



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 18th March 2016

Dear Parents

On Friday we all enjoyed the assembly by Mars Class who shared with us some of the fascinating information that they have learnt about their topic 'The Big Blue Sea'. The children acted the story of The Rainbow Fish with confidence and the beautiful costumes and important message about friendship delighted us all. Special thanks to Mrs Self and Mrs Chandler and to Mrs Butler and the children for this wonderful production.

On Tuesday we used our time and our energy to think of and help others less fortunate than ourselves and ran a mile for Sports Relief. Every single child, brightly clad in their House T-shirt eagerly set off on the 10 lap course. Small children were paired with big children although in some cases it was the energy in the tiny legs that helped propel the bigger ones along. The sight was a joy to behold and all competitors received a flapjack and some strawberry milkshake to restore their energy and say a great big thank you for the monies raised for this important charity.

The charity that benefitted from our Annual Music Festival was the Macmillan Nurses who do such an important job. We are very pleased to be able to send off a cheque for £370.05 which was the amount raised from the retiring collection.

On Saturday we took part in the Herald of Spring, an annual community initiative in Ewell. The organisers were delighted to see our four Scarecrow competition entries, one from each year group. St Christopher's won first prize in the competition against some impressive competitors in the Borough and we say well done to Year 1's entry: Queen Elizabeth II and hope that no royal offence will be taken!

On Wednesday Reception headed off to Brighton to The Sea Life Centre in Brighton for a spectacular trip to close their topic with some real life examples of all the treasures in the Big Blue Sea.

Congratulations to our Times Tables champions for we have all kept working hard to the very end of the term. Our first Gold Stars for excellence and application in all areas of multiplication were awarded to Sachin W and Arthur L this week who have demonstrated secure understanding with all tables. Special congratulations also to Abby S for her wonderful Bronze Star Award.

*Bravo to **Ahlberg** House the winners of the Spring Term with a total of **1415** Housepoints.*

On Thursday it was time to honour the children who have shone this year with our Annual Cup Assembly. Do see page 2 and the website for further details.

Which just leaves Friday, our Easter Assembly and the Easter Egg hunts that will close this busy term with style. On behalf of the whole team here may I wish you all a very Happy Easter and a safe and restful holiday break.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Event of the Week - Cup Assembly

On Thursday the following cups were presented at Cup Assembly

Class Cups

Excellent progress in reading and writing - Milo B (Neptune) and Nathan J (Mars) and Max G (Mercury).

Hardworking and attentive in all subjects - Mia P (Neptune), Lauren M (Jupiter), Athena Ds (Saturn) and Madison H (Mercury).

Excellence in behaviour and work - George W (Neptune).

Confidence and independence to succeed - Daisy M (Neptune).

Hard working and enthusiasm in all areas - Caiden G (Mars) and Daisy G (Mercury).

Gaining Confidence and excellent independent writing - Sienna S (Mars).

Always doing her best and super all round progress - Lottie R (Mars).

High standards in Mathematics and Science - Jago G (Jupiter).

Progress in all curriculum areas - Dara O (Jupiter) and Caia H (Mercury).

High standard of work - Zac P (Jupiter).

Perseverance and effort - William W (Saturn).

Personal progress - Rory P (Saturn).

Progress in reading - Alexander M (Saturn).

Determination and perseverance - Rowan W (Venus).

Kindness and helpfulness - Aayushi K (Venus).

Hardworking and attentive - Freya B (Venus).

All round personal progress - Abigail M (Venus).

Endeavour (Mrs Petter) - Baylen B (Jupiter).

School Cups

Delightful Diner - Oscar R (Mercury).

Music Cup - George F (Mercury).

All round sports ability and application - Rocco S (Mercury).

Football - Teddy C (Venus).

Entertainment - Harriet G (Venus).

Enthusiasm in maths - Arlo R (Venus).

Philosophy - James S (Venus).

Art - Toby H (Venus).

Unselfish Rosebowl - Caiden C (Mercury).

PARMEE Cup (Perseverance, Attainment, Motivation, Enthusiasm and Effort) - Issy S (Venus).



Foundation Stage News

The Nursery and Pre-Reception children had great fun this week negotiating eggs (balls) around a course using hockey sticks. This required great skill, concentration and patience. They also worked hard to balance eggs on spoons in an egg and spoon race. Other Easter egg related activities included decorating paper eggs with patterns and glitter. The children also worked very hard colouring half an egg picture to match the other end of the egg. The children chose their colours carefully to match and copied shapes and patterns. The teachers were very impressed with their very accurate work.



One highlight of the week was the sports relief mile which was enjoyed by everyone. The Year Two children helped the Nursery and Pre-Reception children around the course encouraging them along (if necessary) and showing the way. They were all very kind and considerate in their important role. Thank you children. Yet again that pesky bunny has been dropping eggs in the nursery playground but happily the helpful Reception, Pre-reception and Nursery children offered to tidy up. Some children claimed to see the Bunny, but I am not sure.....

Another special event was the finale to the Reception topic, a trip to the Sea Life Centre in Brighton. When asked Daisy said the best bit was when 'The creatures went under the water and the sting ray splashed me and we touched the sea urchins, star fish and crab'. Eliza liked 'Lulu and Gulliver the turtles'. She also said 'We saw sharks in a tank and couldn't feed them'. The teachers were very proud of the children learning so much and behaving beautifully. We hope everyone has a great Easter break and look forward to more fun learning next term.

Foundation Stage Team



This week's Merit Awards
Madison H, Caia H, Jack D, Tommy C, Joe C,
Jamie H, Stanley G, Louisa R and Toby H.

SUMMER TERM STARTS WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL AT 8.30am



Reception Children will leave school via the back door under the porch during the Summer Term to help prepare them for their move to the upper school in September.

PLEASE NOTE - Children should return to school next term in Summer uniform ie no ties and short grey socks for boys and summer dresses and short white socks for girls please.

Mathletics: Congratulations go to Jamie H for gaining his Silver award and Benji S and Lexi M for achieving their Gold Awards.



If your child was awarded a cup in Cup Assembly, do bring in your camera and ask at Reception for your child's cup to be unlocked from the cabinet so that you can take a photo.

**HAPPY
EASTER**