



Great Tew School Newsletter

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Christmas Fair

Please don't forget that on Friday 21st November and Tuesday 25th November children may come to school in their home clothes in exchange for an item for the tombola or raffle at the Christmas Fair. Please start bringing in your books, unwanted pressies, nearly new, soft toys etc now. We are still in need of a hamper/basket for the Christmas hamper for the raffle if anyone has one they no longer want. Thank you to all those who have signed up to help run a stall, or bake a cake.

Reception

The children have been learning the letter "r" in Letters and Sounds, so please look out for words starting with "r" over the weekend. They have been thinking about sound words and then used these to write firework poems. They will soon be displayed on the wall together with the firework glitter and paint effect pictures which they enjoyed doing. The children have also learnt about why children celebrate Diwali and they know that at Diwali people often celebrate with huge light festivals or firework displays. They were intrigued by whether the fireworks that some of them had seen in London recently were Guy Fawkes fireworks or Diwali fireworks.... The children loved hearing the story of Rama and Sita and Ravana, the ten headed demon and they have made their own Diva lamps, just like the lamps that lit up the darkness to show Rama and Sita the way home.

Interest Table: Firework Pictures – as per last week.

Years 1 & 2

Both year groups have started learning to find fractions of shapes. Year 1s have been identifying $\frac{1}{2}$'s and Year 2s have been looking for $\frac{1}{2}$'s and $\frac{1}{4}$'s. Practising for our Christmas performance has really taken off this week. Parts have been allocated, words distributed and excitement is high! A letter with all details of times, dates, costumes etc, will be sent out next week. Please practise the narrator words with your child if they are in Year 2. We are looking for loud, slow and clear!

Years 3 & 4

The beginning of the week has been focussing on the Service of Remembrance at Great Tew church. The children made over one hundred poppies for the wreath of the Great Tew Nine. The names of the men were drawn on rectangular slips for inclusion on the memorial. Biographies written, words were learned. The trick when speaking loudly in church is to use the voice engaged when your brother or sister upset you! I hope that you heard them well and were, along with me, immensely proud of your children. A special moment came from Indiana, who had about one minute to master her line and deliver it to the congregation as Master of Ceremonies, wonderful!

Back in the classroom the children are drafting their War picture and have started writing a poem to war. The results are quite staggering in some cases. Every time we raise the bar to your children, they jump over! Be proud.

Remembrance Service

Thank you for all of you who came to the service at St Michael and All Angels on 11th November. "I don't come to church, I don't believe, but that made me cry," was one quote. Oh yes, me too. The solemnity, the pride, the passion from the children. I have to point out that the children only rehearsed in the church in the minutes before the service. Our new Vicar, Ginny Thomas was so helpful, kind and supportive. She used all her experience to meld the service, and we send a big thank you to her. "Went the day well?" a spine tingling moment as the words echoed across the heads of the congregation from all four corners of the church, clear voices from the children. The choir were very professional, singing clearly from the rear of the Nave. So many children played a special role, ringing the mourning bell, processing the wreath, singing, writing, reading. All we can say is thank you and very well done. *Mr Wadham*

Year 5&6 Coffee & Cake Party in Aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

It all started on Tuesday 11th November at 2 pm when the first couple walked through the door for Great Tew's first ever Macmillan Cancer Support coffee and cake afternoon. At 1.30 Mrs Miles talked to us saying how to be polite to parents, then after that we got changed into green clothes (if we had any) ready to start.

It worked out great! Alonso, Omer, Rhianna, Finlay and I were the washer-uppers. Maddie, Scarlet and Polly were cake servers. Max and Gethin were cashiers. Toby, Louie, Eliza and Tilly were in charge of the games and all the rest were waitresses.

At first we didn't get any dishes to wash, and when the first dish arrived me and Omer were arguing about who would wash it! Alonso in Year 6 said "It was very tiring at the end because of the rush hour!" The rush hour was when all the children came in at 3.15 (end of school time) for they ate lots!

Mrs Sam kindly, half way through, gave us hot chocolate and cherry cup cake for our washing up. Anyway the menu was Hot Chocolate/marshmallows £1, Coffee 75p, Teas 50p, a slice of a selection of delicious home-made cake, glass of squash and a biscuit 50p. Sadly I had to go then but I really enjoyed it for we raised an amazing £285!

By Jamie Levene

Thank you so much to all who came, drank, ate, played and donated. Also to Mrs Jefferson for being a tea lady and all parents who baked a delicious cake.

"You made a difference!"

Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children who have been working their hardest and producing high quality work.

Reception	Skye
Year 1 & 2	Parker
Year 3 & 4	Cosmo
Year 5 & 6	Phoebe

Good Manners' Champion

Our Good Manners' Champion this week is Silvia in Year 4. Silvia is a bundle of sunshine who brightens up everyone's day with her cheerful smile and her positive, easy-going attitude and kind nature. She works well with all of the other children and is someone who never complains or makes a fuss. The children told us: *she is there for everyone; when I play with her at break time it is always really good fun; she has the best laugh ever – it makes me want to laugh too; she is very co-operative with everyone and she doesn't mind who she works with; I like being in the same class as her.* Well done Silvia; you do have lovely manners and you are a very good role model for the other children.

Coats and Wellies – Every Day

As the days shorten and the weather becomes colder children at Great Tew School need their coats and wellies. They may come in a nice warm car, but we play outside in all weathers and we have to walk in open country to our sports facilities. Can all parents please make sure that children have a good waterproof and windproof coat and wellington boots for play.

PE Kit

All children must have the correct, compulsory PE kit: PE shirt, shorts, jogging bottoms, PE sweatshirt and white sports socks. Further details are on the website. The children will get wet over the winter and will need dry clothes to return to. A special request is that all PE kit is taken home **at least once a week** for washing. Year 3 & 4 are playing hockey at the moment. They need shin pads and if possible mouth guards.

Type-Onesie Day



The children (and staff!) looked magnificent today in a fine array of onesies and pyjamas, though I think we were all glad it was November and not July! Thank you to everyone for supporting us, helping to raise both money and awareness of Type-1 Diabetes. We are really pleased to tell you that together with Pre-School, we have raised £169.92. Thank you everyone.



Dear Parents

Thank you so so much for supporting Sugarplum Children and JDRF this Friday, on World Diabetes Day, by encouraging your children to wear a Onesie for the day. Our daughter Aliena, who is in reception, was diagnosed with Type 1 at the age of just two and half on July 20th 2012, and since then, not a day has gone by when we haven't had to test her blood glucose every 2 hours, or count the number of grams of carbohydrate she has eaten before injecting her with the relevant amount of insulin, which as traumatic as it can be, is sadly a necessity just to keep her alive.

Onesie day is not only about raising much needed funds to help the extremely exciting research which is being undertaken, but more importantly to help raise awareness for this life changing illness, which any child can get at any time, and which is on an increase of 5% each year in children under the age of ten.

By donating today you have been part of something very special, helping to make the lives of these brave little stars injection and blood test free and for that, Charlie, Aliena and I are eternally grateful.

*Thank you
Jubie & Charlie*



Dennis Victory Street Dance

Year 5 and 6 children had an exhausting and fun-filled afternoon improving their technique on the dance floor with Dennis Victory. It certainly wasn't easy looking cool, but they had a lot of fun and Mrs Sellars and Mrs Catling couldn't resist joining in!

This has been a busy week, when the key theme has been thinking about others. As we reach the end of the week and I look back over all that has happened, I feel so proud of all of the children. They have shown such maturity and empathy when thinking about other people, and have displayed a genuine desire to do something to make a difference. It has been a pleasure to see the children so captivated. Well done to all of them and I wish you all a happy and restful weekend.

Mrs Lucy Miles

Dates for Your Diary

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Friday 21 st November	Non uniform day	This is for children who bring in an item for the tombola or raffle for the Christmas Fair.
Tuesday 25 th November	Non uniform day	This is for children who bring in an item for the tombola or raffle for the Christmas Fair.
Saturday 29 th November	Christmas Fair 11am-2pm	Letter has been sent home
Tuesday 9 th December	KS1 Christmas Production at 2 pm	Further details to follow
Tuesday 10 th December	KS1 Christmas Production at 6 pm	Further details to follow
Saturday 13 th December – 5pm	Great Tew Village Carol Service	
Wednesday 17 th December	Whole School Trip to Pantomime	Beauty and the Beast Letter has been sent home.
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch & Children's Party	
Friday 19 th December – 9am	End of Term Christmas Service	St Michael's Church
Friday 19 th December – 2pm	End of Term – 2pm	