



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 12th February 2016

Dear Parents

*On Friday we entered into assembly to find Jupiter Class beautifully positioned, all quietly reading one of their favourite traditional tales. We were then treated to an assembly all about their topic and as well as telling us about their favourite book they performed two versions of *The Gingerbread Man*, one classic and one contemporary version; *The Gingerbread Cowboy*. There were wonderful acting talents on display including some Oscar winning accents. Well done Jupiter for delivering such a splendid assembly and thank you to Mrs Kay for this terrific performance.*

On Tuesday we held our annual, traditional Great Pancake Relay Race. The children's bright House t-shirts lit up the dull day and every single one of the 168 children ran and flipped their pancake with style and courage showing a wonderful 'can do' attitude during this enjoyable event.

On Tuesday afternoon Year 2 set off for a Sports Challenge afternoon to Ewell Castle where they experienced circuit training and team games in mixed school teams in the sports hall. Awards were given out at the end of the event for Outstanding Determination and for being a Team Player and a match tea was enjoyed by all. Thank you very much to our hosts for such a super afternoon.

On Friday Year 1 set off to the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon to consolidate their topic with a theatre trip to see 'Not Now Bernard'. We look forward to hearing about their experience after half term.

A wonderful crop of mathematicians have visited me for their Times Tables Test this week. Earning their Bronze Stars with some impressive performances this week are: Milo H, Caiden C, Rowan W, Louisa R and Claudia M.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Kaila K for enjoying her lunch every single day. Congratulations Kaila!

*Well done to all the children in **Dahl** House for excelling this week. House won the housepoint challenge this week with a superb total of **826** Housepoints.*

Do enjoy a happy and hopefully healthy half term and we look forward to hearing about your adventures upon your return.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Harriet G, Issy S, Andy D, Lottie R, Imogen W, Eliza B, George T, Sophie M, Milo H, Vihaan S, Jago G and Zahra K.

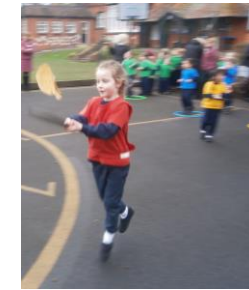
Philosopher of the Week

Louisa R

Thought for the Week

Why are people different?

Event of the Week The Great Pancake Relay Race



Dahl House won the Main School relay race and in Nursery and Pre-Reception **Morpurgo House** came 1st

DIARY DATES

HALF TERM 15TH - 19TH FEBRUARY

Monday 22nd February: Class Poetry Competitions (all year groups)
Please see recent letter for details

Monday 22nd February: African Drumming Workshops

Wednesday 24th February (afternoon): Year 1 visit to St Martin's Church

PLEASE NOTE: Due to Parent Teacher Appointments for Nursery, Pre-Reception and Reception on 24th and 25th February the following clubs will not take place:
24th - Messy Play and Indoor Games
25th - Cooking

Friday 26th February at 9am: SATURN Class Assembly

Parents are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be available in the porch from 8.30am.

Tuesday 1st March: DONALDSON DAY
For World Book Day

Please can your child come to school dressed as a character from a book by Julia Donaldson

SAVE THE DATE



SHOWCASE MORNING ON SATURDAY 5TH MARCH 10.30am - 12.30pm

For those new to this exciting annual event may we please highlight that it involves all our current parents who will be invited by their child to attend on this morning to celebrate their child's work.

Foundation Stage News

Happy New Year to everyone! We have all had a wonderful time learning about Chinese New Year. The children in Reception were very lucky to have their classmate Yin Lily explaining how her family celebrates the Chinese New Year. The children also loved trying to use chopsticks to eat a selection of food including rice, noodles, spring rolls and prawn crackers.



The seaside theme continues. The children love the book 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch' by Ronda and David Armitage. They have written postcards to Mr Grinling with some thoughtful suggestions of how he can stop the seagulls eating his lunch. Jack suggested he could try a mouse trap and Milo suggested tazers.

In Maths the children have talked about 3D shapes especially the shapes used in a lighthouse. They have also been looking at 1p and 2p coins. The science experiments

have been a little wet at times as the children experimented with different objects and materials that they could find discovering which float and which sink.

The Nursery children chopped vegetables for Chow Mein and rolled their own and pancake rolls. They are learning to use chopsticks to eat too.

We looked at pictures of the Great Wall of China and thought we could build great walls too! So we donned our hard hats and used all sorts of bricks and blocks to construct walls inside and out. We noticed in the pictures that lots of people walk on the wall so we have had fun playing with Small World people on the wall.

Outside on the "road" (Nursery play road) we danced and marched to Chinese music in our Chinese Dragon Parade.

Pancake Day was such fun and as our sound of the week was 'p' we made lots of playdough pancakes with pigs, pineapples, pins and pears. I don't know what they would taste like; I think I would have preferred to go to the Chinese Takeaway!

The Foundation Team



Mathletics: Congratulations go to Alexander M for gaining his Silver Award and Dara O, Stanley G and Kieran A for achieving their Gold Awards.