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This week we have been thinking about how we grow and change in lots of different ways as we grow older. We looked at the growth rings on trees and discovered trees grow at different rates each year and we thought about how we grow not just in height, but in wisdom, confidence, bravery, strength etc. The children thought about some of the things they would like to get better at this coming year, and how they might achieve that through perseverance, practice and bravery and of course being prepared to make mistakes.

Farewell to Angela

At the end of term, as you know, we said a fond farewell to Angela, who has worked at the school for almost 34 years. The school community will feel very strange without Angela, and she will be much missed by us all. Here is a [link to the end of term assembly](#) where the children and staff said farewell to Angela. Password is Angela2021

Also [here is a film made by the children and Miss Northcote](#) which I know you will enjoy seeing! Password is Angela2021

Stars of the Week—7th January

Congratulations to the following children who have impressed us this week with their attitudes to learning.

Reception: **Mimi**—for using her reading skills in her writing—managing to use a split digraph on her own

Years 1&2: **Orson**—for really concentrating on his learning, trying to do his very best

Years 3&4: **Imogen F**—for always being so positive and showing a very grown-up attitude towards her learning

Years 5&6: **Lily W**— for coming back to school with a bang (!) being very feisty and determined in hockey and working hard in the classroom

Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners' Champion is Isla in Year 3. Isla is very kind and considerate to other children and she goes out of her way to make sure that everyone is included and no-one is left out. The children thought we should know: *when we are working, Isla never copies! Isla is very positive; when we're given positions in netball Isla never moans; the other day someone didn't want to join our hopstick game so Isla went and joined them and played a different game; Isla plays with different people every day; whenever I come into the cloakroom Isla says good morning; Isla is really good at sharing her games; when Isla comes through the gate she says good morning to all the teachers; Isla has a great sense of humour.; Isla always seems pleased to see me and looks me in the eye.* Well done Isla—you are a kind friend to others and should feel very proud.

Sad News

Just before Christmas I received the very sad news that Dom Spencer-Pratt had finally lost his long battle with cancer. Those of you who knew him will know that Dom was a wonderful character, full of fun with a wisecrack and a tease for everyone, and the world will certainly be a duller place without him. The family have been part of our school community since Holly joined us in 2010 and we are all thinking very much of Biba, Holly and Willa, who left Great Tew at the end of last Summer Term.

The Big Little Nativity

What a wonderful way to celebrate the start of Christmas, seeing those little faces bursting with pride as they told the Christmas story. I had so many appreciative comments from parents—and it was just sad that so many of the children weren't well enough to take part. However, there was no doubting the enthusiasm of the children that did take part! Well done to all of the children—and a big thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to create such a special and memorable production.



School Starts at 8.55am

A reminder that **school starts at 8.55**, when children should be in their classrooms ready for registration. Please make sure that children are dropped at the school gate with enough time to walk to their classrooms, take off their coats, unpack their bags and settle in their places in time for the register to be taken at 8.55am.

A prompt arrival at school is much nicer (and calmer) for the children—and means the day can start on time for everyone. Thank you!

Stars of the Week—10th December

Congratulations to the following children who impressed us with their attitudes to learning.

Reception: **Charlie HT**—for trying very hard to do the challenges of the day

Years 1&2: **Winter**—for really concentrating, showing a very grown up attitude towards his assessments

Years 3&4: **Molly**—for brilliant ideas, being so positive about her learning

Years 5&6: **Sophie**— for being an inspirational role model in the classroom

Stars of the Week—17th December

Congratulations to the following children who impressed us with their attitudes to learning.

Reception: **Coconut**—for concentrating very carefully on her sounds

Years 1&2: **Alfie**—for working very hard, concentrating and showing great attention to detail

Years 3&4: **Max**—for giving everything one hundred percent effort and always with a cheerful smile on his face

Years 5&6: **Isla**— for starting to show what she can do and really pushing herself to achieve the best she can

Arthur's Survival Bracelets

Hats off to Arthur M, who spent a lot of his own time before Christmas making survival bracelets and key rings to raise money. With a lot of hard work, Arthur has managed to raise a very impressive £47, which has been split three ways between the school, Children in Need and Dogs Trust. What an impressive effort—thank you Arthur!

Clubs for This Term

This term we have the following clubs running. All clubs cost £5 per session and should be booked and paid for in advance.

Monday 3.15-4.15

Art with Mrs Butler (Y1&2)

Art Explorers with Jane Zibarras (Y4-6)

Recorders with Mrs Platt (Y3-6)

Book with ParentPay

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Tuesday 3.15-4.15

Netball with Mrs White (Y3-6)

Book with ParentPay

Wednesday 3.15-4.15

Football—boys & girls in Rec-Y2 with coach Jason Chipchase

Book with ParentPay

Thursday 3.15-4.15

Bloxham Activities Club—(this term it's cookery) (Y3-6)

Football—boys & girls in Y3-6 with coach Mark Andrews

Computing—(coding) with Miss Read (Y3-6)

Drama and Movement with Miss Northcote (Y3-6)

Book with ParentPay (collect from Bloxham)

Book with Mark Andrews

Book with ParentPay

Book with ParentPay

Stay & Play—will also run on Mondays-Thursdays. Please book in advance using the booking form. Children will have a snack and then time to play with their friends. Weekly billing via ParentPay.

Breakfast Club—runs every day, from 8am. Please book in advance using the booking form. Weekly billing via ParentPay

Good Manners' Champion—10th December

Good Manners Champion on 10th December, the last one before Christmas, was Tilly in Year 2. Tilly is a fabulous role model to other children, a gentle and loyal friend who is always considerate to other people, both children and adults. Tilly also listens really well, and is interested in (and good at remembering) the things people have told her about themselves. The children thought we should know: *I often spot Tilly being kind to other children in the playground; there isn't a day when she isn't smiling; she plays with me (even though she's older than me); Tilly looks after me; Tilly is a great stick partner, and she helps me with my learning; she always includes people in her games; Tilly plays very nicely and she is always kind to her friends; Tilly says well done to me, and she is very encouraging (this came from a Year 6 child!)* Well done Tilly—you are recognised by everyone for being a very good friend and should feel very proud.

Dates Coming Up

Wed 5th Jan—first day of term for all children

Wed 19th Jan—Swimming Gala at CNS

Wed 2nd Feb—U11 Netball at CNS

Wed 9th Feb—Y56 trip to Black Country Living Museum

Mon 14th—Thurs 17th Feb—**Family Focus at CNS :**

Mon-Astronomy 6-7.30 (Y4-6 plus a carer)

Tues-Trampolining 6-7.30 (Y4-6 plus a carer)

Wed-Drama 6-7.30 (Y4-6 plus a carer)

Thur-Art 6-7.30 (Y4-6 plus a carer)

Fri 18th Feb—INSET—no school for children

Mon 21-Fri 25th HALF TERM

Fri 11th March—Life Bus in school—all classes

Fri 11th March—Y5 to Kingham Hill Science Day

Fri 8th April—Term ends at 2pm