



## NEWSLETTER 26 – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

QUOTE: 'Spring is when life's alive in everything'

### Diary Week: 28<sup>th</sup> Mar

Mon	
Tues	SCARF Workshops
Wed	SCARF Workshops
Thurs	SACRF Workshops Eat them to Defeat them filming
Fri	PTFA Film Night

Attendance this week: 82.86%

### NEW! Wraparound care for Nursery.

From September we will be offering wraparound care in Nursery. This is in conjunction with the fabulous High Flyers Team. For any further details please contact the school office or Alison Ighani.

Dear Parents and Carers,

So, this week whilst numbers of new Covid cases were still rising at the start of the week we seem to be on a decline now. We still have a few staff off with this and managing other absences which, as ever, we are pulling together to do. I have again taught this week which I have enjoyed and it's great to see the curriculum in action. Governors will also be returning next week for a visit into school to see the children's learning in action. Yesterday Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Warwick Castle as part of their work on Castles. There was much awe and wonder from the visit and it was so fabulous that they finally got to go on a real trip with much excitement present. The children not only displayed their understanding but learnt lots too and they were great ambassadors for the school and staff were very proud – Well done KS1 and thank you to all staff involved in organising and accompanying the children. This week in Collective Worship we explored Spring and discussed when does spring start, some of the signs of Spring and the link to God creating the seasons. We also, as part of our class/phase worship, discussed the importance of writing letters and whether there was still a place for this in society and this was linked to the cost of stamps. Please find this week's 'Take Home' discussion sheet in the attachments. I met the Parent Forum this week and we reviewed actions from the previous meeting as well as took a number of thoughts and ideas forward. Please look out for the minutes coming next week – there are some things we can action quickly and others that need greater discussion and planning. Thank you those who attended and those who shared ideas to discuss. It was good to see many of you at the Book Look this week – please look out for the next one in Term 5. Quick update on Mr Green to inform you that he successfully had his surgery yesterday and is now at home recovering and resting. Today we had the PTFA Plant Sale, which was extremely popular – a big thank you to the volunteers who have given up their time to support this initiative today. The vegetable for this week was tomatoes and I attach an activity you may like to try at home – googly eyed tomatoes – do send us any photos you have! Next week the theme is peas, and we have the Eat them to Defeat them team in school who will film children completing a range of activities! We also welcome the SCARF team into school who will be delivering a PSHE session to each class. The school website is regularly being updated so do keep an eye on it – a calendar is now on there for example and recent curriculum meeting information too.

*Have a lovely weekend, take care*

*Mrs Smith, Headteacher*

**NO NUT PRODUCTS IN SCHOOL** Please could you ensure that no items that contain nuts are sent into school due to the fact we have children with serious nut allergies – this includes peanut butter, nuts as a snack and some breads may contain nuts too.

### **#Wakeupwednesday**

This is an information page produced by National Online Safety about key reminders for parents relating to online safety.

**This weeks theme: Upsetting Content**

**Ukraine Crisis** We have been having some brief discussion in school surrounding this current affairs story however we do appreciate that children may be needing further reassurance or wanting further details. These links may help:

<https://www.savethechildren.org/us/charity-stories/how-to-explain-conflict-ukraine-to-children>  
<https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-with-upsetting-content/>

**Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies** We are looking for a Lunchtime Supervisor whilst Mrs Avery takes her maternity leave as well as a permanent supervisor for 7.5 hours per week. If you are interested in these posts, please do contact the office.

### **Sports Council – design your own Vegetable Competition.**

***EXTENDED UNTIL MONDAY!*** If you could create a vegetable what would it be like? It might be a mixture of your favourite vegetables. It might have the crunchiness of a carrot with the sweetness of a pepper and be juicy like a tomato. See flyer for more details!

## Growth Mindset Certificates:

<b>Penguins</b>	<b>Benji BL</b> for his lovely manners towards the lunchtime team! <b>Emilia P</b> for building her confidence in the classroom and having a go at lots of activities.
<b>Puffins</b>	<b>Bertie B</b> for great participation in our 'Healthy Teeth' activities, including independently sorting which foods are good for our teeth and which are not. <b>Lilly F</b> for the most wonderful attitude towards learning, always approaching tasks with positivity and enthusiasm <b>Henry G</b> for looking after a friend who needed help
<b>Flamingos</b>	<b>Iris F</b> for participating in class discussions through sharing her knowledge in RE and history. <b>Reuben T</b> for showing determination in improving his writing especially in History.
<b>Peacocks</b>	<b>Elena</b> for her enthusiasm for learning, always sharing her excellent knowledge with the class and trying her very best at everything. <b>Ethan E</b> for taking on new challenges even when he isn't sure.
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	<b>Matthew P</b> for showing kindness and care to others and being a good friend when needed. <b>Harry T</b> for a great trip to Warwick Castle – great listening and showing respect to everyone. <b>Bella</b> for being enthusiastic and respectful during the visit to Warwick Castle.
<b>Hummingbirds</b>	<b>Isla N</b> for her perseverance on all the assessments this week. <b>Ted</b> for being inspired in art this week and demonstrating different brush techniques in creative ways.
<b>Parrots</b>	<b>Nate B</b> for the excellent progress he has made with his reading comprehension <b>Brooke C</b> the fantastic effort she put into her swimming lesson this week.
<b>Toucans</b>	<b>Ava</b> for her inspiring attitude to help and support others in their learning peers and adults alike. <b>Bella T</b> for her willingness to have a go in Maths and to keep trying even when unsure and asking for help if uncertain.
<b>Hérons</b>	<b>Olivia-</b> for being determined to challenge herself and really gaining in confidence in Maths. <b>Emily-</b> for being inspired with her biography writing and always striving to achieve her best in English.
<b>Kingfishers</b>	<b>Vinnie</b> for his excellent writing, using lots of complex sentences using advanced punctuation. <b>Maisie Bleu</b> her positive attitude and perseverance in assessments this week.
<b>House Points</b>	<b>Birch: 62 Oak:45 Maple:59 Mulberry:73</b>

## Out of School Shout Outs and Well done to:

Isaac for achieving his stage 3 certificate for swimming.

Seren H-W for her dance medal.

Matteo for his bronze and silver medals at the interclub karate championship

Stiam for his bronze, bronze and silver medals at the interclub karate championship

Josh for his bronze and silver medals at the interclub karate championship

Alfie J for his bronze and participation medals at the interclub karate championship

Anna B for being cub of the week.

Daniel H – skill point winner, football merit award and winner of champions league (all from Midland soccer Coaching)

Callum – Man of the Match for scoring a hat trick.

Calen B -Man of the Match trophy for his football team.

**Oral Health** - it is vital that children are attending regular dental check-ups. To find your local dentist, visit <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist> Children receive free dental treatment on the NHS until they turn 18. In Oxfordshire, over 28% of 5 year olds have tooth decay. This is significantly higher than the national average. It's important that your child's toothpaste has **at least** 1000ppm fluoride – 1350ppm is ideal. Poor oral health has a massive impact on your child's education and wellbeing.

**Oxfordshire Youth has a new Mental Health Awareness** session for parents and carers coming up on the 5th April. This session is online and free for all Oxfordshire parents and carers. When clicking on the link to get tickets, please place the first part of the Oxfordshire postcode into the PROMO code section (e.g. OX4) and click 'apply'. The link for the session on the 5th April is here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-online-mental-health-awareness-session-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-287905050757>

**Title: Talking about War and Conflict with Your Child** Date: Monday 28th of March at 4 pm Register here to attend <https://www.creativeeducation.co.uk/courses/talking-about-war-and-conflict-with-your-child/>

**!New! Facebook page** for Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School. This is run and managed by school staff and will share pictures and information/reminders of school life here: <https://www.facebook.com/CRPS2022>

**!New! Calendar on the school website** – Please see parent google calendar now available on the website for you to see events that are coming up. <https://www.christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk/calendar>