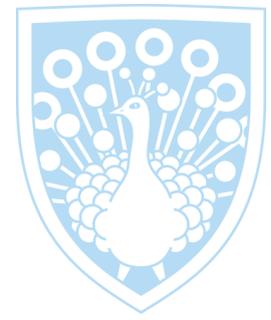




Great Tew School Newsletter
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Dear parents,

This week, our first ever Great Tew Celebrating Books Week, has been an enormous success. The children have had a huge amount of fun doing a wide range of different activities, all around the theme of books. Please do ask your children to tell you what they have been doing, if they haven't already done so, and encourage them to re-tell the story they told on Monday with Adam Guillain. Thanks to your shopping at the Book Fair, we were able, in the space of about half an hour, to raise £198 towards books for the school, which the children are already enjoying. A very big thank you to Mrs Butler, who masterminded the whole event, and to all the staff who worked so hard to make the week such a roaring success.

“Tea for Tew” at the Cornbury Festival – HELP STILL NEEDED PLEASE!

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help at the Cornbury Festival, many of whom are doing multiple shifts. We are particularly grateful to those parents who no longer have children at the school but who have generously volunteered their help. We are still short of help on the Saturday morning shift, from 9am to 1pm. If you are able to help (either serving or on the till) please email Sharn Woodgate before Sunday on sharn@woodgate-home.com. Thank you.

Reception

Reception Class have had a great time during Book Week. They have taken part in all the group activities as well as re-writing their own number story Ten Terrible Dinosaurs as Ten Sweet Children! We had lots of suggestions for a title and then democratically voted for our favourite one. The children also drew super pictures of themselves in their costumes on Wednesday and added the title of the book they came from. We had a whole range of characters from a Musketeer to Winnie the Witch. Well done to everyone for coming up with some brilliant costumes. We have also enjoyed hearing stories from all you fabulous parents who generously gave up your time to come and share your stories with us – THANK YOU!

Along with this, we've been keeping up our reading, writing and number skills, with some of us tackling taking away in 10's. We're nearly ready for you, Mrs Butler!



Years 1 & 2

All activities this week have been centred around our Book Week celebrations. The author Adam Guillain led us through an exciting assembly on Monday followed by story mapping and drama activities. During the day we decorated our classroom door as the book cover for the story Captain Flinn and the Dinosaur Pirates; come and have a look - it's fantastic.

Tuesday was our day based on 'The Hunter' by Paul Geraghty. Each of us took part in a fantastic African drumming session and had our own drum. We copied drumming rhythms and also made up some of our own. In our new kitchen area we made some enormous and delicious tropical fruit kebabs with an amazing selection of fruits from around the world (following on from our Healthy Eating Week!) On the display board outside our classroom you will see some beautiful art work based on the characters and animals from the story. They are continuous line drawings which we then coloured using a paint wash. Around the outside of the display you can come and admire our extreme reading photographs; some of them are very extreme – was James really in the lion's den?! Drama in the playground was good fun and as we heard on the year 6 interview video, the children were all working together fantastically as a team.

Fancy Dress Day on Wednesday brought out some amazing costumes; you can see photos on the display outside our classroom along with pictures of us making a bookworm of coins. We will be announcing how much we raised for the charity 'Book Trust' next week. During the day the children designed their own book cover and book review; we will display a selection of these next week in the hall.

Maths in Books day was exciting as we combined books, maths and ICT using branching software to sort story characters using yes/no questions.

Finally a huge THANK YOU to all parents and grandparents who shared their books with us each afternoon; we thoroughly enjoyed listening to you read - it made such a refreshing change from Mrs Butler.



Years 3 & 4

Book week has been a raging success in Years 3 & 4. The class voted to make Gangsta Granny by David Walliams their door hanging art and it is wonderful. The drama of the African Savannah came to Great Tew as a camel train made its way across the Sahara Desert picking up stray village children and delivering them to Mediterranean folk in the north!

Play rehearsals continue and the pressure grows as everything starts to take place. Stoats, weasels and charming Cockney characters are budding in Year 3 & 4. Another lovely week with our talented children.

Years 5 & 6

With the KS2 production 'Wind in the Willows' fast approaching, Year 5 & 6 homework this week will be to learn their lines, prepare their costumes and learn their solo parts in any songs. A short description of a recommended costume and a prop list has been sent home. We would be very grateful for your help in this matter. Year 6 children particularly enjoyed their day on Tuesday, when they were roving reporters for our Carousel Day. They filmed the younger children doing a range of different activities and then edited their footage to create short videos. Another group had their first attempt at stop-gap animation, creating a short film of the story The Hunter. They are all hooked now and I don't think it will be their last production!

Stars of the Week:

Well done to all of our Stars of the Week. They have been working as hard as they can, showing positive attitudes towards their learning.

Reception:	Lucia
Years 1 & 2:	Ioan
Years 3 & 4:	Jack
Years 5 & 6:	Omer

Good Manners' Champion

This week our Good Manners' Champion is Ella in Year Six. With her gentle nature and positive attitude, Ella is a very well-respected member of her class, who gets on with everyone. She can be relied on to support other children and she just loves to do jobs. The children told us: *she is kind to everyone; she always helps people if they fall over or hurt themselves in the playground; she even lets the Year One boys play with her games; she is very patient with other children; she is very modest and she doesn't boast.* Well done Ella – you do indeed have lovely manners and your cup is very well deserved. Keep up the good work.

School Fete – Saturday 21st June – Tomorrow!

Don't forget the school fete tomorrow from 11 – 1 pm. We hope to see as many of you there as possible – there'll be lots to do and lots of fun to be had. Bring your friends and family and enjoy the Summer fun.



*The Novelty Dog Show takes place on the green at 11.30. Bring along your four-legged friends (**on a lead please!**) and enter them for the waggiest tail, the best 6 legs, the most beautifully groomed, the most well behaved, the most talented, the cutest puppy (a lot of competition for that one!) and the overall top dog. **We would ask that where at all possible, dogs are kept away from the school grounds during the Summer Fete. Any dogs in the school grounds must be on a lead at all times and kept under very good control. Thank you!***

Year 3 and 4 Violin Concert – Friday 4th July

During our 9am assembly on Friday 4th July the Year 3 and 4 children will be playing their violins to show you what they have been learning and how good they are. Please do come along and listen!

Sports' Day

In preparation for sports day we would like to ask for some parent volunteers to lead teams on the day. If you can help please let Angela in the office know. Also, if you have a pop-up gazebo you would be happy to lend us, to provide a little shade in case it is very hot, please would you let Angela know.

HATS!!

Whilst we understand that children do not always wear hats when they play outside at the weekend, we are trying to teach the children to enjoy the sun safely. Further information can be found here.

<http://www.sunsmart.org.uk/schools/> Children are encouraged to wear a hat whenever they are outside during the Summer months, so that this becomes a habit and they have their hat when it is really needed. Please support us in this by teaching your child to be independent and bring their hat to school every day until the end of term. Thank you.

I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow morning for what is all set to be a really enjoyable Summer Fete.

Mrs Lucy Miles

Dates Coming Up

Date	Event	Notes
Saturday 21 st June	Annual School Fete 11-1 pm	
Monday 23 rd June	Golf coaching for Y3 and Y4	At the Tew Centre pitches during school time.
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 5 and 6 to Cornbury Park Estate Day	Letter has gone home
Wednesday 25 th June	Moving up Morning	All children to spend the morning in their new classrooms.
Wednesday 25 th June	Science Workshop for Y4/5 children run by Chipping Norton School	This will be part of the Moving Up Morning.
Tuesday 1 st July 2pm & 6pm	KS2 production	
Wednesday 2 nd July 6pm	KS2 production	
Friday 4 th July	Y3/4 violins playing in our Friday assembly	All welcome
Friday 4 th , Saturday 5 th & Sunday 6 th July	Cornbury Festival	Please email Sharn to let her know when you are available to help. sharn@woodgate-home.com
Tuesday 8 th July	Drama Workshop for Y5/6 children run by Chipping Norton School	
Tuesday 8 th July	Parents Evening - late	Sign up sheets to go up shortly
Thursday 10 th July	Parents Evening - early	Sign up sheets to go up shortly
Tuesday 15 th July – pm	Sports' Day	
Wednesday 16th July - pm	Alternative Sports' Day	If weather bad on Tuesday
Friday 18 th July	End of term service Term finishes at midday	St Michael's Church
Tuesday 2 nd September	Inset Day	Children not in school
Wednesday 3 rd September	School re-opens for Autumn term	