



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 15th March 2013

Dear Parents

Every week seems to be full of excitement and opportunity this month and this week is no exception. We were delighted to welcome both current parents and prospective parents to our two Open Mornings last week and their feedback was sensational. You could not fail to be impressed by the hard work and incredible artistic creations by our young children and these comments were expressed to me both by our proud families together with families seeking to sign up their little ones for the future.

Our young Orchestra gave their inaugural performance to a delighted audience and the choir had a practice for our Music Festival this week before quickly and sensibly changing into their gym kit for a splendid gym display choreographed by the children. Special thanks to Miss Harper and Mrs Hawes for providing such first class entertainment.

On Wednesday we welcomed grandparents from near and far into the school for our popular annual Grandparents' Day. This was particularly well attended and grandparents were treated to participation in a lesson, a tour of the school and entertainment by the well rehearsed year 2 choir while they enjoyed their refreshments. The children were overjoyed to see their smiling grandparents and to proudly show them their work and their school. A big thank you to all participants.

On Thursday we performed at the 3rd St Christopher's Music Festival at St Martin's Church and welcomed 200 children back to the school for lunch. More about that and our fun on Friday as we celebrated Comic Relief in next week's newsletter.

Our Lunchtime Superstar this week is William P for being an outstanding Lunchtime Monitor and for always remembering his manners.

Gaining their bronze award for Times Tables this week, we say congratulations to Henry C, Megan H, Jodie K and Samantha C.

Next week is 'Taylor Week' as we join together to celebrate the wonderful achievement of 25 years of service to the school by our much loved Mrs Marrie Taylor. Mrs Taylor has chosen a Theatre performance for all the children which will begin next week in style and she has also chosen the entire menu next week.

Congratulations to **Morpurgo** House for this week's splendid result. They came first in the housepoints challenge with **477** housepoints .

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Joseph C, Harry M, Alexander B, Alexander S, Forbes M, William P and Connie H

Philosopher of the Week

Sophie B

Thought for the Week

Are competitions good?

Event of the Week

On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome another generation into school as Grandparents who had travelled from far and near came to enjoy our annual Grandparents' Morning. Our guests were timetabled in to enjoy class activities and then enjoyed a personal tour of the school by their own grandchild before being entertained in the hall by our Year 2 choir as they enjoyed coffee and refreshments. We were delighted to see so many smiling faces of all generations and hope that our guests enjoyed the morning as much as we did. Even Jessica B spoke to her Grandad in Ghana to celebrate this special occasion!

Isla was delighted to show her Grandads how to use the Beebot



Cameron shows his grandparents how clever he is in Neptune Class



Rocco and Lenny show their grandparents the interactive whiteboard in Nursery

Foundation Stage News

Another busy week in Reception ended with our Red Nose Group Challenge – ‘Dress one member of your team in Red’. The results would look great on any international designer catwalk show. Not only were our models clothed but fully accessorised too – hats, oversized bags, feathers and sequins featured heavily!

Thank you to all the Grandparents who were able to come along and visit on Wednesday. We had a wonderful time sharing activities and games before conducting our own guided tours of the school.

As well as all the fun with visitors and Red Nose day, we have been looking at vehicles from around the world. We loved looking at the Gondolas in Venice and thought driving a dog sled in Alaska would be great fun. Anyone heading off to the slopes during Easter, what kind of vehicles might you see there?

We are coming to the end of this terms topic ‘All Aboard’ and are beginning to think about ‘All Creatures Great and Small’. What will we explore during the final topic of the year – it’s up to you children!

We have been ‘All Aboard’ our boats in Nursery this week. Our book is Mr Gumpy’s outing, the children are developing their skills at retelling the story, remembering all of the animals in the boat and whether they flapped, squabbled or chased each other.



Lots of boats have been made; we have used building blocks and recycled materials, as well as cutting out shapes and arranging them into all sorts of boats and ship pictures.

In Maths we have been finding out how many play people can fit in different sized boats. We have all had fun with a counting game rolling the dice along the railway track that goes to Grandma’s house at the seaside.

We have been doing some clever science experiments finding ways of making boats out of tinfoil and discovering if a toy animal in the boat will make the boat sink or will it stay afloat. This is a super activity to do at home; how

many ‘play mobile people’ can you put in a boat made of tinfoil? Can you improve your boat to hold more ‘play mobile people’?

Safety, as always, is an important part of our sailing theme and in the kitchen we have made lifebelt biscuits. Fortunately we did not loose any one overboard as all the lifebelts were eaten!

We loved having lots of grandparents to visit, we hope they enjoyed their morning. The children certainly did, they were so proud showing the grandparents around Nursery and sharing the activities. The children especially enjoyed showing their Grandparents their actions in the Music and Movement session, we are very proud of them.

The Foundation Team

DIARY DATES

SCHOOL CLUBS HAVE FINISHED EXCEPT:

Y2 Orchestra on Monday 18th March 3.15 – 4pm

All Violins on Tuesday 19th March 3.15 – 4pm

Please remember your instruments!

Football on 19th March and Rugbytots on 21st March

(make-up sessions)

Tuesday 19th March Year 2 visit to the Look Out Centre

Tuesday 19th March at 11.45am and 2.45pm

PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Sale

Wednesday 20th March at 9am Music Assembly

Orchestra, Violins, Recorders & Handbells clubs will be performing at our Music Assembly. Parents of children in these music groups are warmly invited to attend.

OWLS & LARKS BOOKING FORMS FOR THE SUMMER TERM ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE & ON OUR WEBSITE

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB 8 – 12 APRIL

Please return any last minute booking forms - Don’t forget to ask family and friends!

