



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 17th October 2014

Dear Parents

We were treated to a wonderful assembly by Jupiter Class last Friday with beautifully drawn dinosaurs, splendid singing and fascinating facts. The children then acted and narrated the lovely story Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs. The whole school enjoyed every moment of this well prepared assembly. Bravo Jupiter Class and thank you very much to Mrs Kay for such an interesting and enjoyable assembly.

The upper school have been busy being out and about. On Thursday our Year 2 children enjoyed a historical tour of the Mary Rose complete with costume and quiz challenges followed by a boat ride around the harbour and the next day enjoyed an afternoon of Spanish fun at Downsend School. Year One set off to London on Wednesday for a tour of the Natural History Museum and have been impressing us all with facts that they have learnt about their current topic about Dinosaurs. Thank you to all the lovely parents who helped on these exciting trips. Our first pianists delighted us with their piano skills this week in Piano Assembly. Poppy L played two pieces beautifully and was awarded a well-deserved certificate. Finn H then received his certificate for dazzling us all by playing three verses of Scarborough Fair in perfect time while Poppy sang the lyrics! I am constantly delighted by our clever children's talents and willing attitude and feel sure that we have seen today the accomplished musicians of the future.

Thank you to all the parents who supported our Parent Forum on Tuesday. It was extremely valuable to share ideas and talk through items raised. Thank you to our governor Mr Nigel Field for chairing this event so successfully.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is George W for always being happy to try new foods. Well done George.

Well done to all the children in Dahl House. They have won the housepoint challenge this week with a fabulous total of 886 housepoints

On behalf of the staff may I wish you all a happy, restful and safe half term.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Max G, Eddie H, Freya P, Joe C, Zac P,

Yan T, Matthew S, Tom M, Carys F, Charlie S, Michael S, Poppy L, Narayan M, Rowan N

Philosopher of the Week

Michael S

Thought for the Week

Should you be bothered about what other people think of you?

Work of the Week – Jupiter Class



Year 1 have been looking at 'light' in science this term. Last week we investigated the brightness of different lights. The children shone lights down a tunnel and then sequenced them in order of brightness.

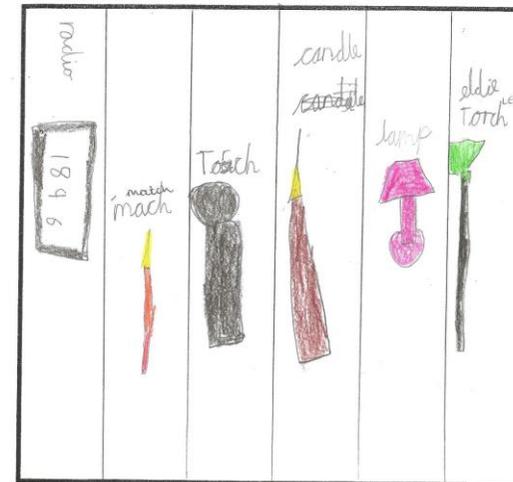
Rowan W correctly made the prediction that the LED torch would be the brightest. She completed her investigation unaided attempting some tricky spelling all by herself.

Well done Rowan!

2.10.14 L.O. To know that light sources vary in brightness L.E.D light
Our Investigation



We had many different light sources and shone them down a tunnel. We looked to see which light shone the brightest. We then put them in order, starting with the least bright.



The LED torch was the brightest light.

I think though the LED torch would be brightest

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Foundation Stage News

In Nursery we have been very busy with maths activities, finding out about how 'long' we can make a string of linking elephants. One string of elephants was longer than Amelie and Rachael both lying on the floor. Some children counted a row of cars to compare length with the marrows we grew, the longest marrow was 10 cars long! Lots of children enjoyed using the toy trucks to move the stones in the garden and they counted out the stones in each truck to see which truck could carry the most. Some of the children had fun using the computer to pack for the big and small teddies' holiday and they sorted the holiday clothes into big and small. Some children have been having a turn making a repeating pattern using the Smart Board to arrange acorns and leaves.

We had great fun on the dry days going onto the 'big playground' to work on our ball skills and coordination. We loved rolling the balls to see how far they would go and found that the balls were very good at bouncing but quite tricky to catch. We also had a go throwing and bouncing the balls to a partner.

The Nursery children have enjoyed a story 'Shop' from the book 'Alfie Out of Doors' by Shirley Hughes. In the book Alfie makes a pretend shop using Autumnal items he finds in the garden, we decided this was great fun pretending stones are potatoes and rose hips are apples. We are going to carry on the shopping theme in our role play next half term please can you send any boxes especially shoe boxes to help us fill our shelves, thank you. We are going to continue our 'All About Me' topic after half term find out about keeping fit and healthy eating.

In Reception the children have been talking about their 'Superfamilies'. They drew their superhero home and cut out and stuck photographs of their family onto their picture. The Reception staff were very impressed with the children's writing skills. Then they made 3 dimensional 'superhouses' using the construction blocks.

In Maths the children have been learning to add 1 more and take away to make 1 less using a variety of objects. Some children have used the objects to help them to add 1 more and 1 less to a number line, like very grown up school children.



There have been two highlights at the end of the week for Reception. Mars class made all the props and have been busy practising their lines for their assembly performance. All of the children love to dress up in their personally designed and created superhero costumes ready for their end of topic party.

Autumn is well and truly here with the usual unpredictable accompanying weather. Please ensure your child has clothing for the cold as well as wet weather. Please refer to the Nursery Uniform and School Uniform to ensure that all children are dressed correctly. If your child has long hair please can you tie it back so that they can be busy throughout the day without worrying about sticky issues like paint, glue and lunch. We have found that a number of girls prefer to play with their hair bands rather than wear them, please can these be

left at home to avoid loss, breakages and accidents. We do our very best to replace hair clips and slides if they fall out.

We hope everyone has a wonderful half term, look out for beautiful signs of Autumn.

The Foundation Stage Team

MATHS DAY

TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER

We would like all the children to come dressed as a number that means something to them. Staff will be joining in too!



CLUBS Week Commencing 10th November

Please note that due to parent/teacher appointments, the following clubs will not run:

Tuesday 11th – No Art club

Wednesday 12th – No Indoor/Outdoor Play, Recorders, Chess or Messy Play

Thursday 13th – No Cooking or Sewing

ORDERS FOR PUPIL PHOTOGRAPHS

Please return order forms & payment to school by Wednesday 5th November

SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS

Thank you for continuing to collect these. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 these vouchers can be placed in book bags for your child to drop into our collecting box situated under the porch.



Poppies for Remembrance Day will be on sale at school after half-term

RECEPTION – YEAR 2: WINTER UNIFORM

Please remember that all children should wear winter uniform after half-term. If you would like any guidance about the items required, please contact the School Office.