



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 21st March 2014

Dear Parents

On Friday we were treated to a very royal presentation by Mercury Class. Their entertaining and informative class assembly involved the lives of three kings, namely Alfred the Great, King John and Robert the Bruce complete with inspirational spider. The children acted beautifully and props included an oven that appeared to turn the cakes black! We all enjoyed every minute including the narration of three amusing poems. Thank you to Mercury Class and a special thank you to Mrs Garrod for such a well written script and to Mrs Richardson who nobly made a guest appearance for an indisposed actor!

It has been Irish Week in the kitchen and we say a very special thank you to Mrs Cuddihy and Mrs Beckett who made St Patrick Milkshakes and Shamrock Cookies with Nursery and to Mrs Chellun who made soda bread with Reception children. What a wonderful treat!

On page 2 you will find pictures of our Music Festival which was enjoyed by all nine schools participating. The retiring collection was for the school's charity this year, the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, and we raised £440 for this deserving charity. Thank you very much to all our parents who donated and special thanks to Mrs Hopkinson and Mrs Callaghan who volunteered their time and help so generously.

On Wednesday we welcomed 152 grandparents into school for our annual Grandparents' Morning. We were delighted with the way that all the children rose to the occasion and hosted this happy event, sharing their work in their classroom and then giving a personal tour around the school. Year 2 provided the entertainment during coffee with some songs and a well-chosen poem entitled 'Grandmothers'. Thank you to all the grandparents who journeyed here and gave up their time. The children were so pleased and excited to see you and we all enjoyed your visit. See you next year! We have enjoyed more Times Tables triumphs this week. Bronze Stars were awarded to Oliver M, William S, Seren C and Dominic Q for magnificent multiplication.

*This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Lexi M from Reception for kind and thoughtful behaviour when voluntarily helping Mrs Culligan. Bravo Lexi! Congratulations to all the children in **Dahl** House. You are this week's winners with a superb total of **1154** housepoints.*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Philosopher of the Week

Phoebe J

Thought for the Week

Should you always imagine life is in front of you?

Event of the Week The Music Festival



We were joined by 8 other schools this year for our annual Music Festival at St Martin's Church. The Year 2 choirs joined together to sing two ensemble pieces.

Here is the St Christopher's Year 2 choir with Mrs Mulhern our Music Teacher. We sang All Things Bright and Beautiful arranged by Rutter and The Prayer including verses in Italian!



All 225 children came back to lunch at St Christopher's School and we all ate together in the dining room that Mr Bennett had set up. Mrs Stubbs and her team were thanked for their wonderful and prompt lunch.

We all went out to play in the sunshine and made new friends from the different schools. Everyone joined in and the day was declared a great success.



Foundation Stage News

'WOW', we love to know all about the clever things that the children do at home. Please put a 'post it' in your child's book to tell us about all the 'WOW' things that your child can do. Maybe they have learnt to dress themselves or learnt to swim? We will enjoy sharing and celebrating all the children's achievements.

The Reception children decided that the mouse who ran up the clock could have skied, galloped, slid or even surfed up the clock. We were thinking about different verbs that we could use if we re-wrote the rhyme Hickory Dickory Dock. Some of the children tried a rhyme challenge, finding 16 different words that rhyme with 'clock'. The clock theme has continued as the children enjoyed outside play and used a large clock to play the game 'What's the Time Mr Wolf?' They can all tell the o'clock times now.

The rhyme 'Sing a Song of Sixpence' has been good fun too! The children made crowns and enjoyed coin rubbing and searching for coins in the rice. The children washed the dolls clothes and hung them to dry like the maid in the garden. I hope all of them still have their noses because there are some lovely pictures of blackbirds made through painting with brushes and sponges.

The Upper Nursery have loved practising and performing their assembly about how we choose books in the library and love stories and reading. Well done children.

We have been learning more rhymes about farm animals, counting '5 Little Ducks Went Swimming One Day' and singing about the cow that jumped over the moon. Our book this week has been Farmer Duck by Martin Wadell and the children have enthusiastically joined in with the repeated phrase 'How goes the work?' and have cleverly made the noises for each animal.

We have been 'farming' in the garden. Some children have been making a tally of all the farm animals they found hiding in the garden too.



Thank you to the Grandparents who came to Nursery. The children were very proud to show them how we play, learn and have fun. Next week we have a Storyteller coming to visit on Wednesday. More details coming soon.

The Foundation Team

DIARY DATES

24th March – 4th April
FATHERS' FORTNIGHT!



Wednesday 26th March – Year One visit to RHS Garden, Wisley

Thursday 27th March 2.45pm-3.15pm

Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea in the Hall

Regretfully, due to safety reasons and lack of space, we cannot accommodate siblings at this event.

Thank you for your understanding.



Thursday 27th March – Pre-Nursery finishes

Friday 28th March at 9 am – MUSIC ASSEMBLY

Parents of children in our orchestra, recorder club and violin groups are warmly invited to attend. Coffee will be served in the Porch from 8.30am.

Friday 28th March – CLUBS FINISH

(except Football and Tiny Tennis: last session Tuesday 1st April

Ballet: last session Monday 31st March)

Information about Summer Term Clubs for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 will be available shortly.

SUMMER TERM LARKS & OWLS BOOKINGS

Booking forms are now available from the Porch, Office & in the parents' section of our website.