



Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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Newsletter Spring Term

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Friday 3rd March

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has found us all totally absorbed in our whole school text 'Flotsam'. It has been an absolute joy to walk around the school and see the children totally absorbed in their learning about this book. It is a wordless picture book, and the children have enjoyed being creative and asking lots of "I wonder if . . ." questions about the story. In The Aviary I saw children making their own camera practicing their independent learning skills; cutting, sticking and using great vocabulary to describe what they were taking pictures of with their cameras. I was also lucky enough to observe a lesson in Key Stage Two where using the story book they were writing persuasive texts using rhetorical questions.

The children (and staff!) have really enjoyed decorating their classroom doors this week themed around a story. We look forward to announcing and sharing a picture of our winners in the newsletter next week. Mrs Duffy our Vice Chair of Governors, is coming in today to judge. There has been a definite hint of competitiveness in the air this week, judging will be a tough job!!

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe assembly

On Monday, we will be having 'Speak Out Stay Safe' assemblies in Key stages. We will send further information regarding this on Monday.

KS1 Visit to Seccombe Court Care Home

On 8th February, a small group of KS1 children were invited to Seccombe Court in Adderbury as part of the Care UK 'Bedtime Stories' project. The residents at the care home put on a performance of 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt!', whereby the children and adults retold the story using actions – there was even a pianist to assist with sound effects! Some of the children were asked about their experience of the trip:

Lexie: it was great and amazing. I liked the pianist, she was great and the storyteller was funny!

Eli: it was brilliant. My favourite story is 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt!'

Riley D: it was good; there were drinks and snacks too!

Seccombe Court hope to open their doors to Christopher Rawlins again to allow for more of our children to experience similar activities.

World Book Week update

Year 5/ 6 this week have been exploring the etymology of the word flotsam, created our own short stories about finding an object on the beach and have created a selection of underwater sea art. We have enjoyed seeing everyone's World Book Day fancy dress; Ted's mandrake costume was particularly creative! Both classes had a great time designing and creating the book themed doors. They all look amazing.



PTFA update

The children had a wonderful time at last week's disco and some amazing 'moves' were spotted on the dance floor. The PTFA would like to thank parents for their support in making this such a successful event.

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High Flyers



This week we have had amazing fun celebrating 'world book day', playing with our friends and having a super time.

Quote from a parent this week: 'My son has attended High Flyers for 5 years now, he loves it! The staff are so friendly and welcoming. The holiday clubs are always fun with theme days that are topical. I have nothing but praise for the High Flyers team'

High Flyer of the week: Harley, for always smiling, and being super kind to others.

Breakfast Club: We currently only have places available on Wednesday and Thursdays.

We are running our fantastic holiday club during the Easter holidays **Monday 3 April & Tuesday 4 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>

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Growth Mindset Certificates

Puffins

Fraser for his inspiration in Maths using our special words 'fewer' and 'greater'.

Florence for being inspired by the pictures in Flotsam and creating her own self-portrait.

Penguins

Emilia for taking care and using colours and detail in her self-portrait.

Flynn for his enthusiasm when talking about our core book, 'Flotsam'. He had some great ideas and recalled new vocabulary and actions.

Flamingos

Roopinder for having a growth mindset towards her learning this week and becoming more confident when speaking in class.

Reuben B for super dedication to his learning in phonics and applying this to his writing.

Peacocks

Clemmie for her wonderful writing about the boy in the 'Flotsam' book and his day at the seaside.

Ethen for his carefully drawn image of a red fish from Flotsam adding beautiful features and detail.

Woodpeckers

Freddy for working really hard, using finger spaces in his writing and having great ideas in writing.

Riley D for always being a kind, sensible boy in class, who is hard working and always read to learn.

Hummingbirds

Gabriel for showing determination and perseverance when looking at fractions.

Alfie P for expanding and being inspired by writing his own Flotsam story.

Toucans

Shae for trying really hard with his Maths work on fractions this week.

Alfie for his really thoughtful contributions to our Literacy this week on the book 'Flotsam'.

Parrots

Beau for using super mental maths skills when finding the perimeter of rectilinear shapes.

Harry T for working really hard in Maths and having a positive attitude when working with fractions.

Hérons

Evan for great participation to class discussion in History and Science.

Violet for her fantastic effort and attitude towards learning and great writing on 'Flotsam'.

Kingfishers

Alby for his writing in English. The vocabulary you use really brings the writing to life.

Ruby for her amazing sea creature art this week.

Diary dates

10th March Tudor Hall School Science Festival, Year 5 8.45am-3.00pm

14th March KS2 Science workshop, Years 3-6

15th March EYFS & KS1 Science workshop, Nursery-Year 2, 9.00-11.30am

17th March PTFA Mother's Day plant sale, all year groups 9.00-11.30am

Out of School Achievements

Lilliana for achieving her Blue award at Wade Gymnastics Club

Callum B for his Man of the Match award for his hat trick for Adderbury football club

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