



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 17th June 2016

Dear Parents

On Thursday and Friday Year 2 enjoyed a residential stay at Juniper Hall near the foot of Box Hill and spent two days and a night together in the lovely Surrey countryside. The photographs on page 2 will show you the flavour of this wonderful experience. Year 2 parents should be so very proud of their children who showed impressive maturity and eagerness during this exciting opportunity. The first hand study of field mice, voles and shrews coupled with pond dipping, orienteering, shelter building and campfire fun left us all tired but happy. Do see the Headteacher's Blog on our website for more news.

Year 2 stepped into the limelight once more on Wednesday with the award of their Good Digital Citizen badges during an informative assembly about all the areas of IT study that they had covered this year. Well done to each and every one of them and thank you to Miss Kate Rendall for leading this initiative so well. The children will truly be the Good Digital Citizens of the future.

On Tuesday we finally celebrated the Queen's 90th Birthday with a spectacular array of suits and dresses fit for a Royal Garden Party. During our special assembly Mrs London devised a very entertaining quiz and Caitlyn D earned a special merit award as she helped Mrs Rendall, our royal correspondent, answer some very tricky questions to the rapturous applause of our Lords and Ladies. The children enjoyed the activities and the special lunch and sang the National Anthem with poise and style. Do ask them to sing for you at home.

The Great British sport of cricket was the focus of our games sessions on Wednesday as a professional cricket coach put each class through their paces with some excellent cricket tuition. Rain did not stop play as we enjoyed some wonderful coaching and displayed impressive skills. Thank you to Mrs Sarah Pryor for arranging this opportunity.

So to Friday and our Father's Day Challenge morning full of fun for fathers! This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Olivia M in Nursery for wonderful behaviour and manners at lunchtime.

*Well done to all the children in **Donaldson** House for earning a magnificent total of **1032** Housepoints which has taken your House to the top of the board.*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Matthew S, Lambert S, Daisy G, Freya B, John D,
William W and Caitlin D.

This week's Birth!

Congratulations to Morpurgo House. Their duck egg was the first to hatch and we welcome Prince Philip into St Christopher's followed the safe arrival of Elizabeth, Harry, William and Charles.

Event of the Week

The adventure of the week must surely be the Year 2 Juniper Hall Residential. The busy activities and wonderful comradery ensured that this memorable trip will be talked about for many years to come. Well done and thank you to Year 2 for making the 2016 experience so enjoyable.



JUNIPER HALL

2016



Foundation Stage News



The Nursery and Pre-Reception children have been counting tentacles on octopuses (also known as octopi or even octopodes). We played a game rolling the dice to put the tentacles on our playdough octopus and then we counted to see how many more tentacles we needed.

Maxwell built the walls for a splendid tank to keep the octopuses that he and Jessica made.

In the art room the children have been practising their cutting and counting skills to make the tentacles for some more octopuses. In the outdoor

classroom the children have been dancing and playing instruments to make the music of the sea.

This week the nursery has been filled with the tempting aromas of baking as the children have made special biscuit treats for some very lucky dads. We hope all fathers have a wonderful day on Sunday.

During the week we interviewed some Reception children to find out what they have been learning.

Henry told us that on Tuesday 'We had to wear different clothes. It was raining so we didn't have a picnic outside. In our classroom we had fish fingers and chips, with carrot and cucumber and then a mousse.' Henrietta liked 'dressing in our special home clothes because it was the Queen's birthday'. She thought Sara had a lovely dress.

John talked about the space station they have made in the classroom. 'Our topic is space; the moon makes the tides' he told us.

All of the children talked about their 'Forest School' session. Mia told us 'We had to make a house for the animals, using wood and sticks. Then we had hot chocolate'. Lucky children they all had great fun. The children do need to be prepared for all sorts of weather if you have them please send in waterproof trousers and boots for the next two Mondays. Unless we are forecast summer sunshine in which case please send in hats!

The Foundation Team



DIARY DATES

Monday 20th June: Last Ballet

Tuesday 21st June: Y1 & Y2 Play Dress Rehearsal at 9am



YEAR 1 & YEAR 2: PERSEUS AND MEDUSA THE MUSICAL

Wednesday 22nd June Audience: Year 1 Parents

Thursday 23rd June Audience: Year 2 Parents

Thursday 23rd June: Last Pre-Nursery

Thursday 23rd June Rugbytots have asked us to let you know that Parents are welcome to join in the last session from 3.30pm onwards.

Games will be scaled down so no gum shields or studs needed.

Friday 24th June: Clubs finish

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GOLDEN BOOT CHALLENGE DAY

(Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)



Please note that Kingswood House have rescheduled their Mini-Olympics from 23rd June to 1st July, which unfortunately clashes with our own Sports Day and we are therefore unable to participate this year.



Mathletics: Congratulations go to Freya B for achieving her Silver Award and to Thomas M for gaining his Gold Award.

Good Deed Awards were awarded to Rory B and Jack C this week. Well done boys!