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Monday was the Jewish festival of Yom Kippur and we spent time thinking about this “Day of Atonement” in the Jewish calendar, when good deeds are weighed up against bad deeds. We thought about atonement as being “at-one” with those we may have wronged, which links well to our value of unity. The children thought about the good things that they would like written about them in a “Book of Life”, including things such as saying sorry when you have made a mistake, sharing with others, being kind, or asking someone to join in a game with you.

Stars of the Week

Very well done to the following children:

Y1&2 – Inigo– for working really hard, all the time and every day, and growing in resilience

Y3&4 – Imogen F – for showing a positive attitude towards everything she does, making a fantastic start to Year 3

Y5&6 – Ami – for the quiet enthusiasm and motivation she shows towards all of her learning

Good Manners’ Champion

This week’s Good Manners’ Champion is Connie in Year 4. Connie listens beautifully, has a ready smile for everyone and approaches life with that “glass full” positivity that is infectious to those around her. The children recognise her inclusive, and considerate, nature as well as her sense of fun, telling us: Connie always gives me a warm smile; she is always happy and positive and tries not to get into arguments; Connie works hard and she is very motivated; she checks up on people who look sad; Connie is very kind and she lets people play her games; I’ve never seen Connie in a bad mood—she always looks happy! Well done Connie—you are a very good role model to other children.



Festival of the Girl—Sunday 11th October

Festival of the Girl is a fun, engaging and safe environment for girls and their families to explore key topics from body positivity and mental health to feminism and careers. Now in its second year, the virtual event falls on International Day of the Girl (**Sunday 11 October**) and although it is aimed at girls aged 7 - 11, it is open to everyone including teachers, parents, grandparents and boys. It aims to help attendees see beyond gender stereotypes and encourages girls to be confident in creating the future they want.

Centred on the theme of ‘**Future Change Makers**’, this year’s festival includes a diverse range of speakers, collaborators and interactive online sessions. These will include Festival of the Girl bootcamp, tips and tricks on building confidence, careers in STEM, ‘being a change maker’, and many more. See the line-up and register [here](#).



Virtual Parents’ Evenings

Our Parents’ Evenings, for children in Years 1 to 6, are being held in the week beginning Monday 19th October. The meetings will be held via video call, accessed through our online booking system. Please look out for booking information coming out this week.

Secondary School Applications

A reminder that applications for Secondary School places for children currently in Year 6 need to be made by 31st October. Letters have been emailed and further information can be found [here](#).

Fresh Start Lunches

Lunches have been incredibly popular this week and I myself can vouch that they were good. The children looked like a scene from Oliver, lining up by the kitchen, holding out their hands for warm pots of pasta and telling me “This tastes just like my Mum’s pasta!” (I THINK that was a compliment!) and the sausages on Thursday were better than those I have at home (!) **Please remember that orders for the following week must be made by Tuesday every week.** If you need a reminder of your login details please contact Angela in the office. After half-term, we will be switching to hot lunches for all classes (with a cold option every day as well).