



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 20th March 2015

Dear Parents

If you add last week's activities to those on offer this week we must receive a record for being the busiest school in the country! On Thursday we welcomed 215 children to our 5th Annual Music Festival involving a record number of 9 schools. The Festival was a great success thanks to the hard work of all the children involved and our children made excellent hosts as they welcomed their new friends back to our school and, following a hot lunch for 215 made by our amazing Catering Team the children raced outside to play together on the grass, tennis courts and Trim Trail. Please see the photos on the website.

On Friday Mars Class took centre stage for a magnificent assembly all about The Gingerbread Man. The children demonstrated their cooking skills, showed off their PE skills and then acted out a splendid performance of the story with enormous energy. Huge thanks to Mrs Self and Mrs Meredith-Bennett for such an entertaining production and well done to all the clever children in Mars Class.

On Friday afternoon it was a case of 'here come the girls' as our delighted Mums were welcomed into school by their excited children to enjoy the handmade cakes served on personalised mats for our Mother's Day Tea. The children made splendid hosts as they looked after their mothers, serving tea and performing a lovely song.

Excitement was in the air again on Wednesday and Thursday as it was the turn of grandparents to be welcomed into school for our much loved Grandparents' Morning. Following an enjoyable assembly by Mrs Degg the grandparents enjoyed a lesson with their grandchildren followed by a tour and entertainment with refreshments. We couldn't be prouder of our tiny hosts who once again showed maturity beyond their years as they showed off their hard work and lovely school.

So, just the small matter of an Open Morning on Friday for prospective parents and again on Saturday with an entertaining gym display, choir and orchestra performance to be added into the equation as we seek our nomination for being the busiest small school on record!

Bronze Stars were awarded once again this week for outstanding performances in Times Tables. Well done to: Lola F, Poppy L and Joaquin G.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Dylan F for always looking at the Catering Team with his beautiful brown eyes as he demonstrates polite manners every day. Bravo Dylan!

Many congratulations to Donaldson House for a winning the most housepoints this week. They earned a magnificent 1188 housepoints to secure top place.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Work of the Week

This week the Work of the Week is by Freya M in Mars Class. The topic in Reception is 'Into the woods we go' and this week we have studied The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson.

Freya used adjectives and a repeated sentence structure to describe in detail the Gruffalo. She wrote this lovely page all by herself trying so cleverly with her spelling.

Well done Freya.

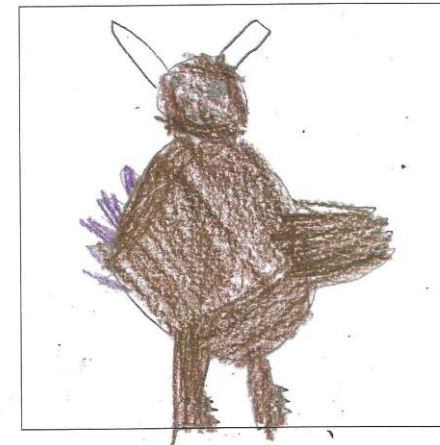
Name Freya M

Date 17.3.2015

I can describe the Gruffalo using

W/TA Well done for all those great spellings.
Try think of ~~and~~ some more describing words.

adjectives.



He has spiky prickles.

He has scary eyes.

He has a black

tongue. ✓ Lovely Gruffalo.

Foundation Stage News

This week, the Reception children have been studying a favourite story set in the woods, 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson. They have continued their work on adjectives. Robyn described the Gruffalo by using 'freaky' eyes and Matthew suggested 'bouncy' prickles. Next the children extended their thinking by selecting an adjective such as wriggly, speedy, furry or loud and then thinking of an animal that would describe their adjective. They had great fun pretending to be the animals they had created.



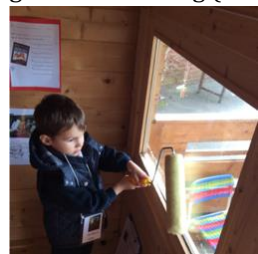
Now that the children are confident recognising lower case letters they have been looking at capital letters and are learning to match the lower and upper case (capital) letters of the alphabet. The next challenge is to remember to use a capital letter to start each sentence they write.

In maths the children have been continuing to count in 10's and recording the number pattern. They have worked on ordering up to ten numbered gruffalos and have experimented with using a variety of objects to measure them.

In Nursery we have continued hunting for bears in our role play area inspired by Michael Rosen's book 'We are Going on a bear hunt.' The children know all the words from the book and act out the story beautifully.

We have been learning to program the Bee Bot to search for the bear. The children are working hard remembering how to take turns. They are also learning the mathematical language of position and directions as well as how to set the instructions into the 'beebot' before they press GO! In the art room we have discovered how a variety of fabrics and paper feel different and how they can be used to make colourful collages to represent the various terrains from the story.

Outside the children love to retell the story of the 'Bear Hunt' taking the bear through each environment. Then it is time to do some cooking in our 'Mud Kitchen', exploring natural materials and textures as they enjoy pretend games of cooking (not eating).



Our garden cottage has been transformed into Mr Bear's garage from the book 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy. Some of the children got in the car as Sabina set off for Scotland. Unfortunately Mr Bear's car does not always work and the garage often needs repairs and a clean so the children have been using his tools to mend the engine, as well as clean and decorate the garage. Mr Bear has lots to do but the children love to help and have made lists of jobs to do in his garage.

The children had a great time with their Grandparents in the Foundation Stage. The children whose grandparents were unable to come were very pleased to welcome our visitors. Many thanks to the grandchildren who shared their grandparents with their friend for the morning. **The Foundation Team**

Saturday 21st March 10.30 - 12.30 - Open Morning for Current & Prospective Parents. You are warmly invited to look around the school and visit your child's classroom with family and friends.

Y2 will be performing in music and gym displays in the Hall from 11am.



Monday 23rd March at 9 am – MUSIC ASSEMBLY
Parents of children in Years 1 and 2 are invited to attend to hear performances from our choirs, our orchestra, music groups and soloists.

Coffee will be served in the Porch from 8.30am.

Monday 23rd: Last Ballet

ALL OTHER CLUBS HAVE FINISHED

Tuesday 24th March: Year 2 visit to Lookout Discovery Centre

Wednesday 25th March

Year 1 Epsom visit

Reception to visit Painshill Park

Wednesday 25th March

PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Sales at 11.45am and 2.45pm

FRIDAY 27th MARCH

TERM FINISHES AT MIDDAY

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OWLS & LARKS FORMS for Summer Term Bookings are now available from the Office, in the Porch and on the website

SUMMER TERM CLUBS FOR RECEPTION, YEAR 1 and YEAR 2

Please return completed booking forms **by Wednesday 25th March**, thank you.

PTA SUMMER BALL on FRIDAY 5th JUNE

Closing date for booking forms: Friday 10th April



Polite Penguins

Congratulations this week go to:

Henry J, Max G, Freya B, Abigail M, Aayushi K and Oliver D.