



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 1st May 2015

Dear Parents

On Monday Years 1 and 2 all set off on a coach bound for Morden to enjoy a trip to Britain's largest mosque, The Baitul Futuh. During their time at St Christopher's the children are exposed to a wide range of cultures and beliefs and they are encouraged to be thoughtful about them all. It is always interesting to look at religions, hear about the historical or geographical facts surrounding the origin of each religion and consider why customs and ceremonies were devised. I was fortunate enough to accompany our children and was once again impressed by their intelligent questions and their existing knowledge for they had been well prepared. Our guide Waalid complimented the children on their behaviour as well as their outstanding knowledge and the children found the tour and historical explanations very interesting. After lunch we were invited to the viewing gallery of the mosque to watch 2pm prayers and this ended a fascinating tour. Do look at the website for some photos taken on the day.

Our Athletic stars have been hard at work during the Easter break. Many congratulations to Sophia D for earning her Bronze Certificate and to Issy S for earning her Silver Certificate. Special congratulations go to Sachin W for being the first child at St Christopher's to have been awarded a Gold Certificate.

Delightful Door Mice have been much in evidence this week. Congratulations to Daisy M, Freya B, Ned S, Zach C, Rafferty O, Elliot M, Rocco S, Benji S, Austin S, Rowan W and Joaquin G.

The Lunchtime Superstar this week is Lily T for making such a splendid effort with her school lunches and for being a super eater. Well done Lily.

Taking the housepoint lead in the first week of term are the children in **Ahlberg House** with an excellent starting total of **150** housepoints.

Do remember that the Parent Forum will be held straight after drop off on Tuesday 5th May. We look forward to seeing you there.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Daisy G, Abby S, Kieren A, Freya P, Freya B,
Matthew S, Jago G, Mathilda K, Finn H,
Ava S, and Joseph C.

Philosophers of the week

Finn H, Freya R and Mathilda K

Thought for the Week

Is it more important to be happy or clever?

Work of the Week – Mercury Class

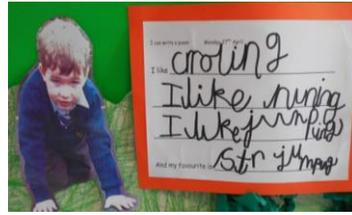
This week we have been focussing on writing exciting stories in Year 2. Dean A in Mercury Class wrote this splendid short story and shows great promise as a future author although he is insistent that he will become a scientist or inventor!

Bravo Dean for this excellent independent work.

April 23rd . A it that Moment
 It was just a normal day I
 was doing maths when the bell
 rang.
 Every one had gone except for me.
 When suddenly there was a crackling
 noise, I looked around and there
 before me was a swirling blue, pink,
 and black and misty vortex pulling
 me towards it. Like the wind was
 pushing I wondered could I escape? But
 no matter how hard I tried it was
 just too strong. The mist grew and grew
 until the only thing I could see
 was the vortex. My head filled with
 doubts would I come back? Then
 it pulled me in. Slowly the mist cleared
 I was still in the classroom but
 I heard nothing but deadly
 silence. I looked out the window
 there was no one out. I thought "might
 be bedtime but I looked at the
 clock and it wasn't. I felt
 scared and lonely what would
 happen next?"

Foundation Stage News

The Reception children have been moving!! As well as talking about how they move they have written some poems using similes including 'I can climb like a bear.' 'I can jump like a kangaroo.' And 'I can swing like a monkey.'



During the PSE (Personal, Social and Emotional)

lessons the children made Venn diagrams comparing themselves with a friend, they noticed some things about themselves are the same as their friend and other things are different. They talked about their appearance, as well as

their character and their likes and dislikes. The children then wrote all by themselves and used their growing phonic knowledge brilliantly.

The Maths activity this week has been all about doubling numbers. The Queen Ladybird wrote to the children asking for help counting all the ladybirds' spots. The problem was that the naughty ladybird had hidden 1 side of each ladybird so the spots could not be counted. The children worked hard counting all the spots they could see and then doubling the number to find the correct number of spots for each ladybird. What fun.

Oh no! We have a problem in the role-play castle in Nursery we have got imaginary mice!! So we can't leave any of the food or plates on the floor and we must wash up and keep the castle clean! We are having such fun that we have to remember that everyone wants a turn in the castle. So we have been making shields and the children are learning that they can only have a turn if there is a shield for them to use in the castle.



Outside the rain is helping everything to grow in the garden and the nursery children are busy planting seeds, vegetables and flowers ready for summer.

In the art room the children have been building a castle out of boxes and making the walls for the castle sticking oats onto paper. The children are developing their artistic skills, the older children are learning to copy the words 'princesses and knights' on their paintings.

We have enjoyed some fun in the rain this week wearing our waterproof trousers and coats. When we come in we **try** to put the children's waterproofs back in their bags so they do not get lost. Of

course these clothes may be a bit damp but we feel this is a safer solution to avoid losing clothes. Please check your child's bag each day. Most importantly please name all of your child's rain gear and the bags they come in.

Note to all parents of Reception and Upper Nursery children. Please remember to return your permission slip for our trip to Ladyland Farm on Tuesday.

The Foundation Team

DIARY DATES

Monday 4th May: SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 5th May at 8.45am: PARENT FORUM

All welcome in the Hall to discuss previously submitted issues, chaired by Governor Mr Nigel Field.

Refreshments available from 8.30am.



Friday 8th May: Puppet Theatre in School

NO CLUBS OR OWLS ON THURSDAY 18TH JUNE – This is due to a large ISA regional arts festival being held in all areas of the school. As members of the ISA our requirement to hold this event is approximately once every 10 years.

SPORTS DAY ON 3rd JULY – AMENDMENT

Sports for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will start at **5pm** and the children should return to school at **4.45pm**.

PTA SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 4th July from 1 – 3pm



Years 1 & 2 Mathletics Questionnaire

Please return your completed questionnaires by Friday 8th May



Woodcote Green Nurseries Green Fingers Kids Scheme – We are collecting garden vouchers from Woodcote Green Nurseries and will spend these on the Nursery garden – please hand any spare vouchers in to the school office.

Many thanks.