



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 1st February 2019

Dear Parents

And so January has made way for February and we catch a glimpse of Spring getting ready to make an appearance although the threat of a Winter snowfall remains. Here at school we have all been much too busy to be cold.

Last Friday Jupiter performed their superb assembly all about their Topic Our Wonderful World. Every child spoke with confidence as they described their painting all about one aspect of the world that they had individually chosen. We were then treated to a performance of 'Commotion in the Ocean' and it is clear that there are some very fine actors in Jupiter. The singing was also a joy to hear. Thank you very much Year 1 Jupiter Class and special thanks to Mrs Kay helped by Mrs Giles for this excellent show.

On Wednesday 70 Nursery and Pre-Reception parents booked seats for our Curriculum Information Evening. There certainly was a lot of information about the way that young children in the Early Years learn and how we provide the right opportunities for this to take place in addition to top tips for parents to carry on this learning at home. Thank you to Mrs London, Miss Kate Rendall, Mrs Meredith-Bennett and all the Nursery Staff for giving up their evening.

On Thursday the Hall was filled with the Explorer Dome mobile planetarium for a wonderful learning opportunity for Reception who are studying Space. The children were 'transported' into the solar system and the look of awe and wonder on their faces was a delight to see. This was then followed by an extraordinary trip to the deserts and rainforests by Year 1 who enjoyed their opportunity in the Dome to get a real sense of these beautiful environments to complement their studies of Our Wonderful World.

On Thursday afternoon we welcomed back last year's Year 2 for their Reunion Tea. It is always a pleasure to see our young ambassadors return in the range of colourful uniform according to their new school choice and as they walk through the door they quickly blend back together as if they have never been away. They loved their tea and activities and as usual reminiscing about Juniper Hall brought the biggest smiles.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Elliza M for such an improvement in the range of food that she now enjoys. Well done Elliza.

Congratulations to **Kemp** House for leaping to the top of the board with a splendid total of **676** Housepoints.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Samuel V, Joshua C, Erin O, Sophie B, Millar W,
Lambert S, Fenton F, Leo E, Rumi W and Maximo Y.

Philosophers of the Week

Morgan W, Clara H, Leo E and Fenton F

Thought for the Week

Is there a right and a wrong in everything?

Work of the Week

This week Saturn Class have been learning to write non-chronological reports using interesting facts and objectives about an animal of their choice. Here Matilda G in Year 1 has beautifully written about giraffes all by herself.

Tuesday 29th January 2019

Name Matilda

LO: I can write a non-chronological report about animals



★ Brilliant report Matilda (HP)

Appearance: giraffes have long legs and long necks. ~~And~~ They have

brown spots. Diet giraffes eat leaves and plants and fruit. They are herbivores.

Habitat They live in woodlands and savanna.

Giraffes live in Africa. A giraffe's head is

helpful for keeping a look out for predators.

Such as lions and hyenas.

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

What a chilly week this has been. Hats, mittens, long trousers have all been needed and not just by the children! It was fun breaking up the ice in the garden, feeling how cold it was and then watching it melt when we brought it inside. We have been very creative this week and some of the children have helped to create a large 'chocolate factory' which has more and more things added to it every day. We have been painting, gluing, taping, glittering and cutting to name a few. Fine motor skills have been our focus this week, with the children using tweezers, tongs and scoops to pick up small fruit and gems from the porridge oats. We have been having a go at ordering the rhyme 1,2 Buckle my shoe by cutting out the correct number sequence and matching it to the pictures. The large weighing scales have been used to see how heavy our dinosaurs are, using cubes to



balance the weight. Lots of good maths language has been used by the children including more, less and heavy. We made salt dough food in the kitchen and the children painted them to use in our play kitchen. The children decided to have a picnic so a cloth was supplied and a very happy picnic was enjoyed by all. In the garden, the children have been helping to make a hen house for the number ten, big fat hen to live in. They have been collecting eggs and building a safe coop for the hen to shelter in. Thank you to all the parents who came to our Curriculum Information Evening on Wednesday. It was a great success and I hope you found the evening informative.

RECEPTION In Reception this week, we have continued with our fantastic topic of Space. In Neptune class, the children have been learning some interesting facts and writing their own non-fiction books to share with the nursery children. In Mars the children have been learning about the 'Whatever Next' story and writing about things that they would take to the moon. It would be great fun to ride a cardboard box into space wouldn't it? The children have



been completing the 'What can you see?' space challenge; they have to guess what objects have been found in space and write a list. It was lovely to see the children using the sounds they have learnt to spell the words. The children have been working very hard with their addition and are beginning to use counting on to add two numbers. On Thursday, we had the Space Dome in the school hall;

the children had a very exciting morning learning facts about space and light. WOW! What another busy week! **The Foundation Team**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 6th February - Y2 Trip to Kidzania
Thursday 7th February - Children's Safer Internet Day.
Friday 8th February 9am - MARS Class assembly -
All Mars Class parents welcome. Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30 am.

Friday 8th February - PTA Quiz Evening - One table (8 max) still available.



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES - 11.45am - 12.15pm & 2.45 - 3.45 pm

We were so pleased to see such a positive response to our Kind Koala initiative. Well done to the following children for demonstrating acts of particular kindness this week:

Lucy A, Sophia A (x2), Medina O, Luke M and Jessica H



PLAYGROUND PANTHERS

This week's playground panthers are Annabel V, Medina O, Elise D and Christopher B.

Many congratulations to Isaac F for passing LAMDA Speech and Drama Stage 3 with Distinction.

Mathletics: Congratulations to Mathias P for achieving Gold and to Samuel and Annabel V for gaining their Silver Awards



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