6: **William**—for making a fantastic start to Year 6, bursting with excitement and positivity. Mrs Miles added "You are incredibly kind to people who you recognise need a little extra support".

Clubs

For safeguarding reasons, if your child is signed up for a club and will not be attending that week, please do make sure that you let us know. This avoids us having to look for children to check for their whereabouts. Thank you!

A reminder that children staying for clubs should be collected promptly from the gate at 4:15pm (unless of course they are staying for High Flyers).

Coming Up This Week

Mon 29th	Pre-Loved Uniform (R-Y3) 3:00-4:30
Tues 30th	Yenworthy parent meetings, 3:15 & 6:00pm
Weds 1st	U11 Football Festival
Thurs 2nd	Please order next week's lunches by midday



Y34 Are Stone Age Explorers

This week the children were introduced to the Stone Age; they found it very interesting to find out what life in England was like so many years ago. The children all found it a bit of a shame that they will never see a real-life Saber Tooth Tiger, a Woolly Mammoth or a Cave Bear due to them now all being extinct! In Science, we have been learning about the human skeleton. If you ask the children, they should be able to tell you about how many bones we have in our bodies, where our longest bones are and all about the functions of the different bones in their bodies.



Dates Coming Up **New Dates Added in Red**

Mon 29th Sept, pm	R-Y3 Second Hand Uniform (age 4-5, 6-7, 7-8)
Tues 30th	Yenworthy parent meetings, 3:15 & 6:00pm
Weds 1st Oct	U11 Football Festival at CNS
Thursday 2nd Oct, pm	Chipping Norton School Open Evening
Mon 6th Oct, pm	Y4-6 Second Hand Uniform (age 8-9, 9-10, 10-11)
Tues 7th Oct	Reception trip to Little Rollright Farm
Thursday 9th Oct	Y1&2 trip to Woodstock Museum
Mon 13th Oct	Individual and Sibling Photographs
Weds 15th Oct	Y45 Art Workshop at Bloxham School
Friday 17th Oct	Whole School Art Trip – Headington
Mon 20th Oct	CNS Family Focus week
Mon 20th Oct, 3:30-7:00	Parents Evenings (Reception-Y6)
Tue 21st Oct, 3:30-7:00	Parents Evenings (Reception-Y6)
Weds 22nd Oct, 8:45	Harvest Assembly in St Michael's Church—all welcome
Weds 22nd Oct	U9 and U11 Cross Country Festival
Weds 22nd Oct, 3:15pm	Break for Half-Term
Mon 3rd Nov	Term starts
Mon 10th Nov	Street Dance Workshop for Y56 children
Thurs 13th Nov	Open Classrooms, 2:30pm
Mon 17-Fri 21st Nov	Y56 Residential to Yenworthy
Fri 28th Nov, 8:45am	Y56 Assembly in the Church, plus Coffee Morning
Weds 3rd Dec	Y34 Ball Skills Festival
Sat 6th Dec, 5pm	Village Carol Service—everyone welcome
Thurs 11th Dec	Reception and KS1 Nativity
Fri 19th Dec, 8:45am	End of Term Christmas Service, plus Coffee Morning
Fri 19th Dec, midday	End of Term

Y1&2 Creating Their Own Games in PE

This week in Year 1 and 2 the children have been working hard to learn some new PE games. They have made their own games which have simple point scoring systems and rules. We have talked thoughtfully about 'healthy competition' and how we could end each game with a handshake or a positive comment to the other team. The children have played mini games such as follow the leader where they have focussed carefully on running skills. We had a few bumps in the first session but over the past few sessions the children are really progressing with their body control as well as their listening and turn taking skills. They all loved learning about high knees, heel flicks and side steps! Take a look at some of our imaginative games...

Buddies!

This week we all met our buddies in Year Six; they came to play and we tried hard to remember their names. Another important job in Reception is to learn how to hold our pens and pencils correctly so that we can do wonderful writing and colouring. This week we had a pen disco where we let our pens dance to the music as we tried out lots of different shapes and patterns!

