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This week, I spent time with the Key Stage Two children talking about the values we recognise, and value, in each other. The children did a fabulous job, not only at identifying a wide range of positive values, but also what these values might look like in school. Some of the values the children came up with, needing no prompting at all, were: *loyalty, kindness, resilience, compassion, equality, respect, honesty, responsibility, courage, commitment, empathy, generosity, independence, adaptability, patience, creativity, hope, positivity and curiosity*. The children had no difficulties at all explaining how we might embody these values in school, for example Hannah suggested that you would need to be **courageous** to tell your friend that you would not keep their secret, but that you would need to share it with a trusted adult. Well done to some of our children, notably Grace in Y3 and Otilie & Poppy in Y4, for being **courageous** about speaking up in assembly!



World Smile Day!

Today is National Smile Day, and my morning began in the best possible way, with a beaming and radiant smile at the gate from Rupert in Reception. He stopped to say good morning to me, with the biggest, most genuine smile on his face. Thank you, Rupert, for brightening the start of my day!

Stars of the Week

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 : **Max**—for being very committed to his learning, giving such thoughtful answers. Max has amazing ideas and really contributes to discussions in class.

Years 3&4: **Xenia**—for being exceptionally focused on her learning, with wonderful ideas, and for being a superstar helper to her peers as well as towards grown-ups.

Years 5&6: **Soly**—for setting such a good example, both in and out of the classroom, and for being exceptionally kind, hard-working and mature.

Foodbank Fridays—Harvest Appeal

We are once again going to be collecting for the [North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank](#), providing food for when the cupboard is bare. Please bring items into school this Friday and next Friday and let's make this our best collection yet!

Coming Up This Week

Mon 6th	Pre-Loved Uniform (Y4-Y6) 3:00-4:30
Tues 7th	Reception trip to Little Rollright Farm
Tues 7th	Supporters Club meeting—7pm
Thurs 9th	Y1&2 trip to Woodstock Museum
Thurs 9th	Please order next week's lunches by midday
Fri 10th	Foodbank Friday



Our First Ever 'Values Champion'!

Freya, in Year 1, was thrilled to be crowned our first ever 'Values Champion'. This award, which is a re-brand of our *Good Manners' Champion*, goes to children who have demonstrated a particular value in school, and in Freya's case it is '**commitment**'. More about this at the start of the bulletin. Freya is committed to all aspects of school life, whether it be her learning, her friends or just being the best she can be. Mr Grant said "*Freya has consistently been in the right place at the right time. She is always ready to learn and shows active listening skills. Freya is helpful throughout the day and loves putting pom-poms in our golden pot. Go Freya – you are a determined learner!*" The children added: "*Freya does as well as she can. She sits in the right place on the carpet, showing the class how to do this, and listens really well*".... "*Freya plays really creative games when we are playing in Sammy's Shop*".... "*She plays with my buddy Max and also Oscar and Sebastian—she makes sure the Reception children are having fun in the playground*".... "*When I went to get the Year 1&2 Star of the Week chair, I spotted Freya straight away as she was smiling and listening well*".... "*When I see Freya playing outside she is just so kind and always has a massive smile on her face*".... "*Freya never looks bored in the playground—she plays nicely with everyone*". A huge well done to you Freya—you should be very proud of the commitment you show towards your learning and towards your friends. Keep up the great work!

Welcome to Tom

We are all very pleased to have welcomed Tom into our Year 5 class. Tom joined us two weeks ago and with the help of the children, he is getting used to life in a bigger class. Tom has brought with him from his old school some wonderful new toys for the playground, including nine pairs of wooden stilts, some diabolos, some bucket stilts and five new trikes and scooters for Reception and Pre-School, all of which we are thrilled with! We hope that Tom, and his family, will be very happy as part of our Great Tew community—please do keep an eye out for them and say hello!

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

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

The Naughty Bus Out and About at School!

Over the past few weeks Years 1 and 2 have been having lots of fun reading *The Naughty Bus* by Jan and Jerry Oke. The children took Naughty Bus on a tour of Great Tew school. He was very mischievous! He went up the slide backwards and even left the school gates for a coffee and an ice-cream. The children then wrote their own Naughty Bus adventure story, and realised that even though he liked to bend the rules, deep down Naughty Bus was curious and just liked to do new things. The children really engaged with this book and we're looking forward to showing you our stories at Parents' Evening.

Buddies!

The children in reception have begun to think about which of our class rules are the most important and should be put on a poster on our wall so that we all remember them. We know that we need to be tidy and friendly, helpful and gentle are also right at the top of our list. We have been discussing the idea of respect and what that might mean, the children know that they should listen to each other and understand that everyone is different and that's ok. Well done reception, I'm proud of the settled, calm and happy environment that you have created in our room this week.



REMINDER!

School starts at 8:40am.
Give your child the best
chance of success by
arriving on time every
day.



U11 Football Festival Success!

This week our school took part in the U11 Football Festival with both a boys' and girls' team representing Great Tew. For many of the girls, this was their very first taste of competitive football and they did us proud! They showed fantastic teamwork and determination, drawing two matches, losing one, and celebrating a brilliant win. Their efforts placed them 4th overall, which is a fantastic achievement for a new team. The boys also performed brilliantly, showing great skill, sportsmanship, and team spirit. They drew two matches and went on to win two more, which made them the overall champions of the festival! A huge well done to every player who took part. We are proud of your effort, teamwork, and enthusiasm - both on and off the pitch.

Performance Poetry on Acceptance and Diversity

This week, the children in Years Five and Six explored performance poetry as part of their unit on *Acceptance and Diversity*. The children worked in groups to rehearse and perform poems that celebrated differences and the importance of including everyone. Each group was challenged to "bring the poem to life" through movement, actions, and choral speaking. The results were fantastic! The children used their voices with confidence, added creative gestures, and worked together to make their performances powerful and engaging. It was wonderful to see how well the children collaborated and how thoughtfully they expressed the themes of acceptance and diversity. Their performances reminded us all that every voice matters and that our differences make us stronger.



Bloxham Club - Making Robots at Bloxham School



Children from Years 3 to 6 have been thoroughly enjoying using the DT workshop at Bloxham, with the support of students and staff from Bloxham School. They are making their own 'robots', using a wide range of tools such as saws, drills, and sanding machines.

