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This week we have been thinking about the impact of climate change on people and countries around the world, with data showing that last year was the hottest on record. We talked about how this is impacting the world, with events such as heatwaves, storms, floods and wildfires. We thought about who was responsible for making key decisions about the world and talked a little bit about COP29, where leaders from countries round the world come together to talk about how to protect our planet (a bit like a School Council meeting for countries!) Greta Thunberg's words got us thinking—she **did** make a difference, at the age of 16, by demonstrating to raise awareness of climate change. We could have spent hours talking about all of this—so do continue the conversations at home!



Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children: who have impressed us this week with their attitudes towards their learning:

Reception: **Alfred** - for his creative approach to his learning this week, busily making maps, notes, books and cards.

Years 1&2: **Amelie** - for her friendly and thoughtful approach to our Wild Garden activities. You are a super star!

Years 3&4: **Penelope** - for her fantastic, descriptive writing about Spring's Daughter.

Years 5&6: **Serena** - for always being such a positive and smiley ray of sunshine.

CNPS U11 Hockey Tournament

The U11 hockey teams, made up of children from Years 5 and Year 6, had an outstanding day at their festival on Wednesday, with both the girls' and boys' teams finishing as champions. The girls' team were nothing short of exceptional, winning every match with ease. They were a force to be reckoned with, and in one standout performance, they triumphed 5-0. Not only did they remain unbeaten, but they also kept a clean sheet, showcasing outstanding defence and seamless teamwork throughout the afternoon. The boys' team demonstrated remarkable resilience, particularly in their final match when they fought back from 2-0 down to secure a 2-2 draw. With two wins and one draw under their belt, they too finished strongly showing great determination and character. Both teams played with great determination and skill, earning the title of champions among the small schools. Congratulations to everyone for their brilliant performances and sportsmanship! Huge thanks to Carol Hicks who works so hard with the children and who has given them some extra expert training this week. Thanks too to Bloxham School, who lent us the formidable goalie kit!

Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners' Champion is **Eliza** in Year 3. Eliza is really good at helping out in the classroom and around school, quick to offer support to both children and adults. She (and Allegra too!) was a super support to me when I covered Fitness Club on Wednesday. Miss Connor told us: Eliza is a hardworking and happy girl who loves being around her friends. She listens carefully in lessons and has become more confident to share ideas. She makes the classroom a brighter place with her laughter and cheeky smile! The children wanted Eliza to know: *"When I have a playdate with Mimi, you always say...Yay! You're coming to our house!"....."When I see you in the playground surrounded by lots of children playing games, I always really want to join in".....Mrs Miles asked "Why don't you ask to join in"... "Because I'm always so busy!"....."Whenever I see Eliza she has a big smile on her face"... "At Bloxham Club Eliza always talks about the 'most randomest stuff'(!)"..... "Eliza is always really kind in the classroom and in the playground"..... "Eliza always has a big smile, which makes me feel happy"..... "She's very funny and I am really lucky to have her as a sister"... "Eliza always lets me join in when I can't find anyone to play with"..... "When I was dropped at school one day last year, I remember she said 'Hello' really nicely to me and made me feel like she was happy to see me".* Eliza, with your cheerful enthusiasm you make children throughout the school feel supported and included and you should feel very proud of what people have said about you. Well done!

Nits/Headlice—Please Check!

Once more we have several cases of headlice in school. Please check your children's heads and treat them if necessary. Follow up is required 14 days later.

To help prevent the ongoing issue with nits, children's hair should be checked very carefully **at least** once a week.

Dates Coming Up

Tues 4th Feb	Chipping Norton Music Festival workshop—Y56
10th-14th Feb	Family Focus Week at CNS—for Years 4-6
Fri 14th Feb	Y34 swimming starts
Fri 28th Feb	West Oxfordshire Cross-Country Final
Tues 4th March	Y4 Pottery Workshop at CNS— (<i>Cotswold Arts Through Schools</i>)
Mon 10th March	Reception& Yr6 Vision Screening, Heights & Weights
Thurs 20th March	Y56 Singing Workshop at Chipping Norton Music Festival



High Flyers Breakfast and After School Club

This week has been absolutely packed with fun and excitement!

We've been celebrating Chinese New Year with lots of themed activities and have had a fantastic time getting creative.

In arts and crafts, we made some amazing snakes using a variety of materials. The children also designed and decorated beautiful glass lanterns and practiced drawing Chinese characters which they really enjoyed.

The highlight of the week was trying some delicious Chinese food! The children got to taste prawn crackers, noodles, and even had a go at eating with chopsticks. We finished off with fortune cookies, which were a big hit!

We also made the most of the outdoors, playing ball games, getting fresh air and burning off energy whilst having lots of fun adventures.

High Flyer of the Week

This week's High Flyer Certificate goes to **Liv** for always being so kind and helpful to others and for being really brave at the moment. Well done, Liv!

We're looking forward to another fantastic week ahead with more exciting activities!

Holiday Club

Why not try our February Holiday Club at **Christopher Rawlins School Adderbury** on Monday 17th and 18th of February. It will be a fun filled and exciting two day event with the amazing themes of Walt Disney's Moana and Science. There will be lots of activities planned to keep the children entertained, engaged and learning through play. There will be everything from adventurous Moana inspired fun to exciting hands-on science experiments - it's sure to be a hit! Spaces are limited so make sure to book early to avoid disappointment.

We can't wait to see your children there for a couple days filled with fun, laughter and learning!

You can book through our website, <https://www.highflyers.org.uk> or on our booking platform <https://highflyersoxfordlimited.ipalbookings.com/>

VOUCHERS - for those working over 16 hours, you can take advantage of the 'Government's Choices Scheme', to save 20% on childcare. Also, when booking through our system you can pay by bank payment, so there is no booking fee. We also offer 10% off for siblings attending the club!

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes, The High Flyers Team