



# Great Tew Primary School

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The term has started well with lots going on both in and out of the classrooms. In assemblies we've been reflecting on the year that's passed and thinking about our hopes for the year ahead. The children learnt that the month January is named after the Roman God Janus, God of beginnings and endings. Having shared a few New Year's Resolutions ("*I'm going to give up pillow fights!*" was a particular favourite of mine!) we have turned our minds to thinking about qualities and values we could develop in ourselves over the coming year; independence, determination, compassion and empathy were some of the children's suggestions.

## Good Manners' Champion:

This week's Good Manners Champion is **Aliena** in Year 5. Aliena has an unfailingly cheerful and positive attitude towards all aspects of school life. She approaches her learning with determination and resilience. Whatever life throws at her, Aliena bounces back with an optimistic outlook, never letting things stand in her way. Aliena is an exceptionally kind friend to others, with a great sense of fun, but the children recognise that in the classroom her learning comes first. They also value the way she supports others by guiding them rather than telling them the answers. Well done Aliena – you are a wonderful role model for other children and a much-valued member of our school.

## Stars of the Week:

### Well done to the following children:

Rec – Winter – for trying very hard to apply newly learnt phonics knowledge in his writing

Y1&2 – Oscar – for super contributions to class discussions in English and maths, and supporting the learning of others

Y3&4 – Isla – for focusing really hard on gymnastics, perfecting the forward roll, and for very high quality work in home learning and art

Y5&6 – Annie – for working very hard on her writing, making a great effort to experiment with different sentences starters to make her writing interesting

## Welcome to James and Mimi:

We are all very pleased to welcome two new children into our Y56 class this term: Mimi-Bow Raphael has joined Year 6 and James Fearn has joined Year 5. They have both made friends very quickly—it feels as if they have been with us for ages—and we hope that they will be very happy at Great Tew. Please do look out for the children, and their parents, at drop-off and collection time, and make yourselves known to them.

## Welcome to Mr Reid:

As if **Miss Read** and **Mrs Reid** wasn't tricky enough, we now add a **Mr Reid** into the mix! We are very pleased to welcome Mr Reid to Great Tew, who is here during Miss Hardy's maternity absence, working primarily in Y56 and Reception.

## Play in a Day at Tudor Hall:

On Thursday 17 of our Year 5 and 6 children went along to Tudor Hall to take part in "Play in a Day". The children worked with a drama specialist to script and produce a short play on their given theme of "The Fire of London". The children came up with all the ideas themselves (Mrs Nimmo had to be gagged to prevent her stepping in!) and then, with a few tips from the experts, they directed and rehearsed their short play, I think everyone who came along to watch agreed that their performance was exceptional. The children had great presence and their performance was authentic and compassionate. I know they loved their day, and they are looking forward to showing you what they created in next Friday's assembly.

## Last Week's Good Manners' Champion:

Last week's Good Manners Champion was **Sophie** in Year 4. Sophie has impeccable manners, to everyone and all the time. She takes everything in her stride and her self-motivation and determination will take her far in life. Sophie is supportive towards, and appreciative of, others and with her kind nature, she is always surrounded by friends. The children recognise her many good qualities, such as the way she is always willing to listen and help others; the way she includes everyone in her games; her bubbly and enthusiastic nature; the way she sorts out arguments and the confidence she shows when talking to adults. Well done Sophie - you really do have beautiful manners of which you should feel very proud.

## Last Week's Stars of the Week:

### Well done to the following children:

Rec – Orson – for being super helpful in the classroom, especially at "tidy-up time"

Y1&2 – Grace – for returning from the holidays fired-up and ready to learn, with enthusiasm and a smile

Y3&4 – Meredith – for the enthusiasm she shows towards her learning and the oral contributions she has made in English and maths

Y5&6 – James and Mimi – for settling into life at Great Tew very quickly, getting used to new routines and making lots of friends.

## 100% Attendance:

Whilst I absolutely appreciate that some absence from school is unavoidable due to illness or exceptional circumstances, there is a very close correlation between attendance in school and educational outcomes. A huge well done goes to the following children, all of whom were in school every single day last term.

- Rec:** Orson Devenney
- Y1:** Molly Boulter, Lily Clarke, Coco Devenney
- Y2:** Henriette Devenney, Byng Hudson, Jaiden Khan, Jacob Milloini, Oscar Webster-Edge, Edith Whittle
- Y3:** Isla Blee, Freya Rees, Lily Waters
- Y4:** Elena Aylott-Phillips, Meredith Blee, Sophie Edgington, Cecily Hudson, Henry Webster-Edge
- Y5:** Lucy Simpson
- Y6:** Laura Brown

## Diary Dates:

- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan Swimming Gala at Chipping Norton Pool
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jan "Play in a Day"— in our Friday assembly
- Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Jan Y56 to Black Country Living Museum, Dudley
- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb Y6 children to IMPS at Horton Hospital
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb U11 Netball Festival—at Chipping Norton School
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb Break for Half Term at 3.15pm
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb School starts
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr End of Term Easter Service—St Michael's-9am
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr School closes for Easter at 2pm
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Apr First day of Summer Term—school reopens for all

Below are attendance figures to Friday 17th Jan, by year group, together with an Attendance Diamond, illustrating the link between attendance and achievement in school. Well done to Y2, not just for their high attendance of 98.01%, but also for having only 3 late arrivals at school since September. Late arrival, even 5 minutes, hampers learning, not just for your own child, but for other children too. Please support us, by ensuring your child/ren arrive on time every day.

### Attendance Return from 3 SEP 2019 to 17 JAN 2020

This report excludes students who left after the 3 September 2019

Group	No. of Students	Total Absences		Total Attendances %	Total No. of Students who were absent on one or more sessions		Total No. of late arrivals at school
		Authorised	Unauthorised		Auth.	Unauth.	
		%	%				
Year Group Reception	15	4.61	0.22	95.18	14	3	14
Year Group 1	16	2.60	0.62	96.78	13	5	7
Year Group 2	15	1.78	0.21	98.01	9	2	4
Year Group 3	13	2.52	1.09	96.39	9	5	13
Year Group 4	15	2.84	0.62	96.54	11	3	3
Year Group 5	12	3.39	1.33	95.28	9	4	12
Year Group 6	15	3.89	1.39	94.73	13	8	53
Totals	101	3.06	0.75	96.19	78	30	106

## The Attendance Diamond

Showing the link between attendance in school and achievement

Attendance Groups	
Green	No Risk
Yellow	Risk of underachievement
Amber	Serious risk of underachievement
Pink	Severe risk of underachievement
Red	Extreme risk - Court action

