



# Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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## Friday 9th February

Dear Parents,

The children have really enjoyed thinking about their emotions and well-being as part of Children's Mental Health Week. The range of activities planned, and the children's engagement has been excellent and hopefully they have all learnt something about each other and some strategies and ideas they can develop more after this week.

As we draw to the end of another very short half term I just wanted to reflect how much the children have achieved. We have continued to take part in regular sporting events as part of the Partnership, our Year 6s developed resilience and independence as part of their residential and we have continued having visits and visitors in school to bring our curriculum to life. Well done to everyone – staff, children and parents – who work so hard to make Christopher Rawlins a success. Have an enjoyable half term and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 19th February.

Lauren Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

## Year 5/6 Curriculum Update

This term Kingfishers and Herons have been exploring the water cycle investigating erosion of the UK's coastline, discovering how and why bays and headlands have been created. In English we have been exploring the deep sea; analysing 'The Kraken' Poem and writing our own as well as diving into Atlantis; in which we created our own travel guides to the lost city. In Science this term, we have been learning about electricity, circuits and their symbols and how they are affected by different voltages. The children have enjoyed the many sporting events this term and have shown great sportsmanship while doing so.

## Children's Mental Health Week

This week we have been participating in Children's Mental Health Week. At the start of the week The School Council introduced us to the theme, 'My Voice Matters', with an assembly. In class throughout the week we have been taking part in a variety of activities including making posters, talking about what matters to us, participating in mindful activities such as yoga and listening to stories about people who made a difference with their voice. Today we dressed up with the theme 'Express Yourself' and it was fabulous to see the whole school community expressing ourselves. Please see the link below for further resources.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

## Sporting Events

We have had a lovely busy week of sport this week. A group of year 3&4 children went to Cardus School on Tuesday afternoon for a cross country event and some children from year 5/6 went on Wednesday afternoon. The children loved having the chance to visit a different school. The teachers said that they all tried their best and really supported each other. On Thursday, some year 5/6 children went to the Warriner School to take part in an indoor athletics event where they got to choose to try a range of races and field events. Also, this week Mr Pemble started an activity group on a Monday after school. The children who took part said that they really enjoyed it and are looking forward to carrying on next week.

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## KS1 DT DAY

This week, Key Stage 1 immersed themselves in their Design & Technology topic, ‘Wheels and Axels’. On Tuesday, the children spent the whole day planning, making, and evaluating their own toy cars. They had to carefully select the materials that they needed, use the equipment safely, and discuss what went well and what they would improve on next time. Overall, the children impressed themselves with how well they managed to build their wheels and axels (although there were a few stray wheels by the end of the day!)

“It was the best day ever! I found it tricky at first, but I powered on. I really impressed myself!” – Mollie H (Flamingos)

“It was fun. I tried my best. My wheels kept falling off but it was okay!” – Mabel B (Woodpeckers)



## Year 3&4 Bible Service

This week the children in Year 3 were presented with Bibles from St. Mary's Church Education Trust. The children in Year 4 led the service beautifully with a whistle stop tour of the Bible and its history. They also retold the story of Mary Jones who, at 15 years old, travelled 26 miles to buy a bible. Her plight over 200 years ago inspired the beginning of The Bible Society. Well done to our actors who brought the story to life for us. Special thanks to Michael Stevens and Richard Davis from St. Mary's Church Education Trust for coming along to present the Bibles to our Year 3 children and to Revered Liz for supporting us.

## Vaping and smoking on site

Please can I remind all parents that smoking and vaping are not allowed on the school site, or near the gates into school. It is essential that we have respect for maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all students, staff, and visitors to the school.

## High Flyers Job Advert

Join Our Team at High Flyers! At High Flyers, we pride ourselves on creating a caring and warm environment for our children. We are excited to announce an opportunity for a new member to join our team. This role covers flexible hours Monday to Friday, including some breakfast sessions and two to three after-school sessions until 6pm. We are looking for someone who is fun, experienced with working with children, and genuinely caring. If you're interested or need more information, please don't hesitate to contact [highflyersclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:highflyersclub@hotmail.co.uk)

## Diary dates

12th Feb - 16th February	Half Term
Saturday 24th February	EYFS open morning for prospective nursery parents 9.30-11.00am
4th March to 8th March	World Book Week
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day (dress up day)
Thursday 14th March	Local Governing Body meeting 7pm
Tuesday 19th March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 20th March	Parent Consultations

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## Learning Certificates

### Owls

Roman for his increased confidence to join in with activities and playing with new friends.

### Penguins

Brooke B for her amazing progress and development since joining Reception.

Florence B for her enthusiasm and interest in learning about Chinese New Year this week.

### Flamingos

Atticus for working on his self confidence this term and for trying hard with his learning.

Jade for working extremely hard in Phonics and applying her learning to her writing tasks. Keep it up!

### Peacocks

Harvey for a super design and model car in DT

Rafferty for brilliant research and attention to detail with your castle model.

### Woodpeckers

Aris for being creative and using his imagination to make a super car.

Sophie for having the courage to use her voice and for working hard in phonics.

### Hummingbirds

Samuel for writing excellent sentences in English and for checking that they make sense.

Gabriel for always being ready to learn and for being super focused this week, well done!

### Toucans

Olivia for her creativity in our work on the poem "The Wind" and using some excellent personification in her writing.

Ashton for his engagement this week in our tricky Maths focus of remainders, he has persevered when finding this challenging

### Parrots

Willow T for her courage and determination to take part in the cross country event at Cardus this week.

Ethan E for some amazing writing inspired by music. Lovely language and a great improvement.

### Hérons

Jess C for her really thoughtful writing about her passion for mental health week.

Oscar T for being super helpful in the classroom and putting equipment away after science sessions.

### Kingfishers

Arthur for your descriptive brochure about Atlantis

Maisie for your kindness and friendship to others

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