



Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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Newsletter Spring Term

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Friday 17th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another exciting week here. This week is Science Week. Miss Arthur, our Science Lead, has worked hard to arrange great opportunities for the children to extend and broaden the curriculum we offer. The school has also been abuzz this week with rehearsals and talent spotting ready for our Talent Show today. We have been so impressed with the courage the children have shown performing their acts for their peers, and the audiences have also been encouraging and kind, supporting those auditioning and building them up. Great team work this week, Christopher Rawlins!

Costs of trips and visits

Thank you to those parents who have spoken to me about the costs of trips, visits and visitors to school. We appreciate your feedback. As a school, we are working on a strategic plan for ensuring that parents are given good notice of trips and visits, and that these are planned out over an academic year so that parents are aware of the costs coming up and can budget and plan for these. We work hard as a staff to ensure that the trips, visits and visitors to school are good value for money, and always broaden the children's learning and opportunities within the curriculum.

Parking

Thank you for the responses I have had to the email sent earlier in the week about parking. It is always a contentious issue when schools are situated in busy locations and have limited parking options. It is a problem we can all help solve by working together.

Parents Consultations

These meetings are next week and face to face. We look forward to seeing parents, if you have not been able to book an appointment yet please contact Mrs Glover in the School Office who will be able to help you.

Mrs Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

Science Week

This week is British Science Week and the 2023 theme is 'connections'. I had the pleasure of leading an assembly on Monday where the children came up with fantastic ideas as to how the world was connected and considered lots of STEM areas, including habitats, the internet, communication, systems in our body and many more!

I have seen and heard of lots of brilliant scientific discussion and our animal, digestion and heart dissection workshops were a great success. Nursery and EYFS have been learning all about minibeasts, looking at flowers and have had an exciting delivery of caterpillars- so we look forward to seeing them grow into butterflies! KS1 have also continued the biology theme by growing cress and collecting and identifying minibeasts. LKS2 are continuing their learning about digestion and UKS2 are applying the theme of connections to their DT learning by creating working pulley systems in lighthouses.

As part of British Science Week, there is a poster competition which I spoke to the children about on Monday. Children are welcome to enter by designing a poster to explain the theme of 'connections'. Entries must be handed into their class teacher by **Friday 24th March** with their name, year group and class on the back. We will choose a winner per phase and submit them on behalf of the school. Previous winners can be seen here <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>.
Miss Arthur



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Tudor Hall School Science Event

Mrs Loveridge and I had the pleasure of taking 25 Year 5s to Tudor Hall last Friday for a whole day of exciting Science workshops. The children were great role models and really showcased their strong knowledge and asked some very thoughtful questions. We started off with a planetarium workshop in an inflatable dome, followed by a workshop on the Science of Magic- we learnt about some pretty cool tricks and the science behind them! After lunch, we had our first experience of a proper laboratory and made bouncy custard balls before watching some exciting demonstrations involving fire! We had a great day and I'm sure we have several budding scientists in the making! Miss Arthur



Year 5 & 6 Science Workshop

Herons and Kingfishers had a brilliant time learning all about the heart to support our class learning on the circulatory system! Both classes had a workshop from Hands On Science where we learnt how to dissect lambs hearts, recognise the difference between the left and right ventricle and consider the importance of the valves. We also learnt that heart strings do exist!



Year 3 & 4 Science Workshop

Toucans, Hummingbirds and Parrots enjoyed learning about how the digestive system works by creating our own digestive systems. It was a particularly messy but exciting experiment which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

KS1 Science Workshop

KS1 have celebrated British Science Week by learning all about the lifecycles of animals. The children had an amazing time holding different animals and learning fun facts about each of them. The children agreed that the snake was the most exciting animal, followed by the giant millipede!



EYFS Science Workshop

The children in the Aviary really enjoyed meeting different animals in their Science workshop this week. We saw a very small tortoise, a tickly millipede, a slimy green frog, a scary scorpion and a scaly snake. We were all very brave and were able to wave to, touch and hold some of the animals. We went back to the Aviary and some of us drew our favourite animals using pencils and pastels.



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BREAKING NEWS: The talent show was won by TTS, a flautist and gymnastic group (Iris B, Iris F and Maisie)

High Flyers

This week we have spent some time on Mother's Day crafting. We also made lots of fun colourful potions and, when the sun was out, we started some spring planting!

High Flyer of the week: Victoria for helping out in the kitchen a lot!

We are running our fantastic holiday club during the Easter holidays **Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th April** time: 9.00-4.00PM. This will be an exciting couple of days, full of play and beautiful Easter activities.

We also have dates for July. You can book through our website: <https://www.highflyers.org.uk>

Growth Mindset Certificates

There will not be any Growth Mindset Certificates this week due to the whole school talent show taking place on Friday afternoon.

Diary dates

20th March	Football and netball friendlies v Bloxham Primary, Years 5 & 6, 3.30-4.30pm
21st March	Parents Evening, all year groups, 3.30-6.30pm
22nd March	Parents Evening, all year groups, 4.00-7.00pm
23rd March	Girls Cross Country Finals, Years 5 & 6, 9.45-11.30am
23rd March	Tag Rugby event at The Warriner, Years 5 & 6, 3.00-5.00pm
28th March	Year 1 Phonics Check parents meeting, Year 1 parents, 3.15-3.45pm
29th March	KS1 visit to The Warriner School Farm, Years 1 & 2, 12.00-3.00pm
29th March	PTFA Easter Egg Tombola (tbc)
31st March	PTFA EYFS Easter egg hunt, 9.00-10.00am (tbc)
31st March	Easter service in church, all year groups, 2.00-3.00pm 3.00pm End of Term

Term dates

Spring 2	February 20th - 31st March
Summer 1	April 17th - 26th May
Summer 2	June 6th - 20th July

INSET days	Monday 5th June Friday 21st July
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