



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 22nd June 2018

Dear Parents

Thank you very much to all the Dads who exchanged a morning of work for a morning of School Challenge Fun and who did so with such good grace and super spirit. Thank you too for your kind emails and messages. We loved having you all here.

The final total for Jack's Save the Rhino initiative was also announced on Friday and we say a special congratulations to him for raising £440. On Tuesday Year 1 enjoyed a visit from the RNLI who talked about the wonderful work that they do and encouraged the children to think about safety at the seaside. The children used their extensive information to make information audio books with their iPads.

Meanwhile in the Hall Reception children were keeping healthy and fit with their special guest Mr Adams from A-Life who provided an excellent workshop and fitness session for our enthusiastic pupils.

Wednesday was all about inspiration. We invited former Irish International fly half Paul Burke into school to talk about his life and career as a professional rugby player. The children were gripped by his presentation and he let the children try on his valuable rugby caps and wear his medals during a wonderful assembly. He then moved onto the field to offer a coaching opportunity to every child in the school and the resulting energetic rugby agility skills learnt were enjoyed by all.

Wednesday was also the day that we celebrated loved ones no longer here during our Elephant's Tea Party. Thank you all for your donations and for completing the Elephant Photo Cards so beautifully. These now decorate the apple tree in the garden where they will stay until the end of term. Special thanks to Mrs Rendall for this excellent initiative.

The Lunchtime Superstar this week is Paul H for such an improvement eating up his lunches and amusing the Catering Team with his sense of humour! Well done Paul.

*Congratulations to **Ahlberg** House for reaching first place this week with an impressive total of **1174** Housepoints.*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Event of the Week

This week we all enjoyed an inspirational visit from former Irish rugby international Paul Burke. Paul delighted the whole school assembly with his fascinating presentation and our lucky children were allowed to wear his beautiful official Rugby Caps and medals as he inspired the next generation to be the rugby stars to shine. We then each had a rugby session with Paul on the field and enjoyed every minute. Special thanks to Paul and his lovely and very proud wife our very own Mrs Burke.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

'If I Were All At Sea' is our theme this week. If you were going to sea, how would you get there? I would fly, swim, use a submarine or big boat were some of the answers from the children. Our cottage has been transformed into a Mermaid's Cave. Thank you to everyone for making some of the most amazing sea creatures we have ever seen to decorate the role-play; it looks amazing! There are treasure chests, mermaid mirrors, sparkly sea horses to ride, twinkling lights and all to inspire the children with their play. The shop is now serving fish and chips. The children have been making their own chips, fish and not forgetting the tomato ketchup! We all feel like

giants when we pop to the road area as it has been made into a mini-world. There is a farm, airport, railway and a town - amazing imaginative play happening down there too. The children have been making their own magnetic fishing game and cutting out different sea

creatures to make an underwater picture. The mod-roc has made an appearance as a rock pool takes shape in the art room. Another busy week!



Reception News We had a super healthy day on Tuesday with a visit from the 'A-life Team'. We went in to the hall which had been transformed with fun activities, Ava said immediately 'It's about being Healthy'. Coach Peter was very impressed with our knowledge about healthy living. We had great fun trying lots of exciting activities that taught us more about our bodies and how to keep ourselves healthy. We found the ingredients for a healthy meal, put the major organs of the body in place and found out how much sugar there is in a slice of chocolate cake.

Later we warmed up our bodies by acting out different sports. Then we played a game called 'Peas in a pod' we had to move in various ways and then make a group of 2 - 5 children. Lastly we went on an imaginary trek to the jungle and acted out going on an adventure in a helicopter to see various animals.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their morning, let's keep it up! The children brought home the information for the whole family to join in with 'The 7 day Healthy Challenge'. Let's help the children become healthy and active for life!



The Foundation Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THEIR SUMMER PERFORMANCE -

'Back to the Start (8 Exceptional Decades)' on

Wednesday 27th June 9am - Parents of children in Ahlberg & Dahl, and

Thursday 28th June 9am - Parents of children in Donaldson & Kemp - Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am. Please ensure that you park considerately.

Thursday 28th June - Last Pre-Nursery Session

FRIDAY 29TH JUNE - CLUBS FINISH (except ballet)

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - SPORTS DAY ON FRIDAY 6TH JULY

Nursery 9am - Children to go home at 12 noon or 1.30pm

All children to go home at 1.30pm.

Main School children return at 4.15pm for 4.30pm start



TERRIFIC TORTOISES

**This week's Terrific Tortoises are:
Arabella B, Rayyan W and Maya L.**

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