



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 14th February 2014

Dear Parents

On Friday we all enjoyed a rhyme time treat as we watched the clever assembly by Mars children. We were amazed at how many Nursery Rhymes were incorporated into this assembly. The costumes were super and the acting was splendid as we were treated to a 'Whodunnit' mystery. Sergeant Milo interviewed suspects to try and discover who pushed Humpty Dumpty off the wall but discovered that it was Humpty himself who had carelessly toppled! A most enjoyable performance by our clever children in Mars Class. Thank you very much to Mrs Self for the super script and to Mrs Clark for her help with this splendid performance.

This week is French Week and the phrase 'Bon Appetite' was extremely appropriate as we all enjoyed Boeuf Bourguignon and Crème Caramel made by Mrs Stubbs and her talented team. Our own wonderful Mrs Brown from the kitchen taught Year 1 to make some delicious French Palmiers heart shaped pastries and Mrs Bullock from Nursery came in to cook with Nursery children on Friday. Thank you both.

Many congratulations to Jamie H, last week's Lunchtime Superstar who was nominated for delighting Mrs Rendall at lunchtime. This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Lauren M, also from Nursery, for always eating up her lunch and returning for seconds with a beaming smile.

Next week will hopefully allow this wet weather to disperse and clear and the children can enjoy a restful half term. The week we return is Poetry Week and we will be holding our annual Recital Competition including children from Nursery. Last year children delighted us with their clever performances which included the odd prop for effect! Do encourage your child to be part of this exciting week and take the opportunity to perform their poem or rhyme to friends and family during half term.

Well done to all the children in **Rowling** House for working so hard this week. A splendid total of **728** was enough to secure the lead in the final week of half term.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

William S, Will H, Narayan M, Joseph C, Adam A, Lexi M, Issy S, Abigail M, Aden L, Mathilda K, Max O, Lara K

Philosopher of the Week

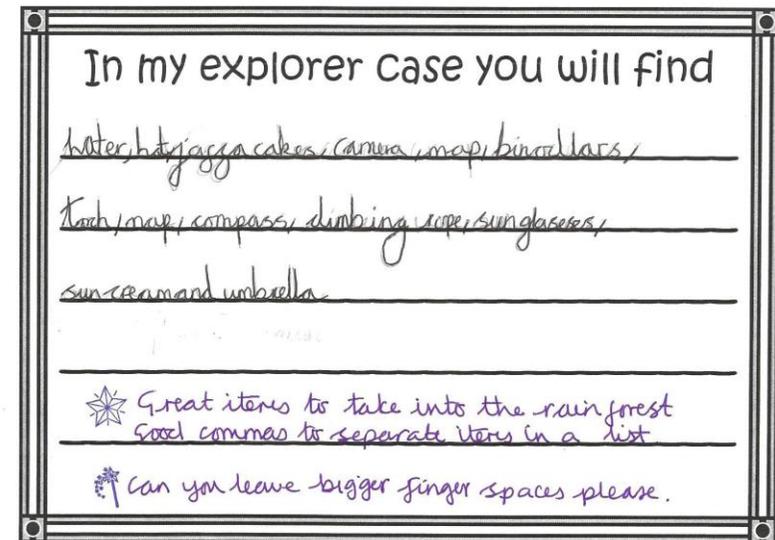
Raadhika W

Thought for the Week

Is needing the same as wanting?

Work of the Week

The work of the week this week is by Joaquin G. Joaquin has enjoyed learning about the rain forest and his challenge this week in Literacy was to use commas in his independent writing when listing items that would be useful on a rain forest trip! Super commas Joaquin. Well done!



Foundation Stage News

We received some lovely comments about the Nursery Reading and Writing Workshop last week. One parent commented that she still learns something new from attending workshops even with her third child in Nursery. The comments expressed in the home/school books were very supportive and encouraging, such as 'An enjoyable and informative evening' and 'It was really useful'.

In Nursery this week we have been learning rhymes about spiders, Incey, Wincey and Miss Muffet. This has led to some fascinating spider investigations, we are learning how to find out about spiders by watching video clips and looking at non-fiction books. We noticed that some books have a "contents" page we can use. Does your child remember what a 'Spiderling' is?

Our investigations continued as the children studied real spiders and drew them carefully. In Maths we made spiders, making sure we counted 8 legs onto the body. Some children remembered to put 4 legs on either side of the body too. Well done children!

We took another look at the picture 'Work' by Ford Madox Brown and noticed there are lots of people wearing hats so in the art room the children made their own hats choosing and using a variety of materials, techniques and wonderful imaginative ideas.



Our French cooking has been bread making. The children loved making fruit bread to celebrate the birthdays this week.

This may look a *little* messy but all the children loved the finished bread.

After half term we plan to spend more time in the garden using the rhyme Mary Mary.

The Reception children have been lucky with the weather as they have been able to try jumping in puddles 'up to their middles' like

Doctor Foster. They have been learning how the rain comes from clouds and watched an experiment showing the water cycle.

The main rhyme focus for Reception this week has been Miss Polly which has led to some lovely role play. The writing activity has been in role as doctors writing to tell the teachers when the children are ill. In Maths the children have been sequencing daily routines and the days of the week.

The Reception children also studied the picture 'Work' and noticed some people carrying bricks. They remembered Humpty Dumpty's wall which led to the art focus of making their own bricks out of clay.

The children loved making 'Le Choco Fondant' but eating it was even better.

The Foundation Team



24th – 28th February: Welsh Food Week

DIARY DATES

17th – 21st February – HALF TERM

24th – 27th February: Class Poetry Competitions

25th February: NO TINY TENNIS
Catch up session on Tuesday 1st April

26th February: NO RECORDER CLUB

28th February: Poetry Competition Final

28th February at 1.30pm: Year 2 Football Friendly v Downsends
at St Christopher's. Parents are welcome to come & watch.

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Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please start collecting these valuable vouchers and put them in the token box under the back Porch, thank you.



Notification of Absence

Please notify the school office by phone if your child will be absent through illness etc, rather than leaving a message with a member of the teaching staff in the morning. They are very busy with the morning routine and may be unable to pass on the message to the relevant person. Thank you.