



Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

"Love one another. As I have loved you" John 13:34-35

Newsletter Spring Term

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27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children showed real thought and consideration when we reviewed our lunchtimes this week during assembly. They talked positively about enjoying the additional responsibilities supporting the adults to organise games at lunchtime, making choices about how they are going to spend their lunchtimes and helping clear down the Hall at the end of lunchtimes. We will continue to review and work with our School Council over this term, reviewing and developing our lunchtimes.

Our School Improvement Advisor, Frances Bartlett, visited this week and we did a Learning Walk around the school focusing on learning behaviours and the learning environment. The children at Christopher Rawlins show real engagement with their learning in class; it was great to see our oldest children working independently and co-operatively to lead their own learning and our youngest children to show real enthusiasm for their learning in phonics. I particularly enjoyed learning all about "robot arms"!!

Have a restful weekend.

Mrs Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

Strikes 1st February

As you will have seen from my letter earlier this week, **Woodpeckers, Parrots and Herons** will be closed on Wednesday 1st February due to teacher strike action. Please do not send your children to school on this day if they are in these classes.

Attendance

If your child is unwell and absent from school please can you inform school by either ringing or emailing reception@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk with a reason as to why they are absent from school. Please see information attached for guidance about when you should keep your child off school.

Clubs

All parents will have received a letter this week about the After School Clubs being offered by school staff. We really appreciate staff offering to run these Clubs after school, and fitting them in around their other school commitments such as staff meetings, team meetings and meetings they attend to support their own professional development.

LKS2 news

Years 3 & 4 have been looking at the book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and have been developing our writing skills and vocabulary. We have also included some drama in our work acting out scenes in the book. We have designed our own delicious chocolates after our tasting last week.

High Flyers

This week we were celebrating the beginning of the Chinese New Year; the children really enjoy getting crafty and have made some beautiful decorative lanterns. High Flyers provides a creative environment for children, to be free to create their own masterpieces too. Wednesday we celebrated Burns Night, by painting Celtic artwork and playing outside in the cold Scottish like weather.

Funny quote from this week 'I LOVE Becca's pasta'; our 'High Flyers of the week' this week is Darcie P.

We are running a holiday club on **Monday the 13th of February**, time: 9.00-4.00PM. during the February half term. This will be an exciting day full of play and activities.

Easter Club will be 3 & 4 April, and we have dates at the start of the summer holidays. You can book through our website : <https://www.highflyers.org.uk>



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Diary dates

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| 2nd February | UKS2 Sports Hall Athletics at The Warriner | 3:30—5:15 |
| 7th February | KS1 SATs information meeting for parents | 3:15 - 3:45 |
| 8th February | KS2 SATs information meeting for parents | 3:15 - 3:45 |
| 9th February | UKS2 Sports Hall Athletics at The Warriner | 9:30—11:00 |

Mr Green's Charity Fun Run

My brother and I are currently training for a half marathon on the 21st May 2023. We have decided to run in memory of our Grandad who we lost just before Christmas and have created a Just Giving page for any donations to Mind - a charity that means a lot to Jamie and I as they supported Grandad during his later years with his mental health. We would like to say thank you and show our appreciation in advance for any donation that you can make.

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/greenshalf?](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/greenshalf?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=greenshalf&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=c4a2e85b11d7489387eac31e4d23d70d)

[utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=greenshalf&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=c4a2e85b11d7489387eac31e4d23d70d](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/greenshalf?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=greenshalf&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=c4a2e85b11d7489387eac31e4d23d70d)

Growth Mindset Certificates

Puffins

Grace for showing her interest in our Igloo topic and remembering key facts.

Eliza for being extra kind to her friends this week and making them smile when they have been feeling sad.

Penguins

Rufus for settling in to Nursery so well this week.

Chester for his perseverance when creating his Chinese New Year animal book, cutting and sticking the pictures and writing the animal names. He was very proud.

Flamingos

Reuben B for being a fire dragon this week in Maths and giving his absolute best when grouping and sharing.

Dolly for being courageous and developing her confidence when writing. Keep it up!

Peacocks

Noah H for fantastic focus in Maths, working hard on his times tables to solve multiplication problems.

Bob for great narrative story writing on the story of Zahra.

Woodpeckers

Mabel for showing amazing perseverance with her writing this week. You have written some amazing sentences for the ending of your story and you did some at home too. Well done.

Oliver for being really quick to make links in our multiplication lessons this week. What an amazing Mathematician you are! Well done.

Hummingbirds

Maisie H for showing determination to keep trying to understand and get better at division.

George L for showing a positive attitude in all his learning.

Toucans

Kenzie for trying hard with his Maths on division this week.

Victoria for being inspired with her literacy vocabulary when writing sentences relating to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Parrots

Nate B for fantastic ideas in Science work when learning about food chains. Definitely a red dragon!

Eve D for using super language in her writing when describing scenes from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Hérons

Ryan for having a strong work ethic and sense of responsibility and always being polite and helpful towards adults.

Sophie for showing great ambition and enthusiasm in Maths.

Kingfishers

Stiarn for your kindness and friendship to others, thank you.

Seth for your determination and hard work so far this term! Well done.

Our value focus is CHARITY: "Don't forget to do good, and share with those in need." Hebrews 13:16