



Great Tew School Newsletter

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Dear parents,

Last week's message about sending children to school with hats for keeping them safe in the sun seems to have brought the rain! So perhaps this week I should ask you to send the children to school on Monday with umbrellas and we'll all keep our fingers crossed for a bit of sun!

Classroom News

Reception:

This week the children have been using the 2Simple programme on the computers to create a picture and add text. They have been adding and taking away numbers by counting on and back. The children have been observing the results of their cress growing experiment, and recording their findings carefully. Come rain or shine, the children have been out in the playground practising their maypole dancing, which they will be performing for their parents on Tuesday afternoon.

Years 1 and 2:

Year 1 and 2 children have been learning about the flowers and plants to be found in the different habitats of our surroundings. They found and identified cowslips, forget-me-nots, dandelions, daisies and bugleweed amongst other things. Perhaps they could go exploring at the weekend, looking for other wild flowers and trying to identify them. The children drew detailed diagrams of the flowers they had found, labelling the parts of the plant very carefully. In PE the children enjoyed an afternoon of orienteering, using maps and reading symbols to find clues hidden around the school grounds. The Year 2 children have also been doing their KS1 SATs tests this week.

Years 3 and 4

The children have been busy publishing their stories set in imaginary worlds and it will not be long now before these will be on display for you to read. In maths they have been learning all about weight and I am sure they would benefit from some practical application of this at home over the weekend – perhaps a little baking and weighing out of the ingredients! They made models of their muscles to learn all about how muscles expand and contract and they have been sorting and classifying animals and learning about animals with exo-skeletons and hydro-skeletons. I wonder if you know which is the only animal, apart from a human, that has a chin?

Years 5 and 6:

This has been a busy week for the Year 6 children, with their Key Stage 2 SATs tests taking place all week. They have all taken these in their stride and impressed us with their maturity and positive attitudes. The Year 5 children have been doing lots of investigative maths this week, and have learnt about the patterns one can make when creating a spiro-lateral. (The children will be able to tell you all about this if that word is unfamiliar!) We all had fun learning about perspective by using vanishing points and the children created some interesting and imaginative city-scapes.

Stars of the Week

Well done to all of our stars of the week who have been working very hard and impressing their teachers with their very positive attitudes.

Reception – Rosie and Sophie

Years 1 & 2 - Jack

Years 3 & 4 –Scarlett

Years 5 & 6 – Sam

Jewellery Evening

Pippa Kitchen hosted a very enjoyable Stella and Dot jewellery evening at her home on Wednesday. Much shopping was done, with 25% of the takings going to school, and lots of fun was had. Thank you to the Kitchens for opening their home to us all.

Can You Help us Tidy Up the Garden?

A reminder that we are hoping to gather together some willing volunteers to get the garden back into shape ready for some Summer planting on Saturday 8th June from 10am onwards. Do come along if you have a little time to spare that day, to help strim, plant, dig and tidy. Beer and hot-dogs will be served, to reward you for your hard work. Sign-up sheet on the notice board or please contact Kate Leigh-Wood or Ed Allen. Thank you.

Good Manners' Champion

We haven't had a Good Manners' Champion this week, due to not having our Monday assembly. So we wait on tenterhooks to see who next week's champion, chosen from Year 5, is going to be!

Tennis Coaching Clinic at Tudor Hall

On Monday 13th May 6 children took part in a Tennis Day for Year 5 children at Tudor Hall. They had lessons and practised in the morning, had lunch and then Kitty and Clara were told they were in the doubles tournament and Toby, Lucy, Charlotte and Isabella were split up in to different single pool matches. Toby managed to win 12-11 and the others did very well and tried their best. Clara and Kitty got through to the semi-finals. Over all – Well Done!

By Toby Levene

Achievements

On Friday 10th May at Hook Norton football club, Ewan Thomas and William Phillips both got awards for participation. Ewan won a trophy for being the Supporters' Player of the Year. Ewan felt amazed because he didn't think he would get the Supporters' Trophy.

By William and Ewan

I asked some of Ewan's friends why they thought he had been awarded the Supporters' Trophy and they said it was because he is fair, is a good team player, is supportive of others and he never argues with the referee! Well done to both of them.

Cycling Proficiency

Year 6 parents will know that Cycling Proficiency starts next Wednesday. If there are any parents who would like to volunteer to help with this, please see Mrs Moss.

Simon Duffy – Talk for Parents

A reminder that Simon Duffy, Headteacher of Chipping Norton School, is coming to talk to parents on Thursday 23rd May at 6pm. He will be talking to the older children during the afternoon. Please do come along to meet him, ask him some questions and hear all about the exciting things going on at Chipping Norton School. Please sign up on the notice-board to let us know if you are coming.

Bunting

Has anyone seen the bunting, that was last used for Mr Way's leaving party in the Summer? If you know where it is, please could you let Angela know, as we would like to use it at Cornbury.

Year 6 Go Mad at Cow Hill!

The Year 6 children, together with Miss Skowronska and Bridget Clarke, enjoyed a day out and a picnic at Cow Hill today, to celebrate the end of their SATs tests. The weather was kind (ish!) and we all had a lovely day, largely spent building three magnificent dens fit for royalty. We had chandeliers, garden paths, carpets, toilets (with loo-roll holders), dog-flaps, back-doors, front doors, porches, washing lines, kitchens, automatic hairbrushes and luxurious armchairs. All in all a good day was had by everyone – many thanks to Bridget for keeping us all well fed with muffins and flapjacks.

Welcome

This week we welcomed Scarlett's brother, Gabriel, who started in Year 6 on Monday (the first day of SATs!) Despite the SATs, which can't have been the nicest introduction to life at Great Tew, he seems to have settled in very well, and we are all glad to have him with us for the last term in Year 6.

Summer Fete – Rescheduled

The Summer Fete will now be taking place on Saturday 22nd June. Please keep an eye on the notice-board for signing up sheets.

Tea for Tew at Cornbury - 5th, 6th & 7th July



Baking has started in earnest, and the smells of baking are beginning to waft around the local villages, causing the locals to wonder what must be afoot. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for this mammoth task, and to all of you who have been busy shopping frantically for ingredients. The ingredients have been coming in thick and fast and no more granulated sugar, brown sugar, baking powder or fruit are needed now. **We are still short of caster sugar, stork and cocoa powder.**

Have a lovely weekend everybody, and look forward to seeing you next week.

Mrs Lucy Miles

Dates Coming Up

Tuesday 21 st May	Maypole Dancing – Pre-School and Reception children
Wednesday 22 nd May	Tag Rugby Festival
Thursday 23 rd May	Meeting with Mr Simon Duffy, Headteacher of Chipping Norton School – 6pm
Tuesday 4 th June	Year 1 and 2 trip to Hill End, Oxford
Wednesday 5 th June	U11 cricket tournament at Great Tew
Saturday 8 th June	10am – Garden Tidy Up
Thursday 13 th June	School Photographs
Thursday 20 th June	Sponsored Walk
Saturday 22 nd June	Summer Fete
Monday 24 th June	Tri Golf Festival for Years 3 and 4
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 5 and 6 trip to Cornbury Estate
Tuesday 25 th June	Orchestral Day at Tudor Hall for Year 5 & 6 children
Weds 26 th – Fri 28 th June	Year 6 transition day at Chipping Norton School
Tuesday 2 nd July	Key Stage Two production – 6pm
Wednesday 3 rd July	Key Stage Two production – 6pm
Fri 5 th – Sun 7 th July	Cornbury Festival
Tuesday 9 th July	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 11 th July	Parents' Evening – 5.00pm -7.00pm
Tuesday 16 th July	Sports Day
Friday 19 th July	Leavers' Service
	Term Ends