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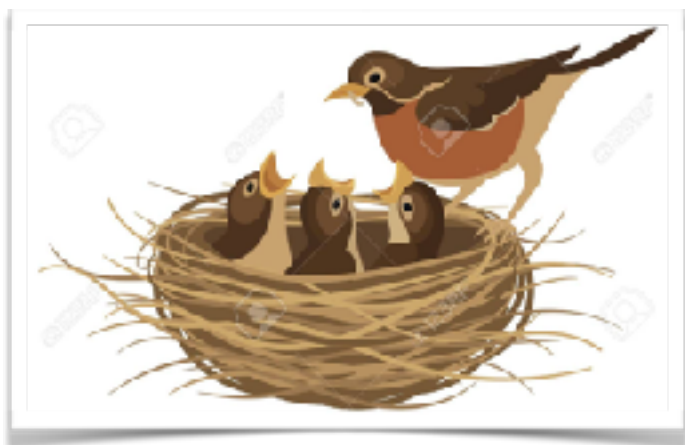
All the latest news from China House at Gordons School

Hello Girls!

Goodness, what a terrible week it has been. Who knew that swapping my daily care of 87 girls for baby birds could be quite so stressful? If you are somewhat confused, let me explain. I (we) have been watching a



blackbird, a robin, a blue tit and a nuthatch carefully build their nests in our garden. This was a surprise in itself due to the noise and disruption that the Sports Hub construction is causing. The first obstacle we had to overcome was the robins' insistence on building their nest in the front of our car. By the 3rd time we had removed it (after checking we were legally allowed to), and moved the car to the north car park, they realised that it was time to find a new home, eventually settling on the ivy about 1 metre away from the blackbirds' nest (very brave of them)!



their young after deciding they didn't fancy risking their chicks taking a trip

Suddenly, after a quiet period, this week has been a hive of activity. A very fluffy blackbird chick has been hopping around the garden being fed worms by mum and dad, although he hasn't been spotted for 48 hours now so we are a little concerned. The robins seem to be happily feeding



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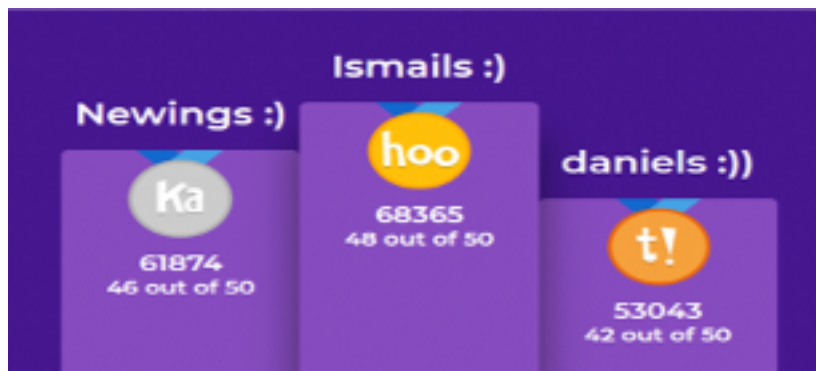
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Watch Mr.Pavis give this weeks assembly from all your favourite places!

to the shops in the front of our car (can you imagine the g-force on their funny little faces?). But goodness me, the problems we have had with the blue tits and nuthatches have been causing us all sorts of anxiety. The nuthatch seems intent on destroying the blue tit's nest, and probably all little chicks too. We watch anxiously from the garden as it swoops down and enters the little hole carefully crafted into the side of our house by the blue tit family. We shout, jump up and down and make as much noise as possible to try and scare it away but to no avail. It is the most distressing thing to imagine what might be going on inside the nest and as there has been no sign of the parents, it looks as though the worst has happened. Give me 87 teenage girls any day!



Quiz of the Week

Don't forget to login to Kahoot.IT every Tuesday between 4pm and 9pm for the Big Family Quiz. See Teams for the login details.

VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING

Last week I hosted the first of what I hope will be a regular event, a virtual coffee morning! (Although the idea of a virtual after work drinks event was also quite popular!). It was an excellent opportunity for parents to get together and chat about the challenges faced by our girls and as promised feed back has been passed back to the school. I hope that you will be able to join us for the next event which will be after half term.

How Did You Celebrate VE Day?

With the country unable to celebrate in its usual pomp and ceremony style, a quieter more refined picture began to take place with street parties and of course the usual Friday night Mr Heathcote gig. I hear from the girls that many of you were listening and enjoying the evening. Listen out this Friday for Mr Knight's Swing Night, starting at 7pm. This will also be streamed via



ZOOM so if you would like the details please let me know.



Who Lives Here?

Have you spotted this patriotic house on your travels around West End? A great job, thank you to the Everett family for sending in your photo.

Don't forget to send me any photos of the girls during lockdown. It could be that they are just doing school work, or maybe something more fun. Anything that we could use in our China memory book would be fantastic.

Struggling from Time to Time?

Take a look at the website below for some handy tips on coping with some of the daily struggles of the current chapter we are in. Short animated films by celebs such as Holly Willoughby, Rob Rydon, Olivia Coleman and Danny Dyer.

<https://familiesunderpressure.maudsleycharity.org>



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Zoom Meetings

Please encourage the girls to join in with their year group ZOOM meetings. It's an important social occasion and the interaction between them is great to see. It's been quiz week this week and we have all learnt some new facts along the way! Did you know that "skateboarding" is now an Olympic sport?

The times are as follows and are sent out via TEAMS.

Year 7: Monday and Thursday at 10.30am

Year 8: Monday and Thursday at 3.30pm

Year 9: Tuesday and Friday at 10.30am

Year 10: Tuesday and Friday at 3.30pm

Year 11: Wednesday at 10.30am

Year 12: Wednesday at 3.30pm

Year 13: Friday at 11.30am



Wishing Martha a very Happy Birthday this week!

And finally, can you recognise this popular member of China House?

