



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 20th September 2013

Dear Parents

Last Friday we were treated to an outstanding performance by Mercury Class who started our Class Assemblies this term with an informative and enjoyable performance about Wasps. Having dazzled us with their knowledge they then entertained us with the story of The Giant Jam Sandwich acted with costume and confidence. Even the tiniest nursery child was held by this production put together by the talented Mrs Garrod and her delightful Mercury Class. Thank you all.

On Tuesday Year 2 headed to Richmond to visit the unique Poppy Factory. Following a fascinating presentation with real war footage across the ages, we toured the factory and each made a poppy as well as placing a poppy into one of the wreaths which were to be dispatched around the world. Have a look at the website for some wonderful photos.

*On Wednesday this year's honours were awarded and we were pleased to announce that Georgina W and Oliver M are this year's Head Girl and Head Boy to be ably assisted by their deputies, Seren C and Fergus L. Our pastoral team of William S and Yasmin V were also chosen as the important Blue Bench Monitors and Megan G will Head up the School Council. All the staff vote for these important roles and it is always a difficult decision but we were all delighted to see the children applaud and be pleased for their friend as the names were called. House captains are **Megan J**, **Finn T**, **Nell E** and **Evie S** and the librarian monitors who will be working on a rota during the year are Lara K, Dominic Q, Alice C, Phoebe J, Alex S and Max O.*

On Thursday we all had great fun as we dressed and spoke like a pirate and you can see some entertaining photos on the website. Following an introduction to Mendel and his work with genetics, we supported our annual charity Jeans for Genes Day on Friday. Thank you all for your support.

Our Lunchtime Superstar this week is Sabina L who has impressed the Team with such an improvement in settling quickly and enjoying her lunch.

*Congratulations to **Ahlberg** .House for winning this week with an impressive total of **168** housepoints.*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher.

This week's Merit Awards

Toby H, George F, Grace N, Ellina M, Millie M, Lucy D, Ho-Yan T, Miles R.

Philosopher of the Week

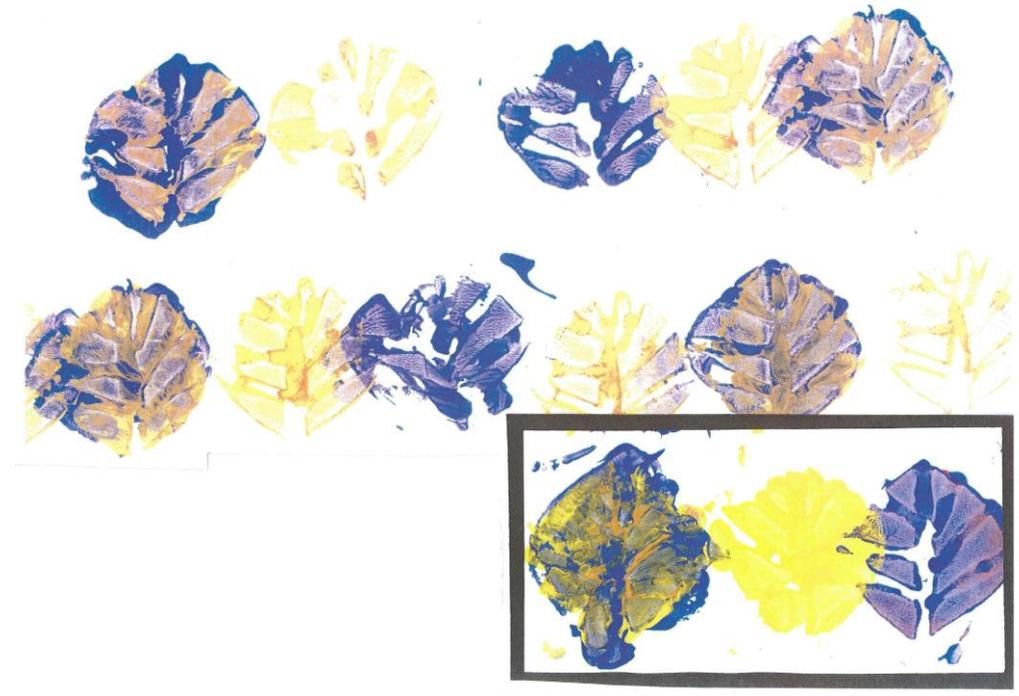
Lara K

Thought for the Week

Is it bad to be sad?

Work of the Week

In Year 1 we have been inspired by the artist Orla Kiely. In our art lessons we have experimented with several printing techniques. This week we printed a sample motif and then reproduced this design as a strip of wallpaper! Joseph C in Jupiter class has produced this fantastic wallpaper design! Look out in the Year 1 classrooms for some beautiful and unique wall coverings!



Foundation Stage News

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Nursery Information Evening, thank you so much for coming. It is very useful to share your questions with us, if you have any further questions please come and ask.

We all had great fun on Pirate Day, making 'Jolly Roger' flags, finding and counting hidden treasure, making a boat and lots of treasure maps. The Reception children made telescopes, stuck feathers on parrots and counted 10 gold coins into treasure chests.



Sleeping pirates on board ship



The counting treasure game

The lucky Reception children had a great adventure on a Gruffalo hunt at Gatton Park. They followed the tracks to find a snake, then a fox and an owl. Then.....there he was the Gruffalo! After a delicious picnic lunch they collected colourful leaves and flowers to create a colour palette. Later they explored their senses some more making a 'smelly cocktail' of leaves and herbs. They all had a great time but were very tired at the end of their busy day.



A few reminders: Please name all your child's clothes and shoes. All the children need waterproof coats and shoes to access all areas of the Nursery in all weather, they can become upset if they are not allowed to join their friends in the garden. Please put some tape or ribbon through the coat hook so your child has a big loop to hang their coat up with.

Your child will be able to play with all our equipment outside if they wear a showerproof, hooded, warm coat, thank you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 27th September at 9am: Mars Class Assembly.
Parents are invited to attend.

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Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning.
Cakes and coffee for parents from 8.30am
Please come and support us!



Saturday 28th September 9.30 – 11.30am: Downsend Year 2 Sports Activity Morning – Letter to be returned by Tuesday 24th please.



Would all parents using Breakfast Club (LARKS) please remember to arrive before 8.10am to enable all children to enjoy their breakfast without rushing.
Thank you.



St Christopher's Poetry Book – We have some new School Poetry Books available. If anyone would like a further copy of the 75th Celebration edition they are available in exchange for a donation to the library. Please put your request in a named envelope and hand it in at the school office.