



## **NEWSLETTER 25 – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

QUOTE: 'Those who are the happiest are those who do the most for others'

### **Diary Week: 21<sup>st</sup> Mar**

Assessment Week

Mon  
Tues  
Wed Parent Forum 3  
Book Look  
3.10pm  
Thurs **KS1 to Warwick  
Castle**  
Fri

### **Attendance this week:**

**83.7%**

### **NEW! Wrapround 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, whilst this week has been full of staff and children's Covid absences we have also had some fantastic events still continuing. The absences have been high and we are still just managing to keep the school going and open at this time but with now nearly half the teachers off it is a stretch! We are also contending with other absences from both children and staff – please do remain vigilant of symptoms.

Science Week kicked off with Miss Arthur leading an assembly on this year's theme - growth - and all classes have taken part in live sessions, had speakers and lots of experiments and investigations. On Monday children will share as part of our assembly the work they did.

This week the Eat Them to Defeat Them vegetable was Broccoli which has seemed extremely popular – an activity for home has been sent and next week we have tomatoes! Sports Council have set an interesting challenge for children to complete - design their own vegetables- this was shared in assembly today and a flier also gone home.

On Monday night Year 3/4 staff led by Mrs MacLean shared the Yowlbury experience and what to expect from the one night residential in May. If you were unable to join us the PowerPoint can be found on the parent's tab of the website and a letter has gone home today. On Tuesday the third team visited Warriner for the Sportshall athletics competition – again some superb teamwork leading to an overall win for the team! Thank you to Miss Arthur and Ms Sambrook for attending.

Reverend Liz joined us again this week and is sharing with the children the lead up to Easter. We also had our picture news question which is about what does it take to be a brave leader? This is referencing the leader of Ukraine- please see the Take Home sheet attached for a family discussion too. Today for Comic Relief everyone looked wonderful in their bright colours and we had the most fun in a big game of musical bumps as part of a Guinness World Record attempt. We had a reporter here from Radio Oxford feeding back live at times what was happening. Do search for it on BBC sounds – we were on the waves from 9.30am!

We said goodbye yesterday to Mrs Sykes who has left to start a new adventure as a full time HLTA in a local school. All the children joined us for an assembly to share some memories and present gifts – I am sure you all join me in wishing her the best of luck as she embarks on this new journey.

*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:  
Brighten someone's  
day**

**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/>

**Maternity cover Lunchtime Supervisor - Starting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022** We are looking for a Lunchtime Supervisor whilst Mrs Avery takes her maternity leave. If you are interested in this post of 8.75 hours a week then please do contact the office.

**Sports Council – design your own Vegetable Competition.** 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>	Bob T for persevering and enjoying forest school even though a little unsure to start with. Zoe F for being a very kind friend to other children in our classroom. Sophie G for super imagination in science lab role play area.
<b>Puffins</b>	Emma S for really applying herself to our morning writing tasks Olivia R for writing a beautiful prayer to share with the class Eliza B for beautiful behaviour and trying out lots of different activities
<b>Flamingos</b>	Lexie S for being a superb help to new children who joined the class this week and for super hard work across all subjects Joshua T for trying his best this week and being an Earth dragon with both his poetry and fractions work.
<b>Peacocks</b>	Willow T for great improvements in her confidence with reading, using her phonics well. Clemmie H taking on board feedback and making excellent improvements to her writing.
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	Callum B for fantastic focus and hard work in all his learning showing the qualities of all the dragons! Flo H for being inspired in her poem writing, creating a great poem using her sense.
<b>Hummingbirds</b>	Arthur R for persevering while designing and constructing buildings for our town. Jessica D for designing an innovative roof for her building in our town. Hummingbirds for embracing the engineering process this week when encountering problems and developing solutions.
<b>Parrots</b>	Oscar OH for working really hard on his phonics. He is always willing to have a go and is putting what he has learnt into his independent reading. Ashton L for having a super attitude to his maths homework and having a really positive to his maths being keen to understand what he is doing.
<b>Toucans</b>	Alfie J for showing a passion for our engineering project during British Science week and contributing excellent structures to Toucan Town Leo B for showing his determination and contributing to class discussions more regularly
<b>Heron</b>	Lilia R for being really inspired with our learning in Science week and asking great questions to our virtual visitors. Lilly H for representing our school well at athletics, showing great determination and being a lovely team member.
<b>Kingfishers</b>	Lauren W for a wonderful descriptive piece of work on how the Egyptians worked by the Nile Seth P for working really hard on Capacity in maths this week
<b>House Points</b>	<b>Birch: 55   Oak: 91   Maple: 78   Mulberry: 93</b>

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

**Nate B** for achieving the man of the match trophy for Deddington Football club  
**Ashton L** for achieving his Stage 3 learn to swim certificate and badge  
**Matteo G** being awarded the cub of the week woggle.  
**Dylan M** for achieving his Silver swimming challenge award and badge.  
**Eliza T** who competed in a Cheer Leading Competition and her team came in 1<sup>st</sup> place.  
**Alessandro G** for achieving his Rainbow 10m swimming distance award

**PTFA Mother's day Sale – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022** The PTFA has arranged a Mother's Day Flower shop on 25th March 2022 (during school time) Your child/ren can choose a plant to give to Mum, Gran or Auntie from a selection of spring plants. They then choose a paper bag for £3 per plant/present. Flyer previously sent

**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>