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This week it's been Children's Mental Health Week, and we started the week thinking about how to "Find Your Brave". The older children have spent time thinking about the things we can do to keep our minds healthy and they had the most wonderful list of suggestions, including: getting lots of sleep; drinking plenty of water; eating a balanced diet; singing; going for a walk and breathing in fresh air; chatting with a friend; talking to someone; being prepared to make mistakes and try new things; thinking about the positives; looking at nature.... The list went on! Please do talk about this with your children at home.

Good Manners' Champion:

This week's Good Manners Champion is **Tom** in Year 1. Tom has one of those smiles that just fills his face and it is completely infectious to all those around him. He sees the positive side of everything and takes delight in the simplest things. Tom is kind and considerate to everyone which makes him a delightful member of his class. The children recognise Tom's many qualities, such as the way he's so enthusiastic both in and out of the classroom. One child thought we should know what a good stick partner he is (!), because he helps people when they're stuck; another told us: "Every morning in the taxi he has a smile on his face and he's always ready to come to school and learn". Another told us: "Whenever I'm sad Tom always asks if I'm OK and then cheers me up with a smile." Well done Tom—we all think you have beautiful manners.

Stars of the Week:

Well done to the following children:

Rec – Teddy – for always being keen and ready to come and learn with a grown-up

Y1&2 – Willow L - for excellent maths work all week and taking great trouble to explain her answers carefully too using the right maths words

Y3&4 – Theo – for making a huge effort with his learning, noticeably trying hard and also helping other children

Y5&6 – Milo – for working hard all week in all lessons, and representing the school brilliantly in the Netball Festival

Open Classrooms—Weds 12th February:

For all parents:

The classrooms will be open to parents/carers between 3.00 and 3.30pm on Wednesday 13th February. Please do come along if you can, to have a look at your children's books and see what they have been doing in school this term.



Rainbow-Themed Tea Party Tuesday 11th February:

For: all parents/carers

Tuesday is our rainbow-themed tea party to raise money for [Team Anna](#). The Year 6 children will be serving tea and cakes in Mrs Butler's classroom between 2.30 and 3.30. Please do come along if you can, in rainbow colours, for a cuppa and some cake and join in the fun. All the other children will be having tea-parties in the classrooms, but if you come along you are welcome to collect your children from the classrooms during the afternoon, from 2.30pm onwards, and take them to the tea-party and then take them home afterwards (unless they will be staying for a club). The children can come to school in rainbow colours (bright colours!) to mark this occasion.

The sign-up sheets will be up again on Monday as there a few things still needed. Thank you very much to all those who have already volunteered to bake/serve/shop etc.

Parents' Evenings —25th and 26th Feb:

For parents of children in Year 1 to Year 6:

You should have received booking information. If you are having difficulties, please drop into the office and we will try to help!

Oxford Brookes Student—Mrs James:

Some of you will have already met Mrs James, who is currently training to be a teacher at Oxford Brookes. She is doing a school-based placement with us until Easter and will be based primarily in the Year 5&6 class, with Mrs Nimmo acting as her mentor. I am sure you will make her feel welcome.

Diary Dates Coming Up:

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| Tues 11 th Feb | Team Anna Rainbow-Themed tea party 2.30-3.30 |
| Weds 12 th Feb | Open Classrooms—all classes—3.00-3.30pm |
| Fri 14 th Feb | Break for Half Term at 3.15pm |
| Mon 24 th Feb | School starts |
| Tue 25 th Feb | Parents Evening (Y1 to Y6) |
| Wed 26 th Feb | Parents Evening (Y1 to Y6) |
| Thur 27 th Feb | Heights & Weights—for Reception & Y6 |
| Fri 3 rd Apr | End of Term Easter Service—St Michael's-9am |
| Fri 3 rd Apr | School closes for Easter at 2pm |