



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 15th June 2018

Dear Parents

On Monday morning the School was filled with parents ready to 'Share our Learning', our termly initiative. The children were so pleased to show off a term of hard work and progress and judging by the smiles in every classroom, parents were delighted to celebrate their success.

On Tuesday it was time for our termly Governor Visit. Governor Kirsty P spent a day in school timetabled into every classroom and looked at our Safeguarding procedures which is her special remit. She enjoyed her day and again commented on the wonderful enthusiasm and behaviour of our children.

On Wednesday Year 1 set off for Brighton and enjoyed 'being beside the seaside' during their school trip investigating all things related to the sea. The children saw a variety of creatures at the Sea Life Centre including sharks and stingrays and they had a hands on experience touching sea anemones and starfish. They then enjoyed travelling on Volks Electric Railway along the seafront to Black Rock station.

On Thursday it was a day all about the beautiful rhinoceros. Prompted by Jack B in Year 2, our Save the Rhino Day was a great success. Jack delivered a well-researched assembly about this endangered species and was thanked by the School with a soft rhino toy and certificate confirming that St Christopher's has sponsored a rhino with the World Wide Fund for Nature. Jack enthusiastically collected money during the day and our wonderful catering team supplied delicious rhino shaped biscuits as part of the celebration. Jack was particularly grateful to former Chair of Governors Caroline S who donated one of her photo canvases of two magnificent white rhinos that she photographed last year. This was raffled to raise further funds. Thank you everyone for supporting this worthwhile day and making a small boy so very happy. Above all well done Jack!

We also welcomed Ms M, Rayyan's mummy into school on Thursday to talk to us about Eid. Her fascinating talk about Eid and Ramadan include beautiful artefacts. Thank you very much Ms M.

On Friday it was all about the fathers as we welcomed into school our delightful Dads for their Father's Day Challenge morning. More news next week. What a magnificent and busy week. Please see Page 4 for Merit Awards.

The Lunchtime Superstars this week are the Catering Team for their wonderful Rhino Biscuit Initiative! Thank you.

*Congratulations to **Ahlberg** House for their terrific total of **972** Housepoints.*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Event of the Week

Year 2 Residential Trip to Juniper Hall

Last Friday Year 2 were completing their annual residential stay at Juniper Hall and we couldn't be prouder of them. Both Field Study Centre staff and teachers from other visiting schools commented on the maturity and behaviour of our young students and we all enjoyed a packed calendar of events together at this memorable event. Well done Year 2 for showing initiative and resilience and some impressive team building skills.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Week eight of our summer term and we are not slowing down at all. This week we have created a snail world, made popcorn and enjoyed a show in our role-play. We have made hedgehogs using our hands and practised the sound 'h'. We have also made show posters using our fine



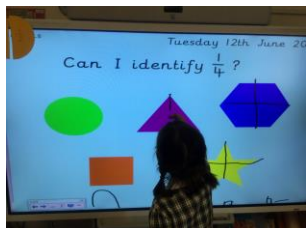
motor skills to draw the performers and put hands on a clock to show what time the performance will start. The children helped to turn an old fish tank into a home for snails this week. They wrote a list of what we would need and then went to find all the things; soil, leaves, sticks and snail soup! We have been able to use our magnifying glasses to look closely at a snail's body so we could label our own snail posters. In phonics this week we have been practising sounding out and blending cvc words, like pig, map, pin, man etc. We have also had a go at writing all the sounds and playing rhyming games.



This has been a busy week with Forest School with Jay, French and P.E and even a visit to the library! It was lovely to see lots of daddies on Friday for our challenge. They entered into the obstacle challenge, cooking, printing, designing and dancing challenges brilliantly! Thank you for coming.

Reception News This week in Mars Class we have been busy creating Father's Day cards that we are sure will make our daddies smile! In our maths sessions we have been chopping and cutting shapes into halves and quarters; understanding that to share equally is important and essential when dealing with cakes and pizzas. Our Lego team have been actively building and brainstorming different ways to make models and some of our Mars children have enjoyed drawings and decorating colourful pictures. What a fabulous week we have had and all topped off with our Father's Day Challenge today. Thank you all for coming and making it such a memorable day for the children.

The Foundation Team



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 19th June – Reception Health and Fitness Experience



Wednesday 20th June – Elephants' Tea Party - All donations in aid of Child Bereavement UK

Saturday 23rd June – PTA 80th Summer Ball

ADVANCED NOTICE:

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 SUMMER PERFORMANCE on Wednesday 27th June 9am – Parents of children in Ahlberg & Dahl, and Thursday 28th June 9am – Parents of children in Donaldson & Kemp 2 tickets will be allocated per child and sent home in book bags w/c 18th June.



TERRIFIC TORTOISES
This week's Terrific Tortoises are:
Morgan W, James B and Fenton F.

This Week's Merit Awards

Imogen W, Daisy M, Edison O, Sophie B, Oliver N, Sophia A, Sophia M, Lily T, Thomas P, Arisa A, Morgan W, Artie B, Myles H and Satvika R.

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